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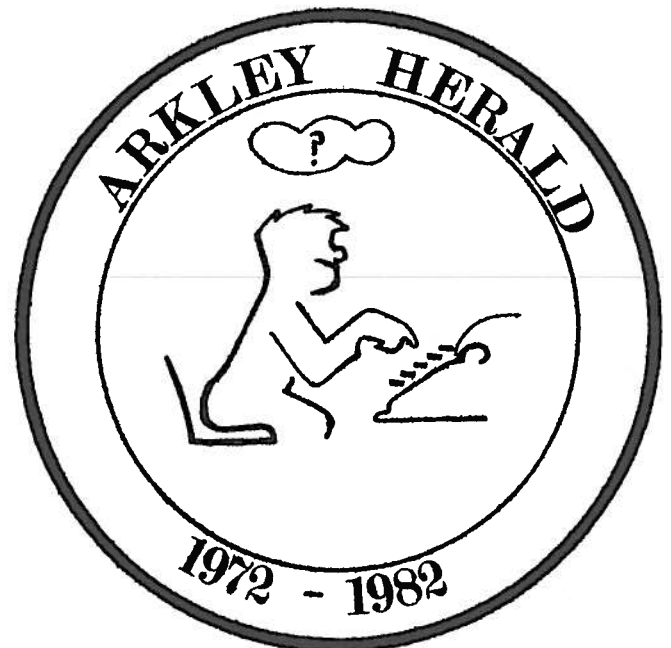
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YES 1982 marked the GOLDEN JUBILEE of ARKLEY CRICKET CLUB and thus, reaching our maiden half century, we decided to celebrate this landmark by cracking open the Tizer and staging some extra *boobles* events, reports of which you will find in these pages - the ones I can remember anyhow! Perhaps these celebrations distracted us from our main task of winning cricket matches however as we didn't have too inspired a season on the pitch winning only 5 of 31 games* but we very much enjoyed our extended birthday celebrations making 1982 a season to remember for many years to come.

* We came joint first in 16 other games and second in seven whilst the weather won 3.

On a minor note 1982 also marks the 10th Anniversary of the Arkley Herald - that monument to waste paper - which started in May 1972 due to a leg break - my right leg - and has migrated from a weekly (who said weakly!), to a monthly, to a quarterly and now to an annual publication recording all the ins and more appropriately outs of Arkley C.C. The Arkley Herald has been printed throughout its 10 years by Peter Tait PLC, to whom our very grateful thanks.

As I am writing these notes in January 1984! the memory has faded somewhat and you must excuse me if much of the detail is missing - that is if you can remember that far back yourself!

Before the season began in May there were one or two notable events including the *annual opening of the editors' wallet* following;
On January 3rd we bade a fond farewell to Steve, Michèle & David "Nobby" Trusler as they were moving to Victoria.....Australia. Our hearty thanks to Steve & Michèle for all their efforts on and off the pitch for Arkley and here's hoping that "Nobby" will choose to play cricket for England when the time comes!

January 25th saw another meeting of the special Dinner Dance committee of Townsend P., Andrews, Spiegel & Spiegel who were working out plans for this special 50th Anniversary event. Funny how many meetings in pubs that

this necessitated! and Townsend P. & Andrews even had to eat a 'dummy' meal at The Crest Hotel in March to test the quality - what devotion to duty!!

On February 27th we set a new Arkley world record £251-37p profit at the annual jumble sale. Our thanks to all those who helped us achieve such a splendid and timely result in our Golden Jubilee Year. Special mention as always to Ron 'RAT' Townsend for his monumental efforts and to the customers who again proved good entertainment value.

Indoor Nets at Finchley continued throughout the months of January, February, March, April and even May. The final attendance figures for 1981/82 were as follows with cumulative appearances in parentheses (it's all right, I've just eaten a dictionary!);
B.Andrews 26(219), P.Townsend 24(194), C.Townsend 24(177), A.Johnson 21(31), J.Griffiths 15(130), C.Trebilcock 15(36), R.Ingram 9(216), C.Hilliard 8(8), B.Cole 7(12), A.Pike 6(8), M.Lack 5(5), P.Pennicott 3(8), P.Brown 2(175), P.Amass 2(57), N.Gibbons 2(55), P.Sharma 1(82), E.Andrews 1(5), R.Watts 1(2). A profit of £20-40p was made at this winters nets.

One sad event in the early months of 1982 was the folding up of Manor Drive C.C. due to ever dwindling numbers. As one of Arkley's longest standing opponents we had had many memorable games with the 'Methodists' over the years. Arkley however were quick to realise that Mervyn Lack was now a 'free agent' and by inviting him to the nets and buying him a few beers we were able to secure his services for 'one game a weekend' but it soon became two games a weekend and even a trip to Wales!

Finally before the season started, a new issue of sweatshirts(light blue) and T-shirts(white) bearing the legend "Arkley Cricket Club 1932-82 and the Arkley duck, appropriately arrived on April 1st.

And so to the season proper which started with a cancellation when Laconics couldn't raise a side to play us at Brunswick Park - a good start to our Jubilee Year.

"2ND MAY AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ARKLEY 150-4dec (ANDREWS 70, Sharma 33, P.Brown 25, C.Townsend 10)
WALTHAM ABBEY R.B.L. 134 (P.Townsend 4-27, Sharma 3-38, Trebilcock 2-26)
On a day when it snowed...in Scotland, Arkley opened the season with an opening stand of 84 between Sharma & Andrews (career best). Victory was secured with 2½ overs remaining after WARBL had looked well placed on 81-4. Sharma was hit for 20 off one over but got his man first ball of the next thanks to a fine first Arkley catch by Chris Hilliard who also took his first Arkley wicket. Paul Townsend impressed with the ball and Bob Ingram was as ever economical. 3 stumpings for Clive Townsend and 3 catches for Peter Brown. Spiegel forgot his shirt!

"3RD MAY AT OAKHILL PARK

EAST BARNET VALLEY 199-4dec (P.Townsend 2-34, Sharma 2-50)
ARKLEY 100-4 (Andrews 35, C.Townsend 26*, Sharma 17, Griffiths 11) (Rain)
EBV's strong batting line up made 199-4dec in just 2 hours despite 2 rain interruptions. Another catch for Peter Brown and 2 more stumpings for Clive Townsend. Arkley, also with 2 rain interruptions, made 100-4 in reply before a hailstorm put paid to a result. Brain cell award went to Peter Amass who fielded ball inside boundary then ran round tree marking boundary to throw it back. Now gone record 13 games without defeat.

"8TH MAY AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ARKLEY 132-8dec (ANDREWS 67*, Sharma 27, Griffiths 13)
WESTBURY SPORTS 95-6 (P.Townsend 4-17, Sharma 2-17)
Arkley had to bat on after tea (shock, horror!) to reach 132-8dec against the tight bowling of 8 man Westbury Sports. Debutant Mervyn Lack had his first Arkley delivery hit for 6 so that he could only get better!-we hope!! After a bright start Westbury had to hang on with their last pair at 95-6. Two more stumpings for C.T. whilst P.B. was holidaying in Indian Ocean!

