

# HISTORIC DAY

## Ronnie Ellis on the trip to Lord's

The trip to Lord's in 1979 was a turning-point. We beat a team from Cambridgeshire in the semi-final. Over 2,000 people were packed inside our ground for this match – they were on the embankment and everywhere. I was sat in the pavilion helping the PA man, who was making announcements for the crowd's benefit.

We took coaches down to Lord's for the final. The whole village was there! It was a historic day and I think we made the highest ever total in the final: 216-4. Our Welsh opponents got 100-odd and we were victorious.



We've still got lots of photos of the day in the club pavilion, including a photo of the two East Bierley batsmen coming off unbeaten at the end of our innings (above). They were Fred Jones – who became a club vice-president - and John Decent, from South Yorkshire, who died recently.