"9TH MAY AT WOODFIELD PARK, WELSH HARP

ORANGEHILLIANS 209 (SHARMA 5-58, INGRAM 5-85)
ARKLEY 149-6 (Andrews 32, Griffiths 29, Amass 25, C.Townsend 21, Johnson 11)

5 wickets each for Bob Ingram & Sharma and 3 more stumpings for C.T. in his record equalling 5 victims but strong Orangehillians still made 209. Arkley did well in reply to finish on 149-6 in the face of some hostile early bowling. Peter Amass who had earlier taken a death defying/ couldn't get out of the way catch impressed with the bat as did Chris Hilliard who held the bat up the right way and scored 3* in his long awaited first Arkley innings. A visiting Indian couple took a photo of Chris Trebilcock as a typical English cricketer!

"16TH MAY AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ARKLEY 120 (Andrews 31, Griffiths 31, Ingram 18, Extras 16)

ROVING REPORTERS 123-7 (Andrews 3-5, Ingram 3-40)

Arkley recovered from 58-6 against bogey side R.R's to 120 thanks to a disciplined innings by John Griffiths (his last as a single man!) well supported by Bob Ingram (his best man to be). Roy Watts only bowled 24 overs this time. R.R's were cruising home at 109-3 but then 3 wickets bywho....Andrews!....really!! caused a late stir before R.R's won by 3 wickets to inflict our first defeat in 15 games. No stumpings for C.T.! but the customary loony evening at the Cavalier!

*22ND MAY AT UNITED REFORM CHURCH, COCKFOSTERS.

JOHN GRIFFITHS MARRIED CATHY McREDMOND with Bob Ingram as Best Man and half the Arkley team in attendance so there was no cricket although we tried to get John to pose with a cricket bat for one of the wedding photos! It was F.A. Cup Final Day too (Spurs 1 QPR 1) but nobody had a transistor in the Church. It wasn't until we got to the reception at Saracens Rugby Club that we found out the score. After an enjoyable reception (Auntie Sarah was there from Wales of course) John & Cathy departed for their honeymoon in Greece. Arkley Cricket Club of course wished them a long & happy 'partnership' with thanks for all they do for the club, especially in such a willing way.

"29TH MAY AT TOTTENHALL SPORTS GROUND, PALMERS GREEN

ARKLEY 97-9dec (C.Townsend 15, P.Townsend 15, Andrews 13, Ingram 12, Sharma 11)
FIVES 101-6 (Sharma 4-17)

Our return game at Westbury Sports was called off as presumably this time they couldn't even raise 8 men. A CCC game filled the breach but we went down by 4 wickets in an uninspired game on a very hot day. Mervyn Lack took his first Arkley wicket however and we drank the oppo. under the table afterwards!! England beat Scotland 1-0 at Hampden too!

"30TH MAY AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ST. PETERS 172 (INGRAM 7-49, Lack 2-32)

ARKLEY 157 (Spiegel 37, C.Townsend 33, Sharma 23, P.Brown 19, Andrews 16)

Reg Olivera hit 72 in his usual rapid style as St. P's totalled 172 after being put in despite Bob Ingram's excellent 7-49(5 bowled). Sadly however their umpire said Olivera was out stumped early on but nobody appealed - oh yes we did! It was Arkley's turn to collapse this time with fatal results. 147-4 became 157 all out and defeat thus Ned Spiegel's career best was to no avail. Service in the Cavalier that evening was so poor we moved on to the Woodman, New Southgate-the move was made permanent.

"5TH JUNE AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ARKLEY 12-0 (Rain) v. BENTLEY HEATH II

A torrential downpour and spectacular thunderstorm after just 18 minutes put pay to this game as Brunswick Park rapidly became Brunswick Lake! Pete Hughes, my next door neighbour, went into the record books by making an 18 minute debut and not getting on to the field of play!

"6TH JUNE AT CHANDOS AVENUE, WHETSTONE

/ R.Ingram 2-17)

TOTTERIDGE VILLAGERS 56 (Hilliard 3-6, Trebilcock 3-21, C.Brown 2-11,

ARKLEY 51 (Andrews 20, P.Brown 14, 5 ducks!)

When we dismissed Villagers for just 56 our 100% record against them looked secure. Just to prove our collapse against St. Peters was no fluke however we outdid it by plummeting from 39-2 to 51 all out to unbelievably lose by 5 runs. Earlier Chris Hilliard had returned career best figures and Arthur Brown (yes him again) held an amazing catch. We had certainly reached rock bottom in not being able to make 57 to stop our fourth consecutive defeat. We won the drinking again though!

"12TH JUNE AT KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS, POTTERS BAR

ARKLEY 116-4 (C.Townsend 47, Sharma 39*, Andrews 16)

POTTERS BAR CRUSADERS 110-9 (Sharma 4-21, Trebilcock 3-35)

A second wicket stand of 78 between Sharma & C.T. was the mainstay of our 116-4 on a damp, thundery day and then in a close finish we are convinced we dismissed PBC's last man but their umpire didn't agree (again!). Sharma batted throughout for Arkley and then did the main damage with 4 wickets when Crusaders looked handily placed on 82-4. At least we stopped our run of defeats. Earlier Messrs Cole & Pennicott had got lost on their way to the ground and got caught up in the Potters Bar Carnival procession!

"13TH JUNE AT BRUNSWICK PARK

WATFORD TAVERNERS 137 (SHARMA 6-39, Ingram 18-9-12-2, Hilliard 2-33)

ARKLEY 113-9 (SHARMA 58, Ingram 19, P.Brown 17, C.Brown 9)

Sharma again starred as he first took 6-39 and then hit 58 (seventh out at 96) as we struggled and eventually hung on at 113-9. 5 victims again for C.T. (3st). Amazing bowling figures for Bob Ingram and career best batting for Arkley by Mervyn Lack (4)! Bob Ingram had to be the first to pay his match fees in 20p pieces and the World Cup began in Spain.

Rain caused the cancellation of the next two games, away to Crosskeys & Roving Reporters with an abortive trip from Horsham by Ned Spiegel for the first one - Flaming June! (Must be the World Cup!) Andrews disappeared to Wales between these two cancellations - said he was on a spying mission!

"27TH JUNE AT FORDS GROVE, WINCHMORE HILL

ARKLEY 142-7dec (P.Brown 38*, Sharma 29, C.Townsend 26, Ingram 19*)

WINCHMORE HILL III 80 (Sharma 4-9, P.Townsend 2-12)

This game started in usual bizarre style with the fielders singing Happy Birthday to Sharma (later, much later they gave him the bumps in the bar)! Arkley made 142-7dec recovering from 95-7 thanks to Peter Brown and Bob Ingram. We had earlier reached 68 before losing our first wicket. Winchmore Hill in reply reached 69-4 when Sharma again weighed in with 4-9 and Bob Ingram took the final wicket with just 7 balls left to end our depressing run of 10 winless games. C.T. with 2 more stumpings equalled the seasons record of 19 in just 12 games. Loony evening in the bar goes without saying. Just realised I haven't mentioned Bob Ludlam - but now I have!

On Friday 2nd July we played our twice rained off Barnet 7-a-Side 1st Round match against East Barnet Valley. They made 89-3 (MacDonald 56*) off their 10 overs and we didn't! (Arkley 59-6, Sharma 11, Extras 20)

On Saturday 3rd July we played the first official Double Wicket Competition (at Oakhill Park as Brunswick Park was waterlogged). The pairs were split into two groups of four and each pair received two overs from each of the other six players in their group. Ten runs were deducted for every wicket lost and this led to a few minus scores, no names, no pack drill! The final group results were; (Umpire, M.Watts; Scorer, Gail Spiegel)

GROUP A

R.Ingram + P.Townsend 50-4 (10)
A.Johnson + C.Townsend 72-3 (42)
C.Trebilcock + B.Cole 49-4 (9)
R.Watts + A.Pike 49-2 (29)

GROUP B

M.Lack + P.Sharma 68-3 (38)
J.Griffiths + C.Hilliard 54-1 (44)
D.Spiegel + P.Amass 75-4 (35)
B.Andrews + P.Brown 55-1 (45)

Ned Spiegel made the highest individual score of 45-1(35) whilst Roving Reporter guest Roy Watts made the highest undefeated score of 31. The lowest score reached was by Trebilcock & Cole who at one point were 20 for 4 giving them a score of minus 20.

Johnson & C.Townsend winners of Group A played Andrews & P.Brown top of group B in a late night final! Johnson and Townsend lost two early wickets and finished their four overs on 25-2 for a grand total of just 5. Andrews & Brown thus knowing their target were able to take it easy and finished on 12-0 to take the title.

This successful & enjoyable competition was followed by an enjoyable & succesful buffet party chez Sharma. The catering was by 'The Girls' with Paul Townsend also doing his Galloping Gourmet bit! All in all a very good day and nice weather too.

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"4TH JULY AT GREAT BRAITCH LANE, HATFIELD

MACMILLAN BLOEDEL 124-7dec (Trebilcock 2-26, Ingram 2-30, Lack 2-39)
ARKLEY 82-9 (Sharma 28, P. Brown 27, Cole 15)

A match to forget due to the miserable (July) weather and supercilious attitude of several of the opposition. New opponents MacMillan Bloedell made 124-7dec and soon had Arkley reeling at 40-6 despite a spirited knock of 27 by Peter Brown. Sharma & Barry Cole began a recovery and despite another late scare we hung on at 82-9 and Chris Trebilcock at the wicket! to thwart their 'bully boy' tactics. Afterwards the opposition drank alone in their changing room so we left them to it. Andrews (injured knee) & Townsend C. (golden duck, sorry skip!) played their 300th Arkley games which they would both rather forget. At Wimbledon Connors beat McEnroe in a five set final.

AND SO TO WALES

The 'squad' assembled in Wales in its usual dribs and drabs fashion, this year without Bob Ingram however who was on holiday in Italy. Andrews & Spiegel were the first to travel (Tuesday) with the former picking up the latter in Horsham en route due to a rail strike. Wednesday was spent by these two in the beautiful and remote Cambrian Mountains (not far from Llanwrtyd Wells) taking many photos only for Andrews to then lose his film! The new Peter Amass mobile was next down the M4 in tandem with the John Griffiths machine. Arthur Johnson & Chris Trebilcock were travelling with Peter and Arthur shared some of the driving as Peter had not long passed his test. The Townsends travelled with John. This mini convoy arrived at High Parc, Auntie Sarah's holiday cottage, circa 1am and it was straight into the nomination whist! High Parc was our new tour HQ as John's sister Ros and family had now moved into the cottage in Star. Thursday, a hot day, was spent on the beach at Aberporth by most but on the golf course (Cardigan) by John & Clive. The evening was spent in the Falls (surprise, surprise!) although Andrews disappeared to Newport beach with friend (even more surprise!!) for the early part of the evening. It was raining hard on Friday as we went in to Cardigan mainly to visit the money shop. We returned to High Parc for tea & stickies whilst watching the 3rd Test, England v. India, on our hired television. By mid afternoon the rain had ceased but it still didn't look too promising on the way to the ground. We met up with Peter Brown, Norman Gibbons & Barry Cole just down from London at Bronwydd Arms' pleasant looking ground in a valley between the river and a steam railway! Arthur Johnson was drafted into the team as Mervyn Lack hadn't shown up from London yet. Mervyn appeared with faithful dog 'Tuppence' half an hour after the game had started!

"9TH JULY AT PEN CNWC FIELD, BRONWYDD ARMS

BRONWYDD ARMS 77-4 (20 overs) (P. Townsend 2-23)

ARKLEY 78-7 (20 overs) (Gibbons 15*, Spiegel 12, C. Townsend 11, Andrews 11)

Bronwydd were put in and made 77-4 off their 20 overs with some big hitting after they were 22-3 in 9 overs. Arkley lost wickets at regular intervals but got the scoring rate just about right although Norman Gibbons had the unenviable task of hitting the last ball of the match for two runs to give us victory. The weather had held out for us despite some cloud on the nearby hillside and eventually the evening sun filtered through to brighten the scene. We drank at The Rock & Fountain, Cynwyl Elfed although the Bronwydd player leading our convoy there took a wrong turning taking us 2½ miles out of our way! We later called at the Falls for sustenance and new owners George & Anne Langridge got to see the whole motley crew of us together for the first time. After the obligatory nomination whist back at High Parc it was time for bed and with the whole party assembled the cottage looked like a hospital (a cottage hospital!) with beds laid out everywhere. Mervyn Lack drew the short straw to share a not very double make shift bed with Peter Amass. With Tuppence (the only female of the party incidentally) perched on the bed too they didn't have an altogether comfortable night - what was left of it by now.

On Saturday we went to Cenarth (yes again!) to take newcomers Cole & Lack there. A stroll along the River Teifi was followed by a pub lunch and then on to Meinciau for our annual game with the M.C.C. (that joke now retires!)

"10TH JULY AT MEINCIAU SPORTS GROUND

ARKLEY 114 (45 overs)(Gibbons 24,Cole 23,Andrews 13,P.Townsend 11)

MEINCIAU 115-6 (43.3overs)(C.Townsend 3-16,Trebilcock 2-25)

We soon found ourselves on 48-6 and perhaps the liquid lunch was telling on us but it wasn't that which made the stumps look out of line, they really were!(honest!). A career best 23 by Barry Cole and a quick 24 by Norman Gibbons rallied us to a passable 114 however. Chris Trebilcock scored his 50th Arkley run in just 65 games whilst Tuppence didn't like it when her master had to go in to bat but he wasn't away for long! This total wasn't enough for Meinciau as usual but it was only with 9 balls to spare when they won.thanks mainly to Alan Rees' 62 not out. Chris Trebilcock dismissed both openers early on and then took a superb one handed gully catch to make it 58-3. Clive Townsend later took a hand with 3 wickets in a very good first bowling spell of the season but it was to no avail. Up the road we went to the Black Horse for some Welsh Bitter and hospitality! Then it was back to the Falls for more of the same. It was as crowded there however as the Lack/Amass bed of the previous night and so,after eating, most of the party returned to High Parc for nommies. Messrs Spiegel, Cole, Andrews (& friend) stayed on however until the small hours during which time Barry demonstrated his prowess on the spoons! Mervyn Lack decided to sleep on the sofa that night but was disturbed by the aforementioned Spiegel,Cole & Andrews on their way in!

Sunday morning saw the usual activities of newspaper reading, car cleaning and finance sorting (good old Norman!). Then it was off to the 'Butchers Arms',Tegryn for lunch (many had cawl - Welsh soup) and on to Aberporth to play the R.A.E. but not first without an eleventh hour hitch. On arrival at the R.A.E. clubhouse we discovered that the opposition thought it was a 3.30 start not 2.30 so we had an hour to kill. The 'mispent youth' ones played snooker in the clubhouse whilst others (including Tuppence) took the opportunity on such a nice day to view the waterfall that falls directly on to the beach at Tresaith nearby.

"11TH JULY AT PARCLLYN,ABERPORTH

R.A.E.ABERPORTH 191-9(40 overs)(Lack 2-13,P.Townsend 2-45,Gibbons 2-63)

ARKLEY 81(38.4 overs)(C.Townsend 15,P.Brown 13,Gibbons 10)

Aberporth piled up 191-9 in their allotted overs with some beautifully struck mighty blows into the next field by one player in particular. Despite the carnage Mervyn Lack returned an Arkley best of 2-13 from his 10 overs and Barry Cole took his first Arkley wicket. Norman Gibbons bowling average for the season crept up to over 200 before he claimed 2 wickets to drastically reduce it. Due to the late start we didn't stop for tea - sandwiches were to be supplied later in the bar. After losing two wickets in the first over! Arkley could only muster 81 which enabled Cathy Griffiths to win the tour runs sweepstake - that's what we were playing for! Back in the clubhouse there were some more games of snooker and we learnt that Italy had beaten W.Germany 3-1 in the World Cup Final. Some headed back for London (don't ask me who however!) whilst the others returned to Star. Food, drink, nomination whist,bed!

The remainder of the party returned to London on the Monday except Brian Andrews who stayed down for an extra day with his friend! Our thanks as usual to John Griffiths and David Clark for organising the tour and to Auntie Sarah for the accommodation.

P.S. As you may have already guessed, Sharma was not on the tour either.

"17TH JULY AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ORANGEHILLIANS 167-9dec (P.Townsend 2-19, Trebilcock 2-59)

ARKLEY 136-8 (ANDREWS 61,Sharma 36,Simmons 22)

Despite an opening stand of 98 chasing Orangehillians 167-9dec we lost our way and could only finish on 136-8. Due to Peter Amass having the runs (not the cricketing ones!) Craig Simmons made his debut for Arkley and made a quick 22 as wickets tumbled. A hot day,we sat in garden at pub!

"25TH JULY AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ARKLEY 133-8dec (SHARMA 53,Andrews 32)

ELSTREE II 137-6 (Lack 2-32,Sharma 2-37,Ingram 2-53)

Our total of 133-8 proved insignificant as M.Potter hit 61 in 52 minutes for Elstree II. C.T. had gone to Dorset for the R.R's tour whilst Bob Ingram, back from Italy, played game 300.

"31ST JULY AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ARKLEY 125-8dec (Bermel 44, Ingram 27, Lack 14*, P. Brown 10, Griffiths 10)
POTTERS BAR CRUSADERS 85-8 (Trebilcock 2-14, 4 run outs!)

At 37-6 a complete disaster looked imminent but Roland Bermel (friend of Chris Trebilcock) & Bob Ingram put on 58 for the 7th wicket and Mervyn Lack made an Arkley best. Dave Jewell had the remarkable figures of 18-7-26-8. We ran out 4 Crusaders batsmen but then ran out of time.

"1ST AUGUST AT UPSHIRE HALL

ARKLEY 145-9dec (C. TOWNSEND 67*, Andrews 13, P. Brown 13, Ingram 13, Ex 24)
WALTHAM ABBEY R.B.L. 120-7 (Ingram 4-31, Lack 2-19)

Skipper Clive Townsend, just back from R.R.'s tour, hit a masterful 67* on that wicket. With only extras otherwise making a significant contribution we made 145-9 although there was a first Arkley run for Adrian Pike and Arthur Brown made 1* in his second game of the weekend. This despite a duck flying repeatedly over the ground! It was a captains day as the WARBL captain made 56 out of a 120-7reply with Bob Ingram keeping us in the hunt. England beat Pakistan by 113 runs in 1st Test, Middx. lost to Kent by 1 run.

On Tuesday 3rd August we, as King George, Barnet, narrowly lost to Six Bells (St. Albans) in our 1st Round North Mymms 6-a-Side game. Six Bells made 71-2 (Gibbons 2-23) off their 6x8 ball overs and we replied with 67-2 (Andrews 22*, P. Brown 21*, Griffiths 10, C. Townsend 8, Gibbons & Lack D.N.B.).

"7TH AUGUST AT WOODSIDE PLAYING FIELDS, GARSTON

ARKLEY 200-2dec (C. TOWNSEND 83, ANDREWS 60, P. Brown 28*, Griffiths 12*)
WATFORD TAVERNERS 42 (Lack 4-24, P. Townsend 3-5, Ingram 2-13)

This 158 run win over 10 men Taverners was a day for records. C.T. hit 25 off one over; Arkley best bowling and first catch for Mervyn Lack; 3 catches on debut for Mark Roberts (ex Manor Drive). Mart Symonds reappeared for Arkley for first time in 8 years and took a catch first ball of innings!

"8TH AUGUST AT BRUNSWICK PARK

Griffiths 17.

ARKLEY 191-6dec (Andrews 48, Durkin 37*, C. Townsend 29, Spiegel 14, Ingram 13*)
CROSSKEYS 107-9 (Lack 4-21, Ingram 3-28)

Another 'won' that evaded us but a game to remember as Ned Spiegel hit a 6 (a proper one, not 2 & 4 overthrows this time!). Jed Durkin on loan from Watford Taverners did well with bat after being out first ball against us previous day. Mervyn Lack improved his Arkley best for second day running but despite squeezing in 21 overs in last hour Crosskeys hung on. Arthur Brown played his 4th consecutive game! We only just won the drinking later!

"15TH AUGUST AT HADLEY COMMON

ARKLEY 131-2dec (C. TOWNSEND 65*, Andrews 26, Sharma 18, Griffiths 12*)
MONKEN HADLEY 124-3 (-1)

Rain interruptions restricted the available time and Arkley declared at 131-2 (C.T. leading the way again) so as not to kill the game. Monken Hadley, at one point 40-3, ended on 124-3 to make it an interesting finish despite the rain. Meanwhile England were following on and losing the 2nd Test.

"18TH AUGUST AT GYPSY CORNER, OLD ELIZABETHANS C.C.

ARKLEY 114-5dec (Griffiths 33, C. Townsend 27, P. Brown 13, Andrews 12,
Johnson 10*, Jewell 2-9, Tyler 2-22)

LOCAL SELECT XI 104-9 (Jewell 27, Halsey 26, Dickinson 24, Jones 12,
Ingram 3-10, Lack 3-18, Sharma 3-19)

Jubilee celebrations again with a special midweek game against a Local Select XI hand picked by Roger Jones. The game should have been at Barnet C.C. but their pavilion was sadly burnt down just weeks before and we switched to Old Elizabethans' Gypsy Corner ground. Rain again intervened delaying the start and causing an early and extended tea. Arkley made 114-5dec between the showers then claimed 3 quick wickets. Youngsters Halsey & Dickinson then pulled the Select round and their work was continued by Jewell & ~~Walford~~ Jones. Arkley hadn't finished however and 4 quick wickets as the Select pressed for victory made it a tight finish in the evening sunshine! After one or two presentations and tributes we had a most enjoyable evening in the bar reminiscing over 50 years of Arkley C.C. - some could remember that far back too! Thanks to our tea girls & Margaret Radwell for a super tea and after match meals; to Arthur Brown & Bill Radwell for umpiring and to O.E.'s for kind loan of their ground. Game 300 for P.T.

"22ND AUGUST AT BRUNSWICK PARK

ARKLEY 152-4dec (SHARMA 56*, P. Brown 24, Andrews 22, C. Townsend 17, Griffiths EAST BARNET VALLEY 142-9 (Lack 3-25, Ingram 3-39) / 13, Amass 9*)

Talking point of this match was 'Did somebody lock P. Brown in dressing room at tea time or was it an accident!' All information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence—well maybe! It was doughnuts for tea too, a first ever, courtesy of the Coles. On the pitch we were one wicket from victory after a superb catch by Arthur Johnson (yes really) had removed the man who could win it for EBV. Sharma's half century starred and Mervyn Lack & Bob Ingram bowled well despite the doughnuts!

"28TH AUGUST AT BRUNSWICK PARK

MONKEN HADLEY II 181-6dec (M. Lack 3-47, C. Townsend 2-41)

ARKLEY 153-8 (ANDREWS 101*, C. Townsend 14, Cole 11)

Another drawn game but this time with Arkley in the back seat. Facing a target of 181 Arkley got off to a slow start from which we never really recovered despite a new record 26 off an over ('66662) by Brian Andrews who reached a maiden century 2 minutes before the close so had to buy a jug! New club sweaters were worn for the first time this day which also saw the football season start and England beating Pakistan to win series.

Our away game with St. Peters was cancelled as they could only muster 5 men but didn't inform us in time for a CCC game to be arranged.

"5TH SEPTEMBER AT BRUNSWICK PARK

MACMILLAN BLOEDEL 199-9dec (Ingram 4-35, Gibbons 2-14, P. Townsend 2-30)

ARKLEY 71-8 (Hilliard 19*, P. Townsend 8, Gibbons 7, Ingram 6*, Griffiths 6)

The return game with MacMillan Bloedel was as controversial as the first. Arkley, needing 200, slumped to 32-6 then decided a win was probably not on! Arthur Johnson, 3 in 73mins & Chris Hilliard, a career best 19* in 84mins, somewhat frustrated the opposition and ungentlemanly comments began to fly! Earlier there were 4 victims for Arthur Brown making yet another comeback. The game was notable however for who wasn't there rather than who was - your editor missed an Arkley game for the first time since 21 June 1971 (when Gail Spiegel was 10!) 336 games ago. This was due to his visiting his friend in Wales - this is getting serious!

"11TH SEPTEMBER AT BRUNSWICK PARK (12 A SIDE GAME)

CHAIRMAN'S XII 145 (A. Brown 40, G. Hooper 31, D. Parkin 28, R. Wickens 14*, J. Davies 10, Amass 3-3, P. Townsend 2-20)

ARKLEY 146-10 (SHARMA 66, P. Brown 19*, Ingram 19, Spiegel 17, Andrews 13, R. Tyler 7-45, D. Parkin 2-31)

Arthur Brown turned the tables and starred against us when he brought his old codgers team to play us. Coming in at number nine Arthur hit 40 to rally his side to 145 after Peter Amass had claimed a career best 3-3 and no wides! Although there were 5 ducks in the innings the old codgers' proved good entertainment value in front of a big crowd! Despite Sharma's 66 we found ourselves perilously placed at 112-7 but Peter Brown, Bob Ingram & Paul Townsend saw us out of danger to win by just 1 wicket with 2 overs to spare. The many bizarre moments in this game could fill a book and it was good to see everybody enjoying themselves so much - even if there were a few stiff limbs the next day! After the game there was a buffet social at the King George, Barnet attended by over 40 people and again many memories of Arkley C.C. were evoked. The full Chairman's line up was; G. Hooper, A. Johnson (traitor!), E. Andrews, J. Davies, A. Crook, D. Parkin, G. Trebilcock, E. Giles (interrupting holiday in Clacton!), A. Brown, G. Coppola (still as fit as ever), R. Tyler (took his usual 7 wickets against us!), R. Wickens (returned early from holiday to play). Peter Tait played for Arkley thus making his 99th appearance. Thanks of course to Bill & Joyce Amass for another super tea; to the King George for the buffet; to Wendy Andrews for making the birthday cake! and to the Barnet Press for having photos of the teams taken before the match. To cap a marvellous day Middlesex won the County Championship too.

"12TH SEPTEMBER AT WROTHAM PARK

BENTLEY HEATH 131 (Sharma 2-10, P. Townsend 2-26, Trebilcock 2-28, Ingram 2-30)

ARKLEY 110-6 (C. Townsend 31, Andrews 27, Sharma 22, Gibbons 12)

Arthur Brown playing for Arkley again, Ron Tyler in opposition again. Arkley, always behind the clock, had to settle for draw. A nice day though.

"18TH SEPTEMBER AT GALLOW'S CORNER, ROMFORD

GIDEA PARK & ROMFORD III 192-7dec (P.Townsend 3-38, Ingram 2-22)
ARKLEY 153-7 (C.Townsend 89, Griffiths 20, Sharma 10)

This game was arranged through the C.C.C. after OMT's let us down. After our long trek round the North Circular in June like heat! our fielding wilted and several catches went down as the oppo' piled up 192-7 in the sun. Clive Townsend dominated our reply hitting 14 fours and a six in a beautifully improvised 89 (in just 98mins). Brown A. played yet again!

"19TH SEPTEMBER AT TURKEY STREET

NORTHMET 190-6dec (Gibbons 3-41, Ingram 2-31)

ARKLEY 61-3 (P.Brown 23*, Gibbons 17*) RAIN

The weather was not so kind for our final game, it being overcast & chilly. Northmet left us with 2 hours of poor light to reach their 190-6, a legacy presumably of our 10wicket win there last year. Rain however brought an early end to the match and the season - this was though our 13th game without defeat, 2 short of the record. Our season ended on a winning note however when we won the enjoyable after match Bill Radwell sports quiz under the captaincy of Norman 'Mastermind' Gibbons. Thus we started the Jubilee Year with a win on the pitch and ended it with a win in the pavilion - Pity we weren't so consistent in between!

Our final playing record was thus an uninspiring P31,W5,L7,D16,Ab3. Brian Andrews topped the batting averages (775 @ 31.00), Sharma came top of the bowling (43 @ 12.70) although Bob Ingram was leading wicket taker (51). Clive Townsend made a club record 22 stumpings to go with his 17 catches and the fielders list was led by John Griffiths (11). Copies of the final averages are available on request.

This was by no means the end of our Golden Jubilee Year, so read on...

15TH OCTOBER, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT KING GEORGE, BARNET.

The AGM reflected on the Jubilee Year so far and looked forward to the forthcoming Dinner Dance. The meeting was well attended (only 3 absent) and the previous minutes were passed with little comment.

The secretary, P.Brown, reported on the 1982 fixture list mentioning the addition of MacMillan Bloedell, Bronwydd Arms & Gidea Park/Romford III to our fixture list and the sad demise of Manor Drive. We had again taken part in the Indoor 6-a-Sides, N.Mymms 7-a-Sides & Barnet 6-a-Sides with rare success but much enjoyment. The Local Select XI game had been a great success and he would write to O.Elizabethans to thank them for their help. Mervyn Lack had been welcomed to the playing staff.

The treasurer, B.Andrews, reported on a healthy profit of £524 although this was boosted by funds earmarked for the Dinner Dance. Also contributing to this profit were; the record £251 jumble sale; extra games played; increased annual subs.; and there being no increase in pitch cost from '81. However it was agreed to raise match fees to £1-50 a game (inc. teas) and duck club from 5p to 10p (Hilliard & Townsend C. responsible for this first rise in many years!).

The captain, C.Townsend, commented that it had been a privilege to captain Arkley in its' Jubilee Year even if the year had seen some less than golden performances at times. He had been disappointed by the state of our home ground, Brunswick Park, and felt that this had contributed to our many drawn games. He had also been disappointed with player availability at times although this was no reflection on team secretary John Griffiths who had, as usual, done a marvellous job. However, there had been many high spots and bizarre moments in the season to remember. The following officers were then elected; CHAIRMAN, A.Brown; VICE-CHAIRMAN, A.Johnson; SECRETARY, P.Brown; TREASURER, B.Andrews; DEPUTY TREASURER, C.Trebilcock; TEAM SECRETARY, P.Townsend; CAPTAIN, C.Townsend; VICE-CAPTAIN, P.Brown.

J.Griffiths, thus standing down as team secretary, was thanked by the chairman on behalf of the club for his many years work in office.

Presentation of trophies was next. John Griffiths won the Ted Lloyd Trophy for his services on and off the pitch in 1982. Clive Townsend with 5 ducks won the Daphne Duck Trophy (a plastic duck!) & Mervyn Lack won a large pot of jam (he likes it, and we had it left over!) for being the most promising newcomer (actually he was the only newcomer but don't tell him!)

Turning to ground and fixtures, our dissatisfaction with Brunswick Park had led us to investigate the availability of the Alice Owens ground in Chandos Avenue, Whetstone. We discovered that it was available for Saturdays but not Sundays. It was decided to book the Saturday pitch and make as many Sunday games as possible away ones. (This would thus end our stay at Brunswick Park after 7 years.) Several particular fixtures came under close scrutiny and this gave the secretary some idea to preferences. After a little 'any other business' the meeting 'expired peacefully' at 10.14pm giving us 45mins serious drinking and fraternizing with the girls!

INDOOR 6-A-SIDE CRICKET

We had a more successful time in the 1982-83 Winter Indoor 6-a-Sides than the previous year. We started by defeating Totteridge by 79 runs dismissing them in just 5.1 overs after we had reached three figures for the first time ever in the indoor game. We then so nearly pulled off a victory over strong Olympians. They made 109-5 and when we were 63-5 in reply it looked all over but Norman Gibbons batted and ran magnificently (helped by runner Paul Townsend) to make 59 before he was sadly bowled off his pads with 3 balls remaining and 6 runs required. Olympians went on to the Barnet final but they had certainly had a scare against Arkley as could be seen by their panic in the closing stages. We made 100 plus again against Gentlemen of Hampstead but only won by 17 runs. Against inept F.Z.Y. (Federation of Zionist Youth) we ran up our record score of 138-2 and went on to win by 99 runs in just 4.5 overs. In January 1983 (outside the realms of this bulletin I know but who's counting!) we lost our final game despite managing to score 100 plus for the fifth time in five games. Our 102-2 however was not enough for the strong Old Hendon batting line up who only lost one wicket in reaching our total with 10 balls left.

Results; (all games played at Middlesex County Sports Centre, Finchley)

- 17 OCT. ARKLEY 111-4 (Sharma 29*, Andrews 27*, P. Brown 25, C. Townsend 14)
 TOTTERIDGE 32-6 (5.1 ov) (Gibbons 1-5, 5 run outs)
- 14 NOV. OLYMPIANS 109-5 (P. Townsend 1-19, 4 run outs)
 ARKLEY 103-6 (9.4 ov) (Gibbons 59, P. Brown 16)
- 28 NOV. ARKLEY 122-2 (Andrews 25r, P. Brown 25r, Gibbons 23*, Sharma 17, Lack 12*)
 GENTLEMEN OF HAMPSTEAD 105-4 (Sharma 2-16, 2 run outs)
- 19 DEC. ARKLEY 138-2 (P. Brown 35*, C. Townsend 28r, Sharma 26r, P. Townsend 12*
 Andrews 12)
 F.Z.Y. 39-6 (4.5 ov) (P. Brown 2-3, C. Townsend 1-7, Sharma 1-8,
 P. Townsend 1-11, 1 run out)
- 23 JAN. ARKLEY 102-2 (P. Brown 27r, Andrews 25r, C. Townsend 11*, Lack 10*,
 (1983) Sharma 10)
 OLD HENDON 103-1 (8.2 ov) (Gibbons 1-15)

The final Group D table finished thus, Olympians 5 wins, Old Hendon 4, Arkley 3, Totteridge 2, Gentlemen of Hampstead 1, F.Z.Y. 0. Olympians beat favourites Mill Hill in the semi final but lost to surprise team Orangehillians B in the Borough of Barnet final. Orangehillians B lost to Highgate in the Middlesex finals which was eventually won by Edmonton who went on to represent Middlesex in the Nationals.

INDOOR NETS continued on Thursday evenings (8-9pm) throughout the Winter at the Middlesex County Sports Centre and full attendance figures will appear in the next newsletter. There were guest appearances from the likes of M. Symonds, M. Dyer, T. Miles, R. Watts, A. Pike & E. Andrews!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE... (Actually it's just a way to save 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " of typing!)



And so, after many months of planning, it came to pass that ARKLEY CRICKET CLUB held its' GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER DANCE at the CREST HOTEL, SOUTH MIMMS on SATURDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 1982.

It was a grand climax to our Jubilee Year celebrations at which present & past members and their guests met up along with friends of the club. We were also delighted and honoured to have Radio 3 "Test Match Special" scorer and statistician Bill Frindall as our guest of honour.

In all, 81 people attended and, so that they be recorded for posterity, they were; BILL FRINDALL and 'handmaiden' DEBBIE BROWN, ARTHUR & DOROTHY BROWN, ARTHUR & JOAN JOHNSON, PETER & BRENDA BROWN, PAUL TOWNSEND, CLIVE TOWNSEND, BRIAN ANDREWS & EIRIAN ELIAS, NED & GAIL SPIEGEL, JOHN & CATHY GRIFFITHS, BARRY & GINA COLE, BOB INGRAM & KATHY LUKEY, COLIN & CHRISTINE BROWN, CHRIS & GILL TREBILCOCK, NORMAN & CAROLINE GIBBONS, PARMODH & ELAINE SHARMA, BILL & JOYCE AMASS, GEOFF & JOAN COPPOLA, VINCENT & ALICE COPPOLA, GEORGE & BARBARA BISSICKS, ROY & AUDREY WICKENS, BOB PURNELL, LEN & MARILYN GILES, PETER & CONNIE TAIT, TUDOR & SHEILA OWEN, ALAN & HILARY CROOK, GRAHAM & LINDA HOOPER, DAVID & JENNY PARKIN, RUBY LLOYD & IAN LLOYD, CYRIL & MYRTLE TOPP, ROGER & PAM JONES, ROY WATTS, ADRIAN PIKE, BILL & MARGARET RADWELL, RON & GLADYS TOWNSEND, DOROTHY & STAN GESTHUYSEN, MARJORIE & FRANK GILL, JOHN FAIRCHILD, ERNIE & BERYL ANDREWS, WENDY ANDREWS, TINA LILLEY, BERT BROOKS, GRAHAM & IRIS ROBERTS, ANDREW & JANICE DYER, DEREK & BRENDA BARRETT, GAIL KENNEDY, & KEVIN O'CALLAGHAN.

The meal consisted of; HAWAIIAN COCKTAIL; CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP; ROAST LAMB, ROAST POTATOES, PEAS WITH SLICED CARROTS, BUTTERED GREEN BEANS; BLACK FOREST GATEAU; COFFEE AND MINTS.

After Dinner, Bob Purnell, who had travelled from his home in Aberystwyth, responded to the toast of 'Past Players' with a speech about his days with the club in the early 1960's in which he reflected on the friendly spirit in the club those days. He observed that this spirit still prevailed today. Bob laced his speech with several graphic anecdotes of his exploits on and off the field for Arkley. (It was Bob incidentally who is partly to blame for the advent of the Arkley Herald. He wrote a marvellous account of the first Arkley tour to Cornwall in 1964. This account found its' way into my hands in the early seventies and gave me the idea to record the 'goings on' of Arkley C.C.). We were most grateful to Bob for making the effort of travelling all the way from Aberystwyth (where he is a lecturer at the University there) and it was a great pleasure to meet him after all the stories we had heard from the ~~old~~ moremature players.

Current captain Clive Townsend then responded to the toast of 'Present Players' with a potted history of the club over the ten or so years he had been with the club. He commented on the loyalty and friendship the club fostered and it was his hope that the club, having reached its' half century, would bat on to reach a well deserved century. He also made suggestions as to an alternative menu for the Dinner based on famous players names but in the end thought we were wise to stick with the ALAN LAMB with TOM GRAVENEY, preceded of course by W.G.GRACE! All good stuff?

Club chairman Arthur Brown acted as toastmaster and before proposing the toast to the guests gave a brief history of the club over its' first 50 years with many personal reminiscences as the clubs' longest serving member. He also thanked the clubs' ladies for all their work 'behind the scenes', making teas, washing kit etc. and putting up with absent husbands, boyfriends or sons over Summer weekends.

Bill Frindall, responding to the toast of 'Our Guests', then regaled us with stories of life in the 'Test Match Special' commentary box and other anecdotes from his cricketing travels. These tales featured such names as Brian Johnston, Fred Trueman, John Arlott and Afaq Hussein and if you don't know of the latter you're probably better off! Bill also revealed he has scored two runs for England when picking up two no balls that the official scorers missed - Now that could be a trick quiz question some time! The Arkley 'waste paper department' had been noted by Bill although he said Arkley was one of the best recorded clubs he had come across!

Bill Frindall then presented the two new trophies that had been kindly donated to the club to mark the Jubilee Year by Bob Purnell & Mervyn Lack. For topping the respective averages in 1982 Brian Andrews won the Bob Purnell Batting Cup and Sharma won the Mervyn Lack Bowling Trophy. (Sharma would also surely have won the fancy dress award had there been one!).

The floor was then cleared for dancing to the 'Peter Lawton Sound' but people first took the chance to recharge their glasses, get Bill Frindall's autograph and look at the display of Arkley scorebooks, photos, fixture cards and other memorabilia set up in the foyer. Much reminiscing was done by the old and not so old and many photographs were taken to record the event for posterity. The obligatory raffle was held but the dancing continued through to 12.30am until which time we had an extension. Thankfully however it was the night we put the clocks back and so we gained an extra hours' sleep to make up for the late finish. In concluding this report thanks and congratulations for such a marvellous event must go to organiser in chief Paul Townsend and his assistants Ned & Gail Spiegel, Brian Andrews & Clive Townsend. Also thanks to Bill Frindall for being our guest of honour and being as thoroughly thorough as one would expect of him. Thanks further to the Crest Hotel for their co-operation and to the Barnet Press for sending along a photographer. Finally and most importantly thanks to all those who attended the Dinner Dance (from near & far) for it wouldn't have been the success it was without you!

Thus finished the club's 50th Birthday celebrations and we hope that when the time comes to celebrate the club's century the members of Arkley C.C. then will enjoy the year as much as we did 1982.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

An exclusive extract from Mark Clements's latest bestseller

'FLETCHER - THE WILDERNESS YEARS'

FROM 'THE CRICKETER' MAGAZINE.

ONCE upon a time, in the lovely little village of Sarfraz Walden, in Essex, there lived a girl who was incredibly beautiful, a right Yashpal charmer, and a bit of a power too. Everyone in her class at the village school was in Jim Love with her, but there was one chap in particular, called Keith, who pined after her. Keith worshipped her: he would Dilley-dally after lessons had finished, Taylor around the school, and he used to Fletcher books Allott. He swore that he would never Lever. In time, Keith grew far more devious. On one occasion, he took this Chris Broad for a walk across the Gary Cowmeadow cherishing ambitions of Holding her and Larkins about. It was a lovely Sunil day, with not a cloud to be seen to the Peter West or Ray East, and the Dicky Birds were singing. They strolled up the Richard Hills, through the Peter Lush Barry Wood and, avoiding the Rod Marsh, sat down by the Jim Laker, looking out over the Doug Walters at the Dennis Lillees and pointing at the garden Gomes. But when Keith tried to Border, she gave him a Yallop.

'Bedser!' she cried, 'I Yardley know you. Anyway, it could never work out; we're just too different. Your father works as a Sylvester Clarke for the Underwood Milk Corporation, whilst my daddy is an Alderman, with lots of Doshi. He'd never approve, and I'd hate to upset him, for we're very Brian Close, Miandad. Now, if you don't mind, I'd like to go Bacchus.'

'But my Rick Darling!' Keith howled as he Phil Nealed beside her, 'I'll be as David Constant as the Roger Knight is Arnold

...t be such a Mike Rose. ...and I'd be happier if you were an Rose.

Keith was Sikander parrot. At school the next day he could not eat despite the fact that the Roland ... boy had made a delivery to the Mervyn Kitchen, and lunch was Allan Lamb with Clive Rice and especially thick Dave Graveney. Since he was usually a ... Rodney Hogg, his beloved felt sad but he resolve did not Wilf Slacken.

After midday Bob Massie in the Greg Chapel, it was Bruce French. Keith ... up a little at the prospect, for he had a good Brian Brain and was quite ... Bright, and often got good Vic Marks. But the teacher was late; he had only just left the pub, having had one more Umpire gin Gangooly for the Wilfred Rhodes. He often went there at lunchtime, and usually drank the Barlow and left not at all Gary Sobers. On this occasion, however, his Donald Carr had run out of Kapil Derv, leaving him right up Blind Man's Bill Alley; eventually, he got a lift on a Bill Lawry. In the meantime, his class had fallen into total disorder. Keith was quietly John Wrighting away when he heard his love Shrikkanth, and leap up on to her chair to escape from the creepy-crawlies. But she moved so frantically that her chair collapsed under the sudden pressure. And she could hear the teacher approaching!

'Do something,' she yelled to Keith, 'do something!'

Feeling Brian Hardie, Keith rushed up to the scene. 'Don't worry my love,' he panted, 'I Zaheer. Just give a bit of that Graham Roope and I'll Mendis.' But there was no time! The teacher was soon into the room, and he immediately spotted the two of them, surrounded by debris and ... 'Good Godfrey Evans!' he thundered,

'you'll pay a right John Price for this.' He decided that he must act George ... Botham to the Headmaster ... they could Geoff Cook up a Frank Woolley Stewart Storey. They would surely get the John Birch, and that was a hard Henry Blofeld!

But she explained what had happened and, with Keith there to Ali Bacher the Headmaster took a lenient view. She promised to be as good as Ian Gould in future and as for Keith, well, the Headmaster thought, Boyce will be Boyce.

'How Rohan Kanhai ever thank you,' she asked Keith later, 'I could Alan Knott have Geoff Coped without you.'

There was an awkward silence. 'Well, ... don't think me a Wettimuny ... replied bashfully, 'but you must know that I have but one Les Ames in life. I love you in my heart and my Doug Insole. Never ... me Mick Malone and my future ... Gary Cosier. Otherwise, I will surely ... Dye.'

And she never did leave him either ... for a few Everton Weekes any ... there's Mudassar in your eye.

REMEMBER, THIS MAY NOT BE THE BEST NEWSLETTER YOU'VE EVER READ BUT IT'S DEFINATELY THE WORST!!!

Expect the 1983 bulletin in another couple of years!



ARKLEY'S Jubilee celebrations continued on Saturday when they took on chairman Arthur Brown's XI at Brunswick Park.

And in an exciting game, youth had just had the final word as the current side beat a team, mainly comprising former players, by one wicket.

The Chairman's XI were in trouble at 78 for 7 despite good knocks from Graham Hooper (31) and Dave Parkin (28), Peter Amass having taken a career-best 3 for 3.

It was Arthur Brown himself who rallied the score with 40, the last wicket falling at 145.

Parmodh Sharma dominated Arkley's reply,

Tight finish to Jubilee game

and he was sixth out for 66 with the score on 112.

Bob Ingram and Peter Brown both made 19 as Arkley edged towards their target, only for three wickets to fail in quick succession.

In a tight finish, Paul Townsend hit the winning run with two overs to spare.

The two teams — pictured here — enjoyed a buffet and social at the King George public house in Barnet afterwards before the chairman's XI returned to their homes in such places

as More, Reading, Luton, Clacton and Horsham.

Chairman's XI 145 (A. Brown 40, G. Hooper 31, D. Parkin 28, P. Amass 3, P. Townsend 3 for 3, 0), Arkley 145 for 8 (Sharma 66; R. Tyler 7 for 4, D. Parkin 2 for 31).

CUTTINGS FROM BARNET PRESS



TOP PICTURE, Back Row, LtoR, G. Trebilcock, P. Tait, R. Tyler, E. Giles, G. Coppola, D. Parkin, Front Row, LtoR, A. Crook, R. Wickens, A. Brown, E. Andrews, G. Hooper. BOTTOM, Back Row, LtoR, Davies, Amass, Ingram, P. Brown, Lack, Front Row, LtoR, Andrews, C. Trebilcock, C. Townsend, P. Townsend, Sharma. Spiegel & C. Brown missing from photo due to being late turning up!

ARKLEY Cricket Club's golden Jubilee celebrations came to a grand climax with a special 50th anniversary dinner and dance at the Crest Hotel, South Mimms, on Saturday.

Over 50 present and former members of the club attended, as well as guests and members of other cricket clubs. Several had travelled many miles to be there.

Guest of honour was Radio Three "Test Match Special" scorer and commentator Mr. Bill Frith, who gave an amusing speech about his club—the scenes depicted in the Top Picture. Special commemorative hats and other gifts were given to the club.

The dinner — arranged by Mr. Paul Townsend — also saw the presentation of a trophy to the club by Mr. Frith, who had presented the club with the trophy in the early 1960s, and reflected on the thirty years since it.

Earlier Mr. Bob Purnell, who had travelled from his home in Aberystwyth, had responded to the toast "Test Match Special" by recalling his days with the club in the early 1960s, and reflected on the thirty years since it.

Current club captain Mr. Chris Townsend responded, detailing the club's development in the last decade. He hoped that, having reached its 50th anniversary birthday, the club would "set on" in a well-deserved century.

Club chairman Mr. Arthur Brown, chair-forged serving members, acted as commentator and gave a brief history of the club, describing all those who had worked hard behind the scenes.

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Pictured at Arkley's dinner are, from left to right, Mr. Bob Purnell, Mr. Bill Frith, Mr. Arthur Brown and Mr. Chris Townsend.