

Cricket in Bulmer

From Allan Berry's "Eighteenth Century Sudbury", we find "15th May 1787. Sudbury Cricket Society began their regular weekly exercise on Bulmer Tye. Matches were played with the Lexden Cricket Club" (from a local newspaper)

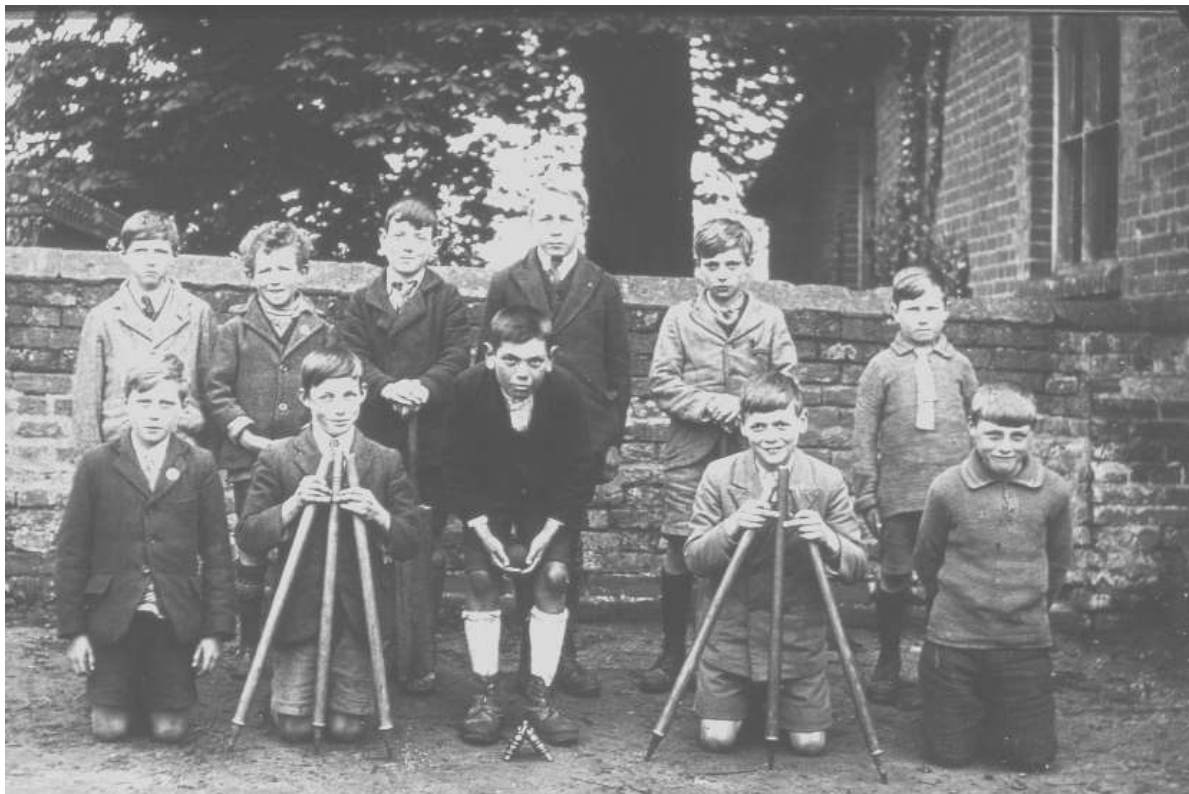
Apart from the above, the earliest mention of cricket in Bulmer comes from the 1840s, but if you are picturing lusty sons of the soil enjoying some of their precious free time making memorable innings with haymaking slogs into the long grass of the outfield, or shattering their opponent's wickets with veritable cannon balls, delivered by a muscular arm toned up by lifting two hundred weight sacks of grain around in the granary, nothing could be further from the truth.

In 1845 Caledon Alexander moved into the Auberies which was previously the country seat of a Colonel Meyrick. Basil Slaughter in *Bulmer Then and Now*, quotes from an article in *The Field*. Alexander having retired from the Guards devoted himself to country house cricket and was a benevolent despot to his young players. On the eve of battle he was said to address them in the following terms "Now you are in early tomorrow, so off to bed – no cigars or whiskey with sodas tonight." The late Alan Cocksedge picks up the story in his "Tales from the Dew Drop Inn, 225 years of Sudbury Cricket" : - Captain Alexander engaged young professionals of great note in his team, probably the best in Essex over a five year spell. In 1848 he engaged John Wisden to play at the Auberies and the club beat both the MCC and I Zingari's XI the very best cricketing outfits of the day. Wisden, the little wonder who, in 1864, founded the famous Wisden Cricketers' Almanac, which continues today as the sport's bible, he also guested for Essex and later played for Kent, Middlesex and Sussex. Other professionals such as William Caffyn, James Challen and "Ducky" Diver Played during the five years that Alexander's team rose to reach a national pinnacle in country house cricket. During the Capt. Alexander era, professional players such as Wisden, Caffyn and Diver were also recruited to play in the All England XI run by national cricketing entrepreneur William Clarke.

The cricket ground was almost certainly beside the drive going to the Auberies from opposite the old council houses in Church Road. A pair of cottages close to the drive, (now gone) were known as "Cricket Field Cottages", pictured here c 1920



To continue with an account of what we can regard as more traditional village cricket we must turn to “Bulmer Then and Now” the Bulmer WEA publication (1979) Hazel Chinery recalled “There had been a cricket team in the 1880s but this folded up. We started up again in 1910. W S Courtnell of Griggs Farm ran a reading room for young people in one of the Brick Wall Farm Cottages. We were known as the Bulmer Reading Room Cricket Club. Our first game was against Wickham. I scored 14. I could give them some fireworks in those days. I could bowl “them out too.” The team for the match was as follows :- A Hayes, Bulmer Policeman ; Arthur Dixey, Coachman at The Cedars (now the Dower House) ; H Chinery, apprentice to wheelwright and painter ; E C Hills, School attendance officer (captain) ; W S Courtnell, farmer ; Herbert Germany, farmworker ; A T Simms, army captain ; P Chinery, gardener at The Cedars ; S Hayes, policemen son ; W Dixey ; and T Brighton, relieving officer. Not many farmworkers played at this time because they had to work on Saturday afternoons. The cricket meadow is now the site of Coes Meadow.



Bulmer school cricket team? 1920's Fred Hunt 3rd.L back row, Jack Cornell holds stumps on RHS.	bottom L Chris Rash Top R Dereck Felton centre, holding ball Billy Messant	lad holding other set of stumps, is probally Ken Raymond
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Picture taken outside the old Bulmer School on Church Meadow

A fascinating set of records for the cricket club have been given to the history group by the late Mrs Dorothy Cornell, whose husband Jack played for the club in the 1940s and 50s. The earliest of these is a balance sheet for 1934. Then comes an account book which starts in 1935, from when we learn that the President of the club was the Reverend A P Pannel, Bulmers vicar, the secrectary was Mr E W Bareham (owner of Bulmer Brickyard), the captain was Mr Lawrence Coe and the vice captain Mr C Felton. This book goes right through to 1953, with a break from 1939 to 1947 when cricket restarted after the war. A selection of the pages are reproduced in here.

Bulmer Cricket Club. Season 1934		
<u>Receipts</u>		
Recd. from 1933.	£	5. 0.
Social	1.	5. 11.
Subs. & donations	9.	0. 0.
Punch board - for Mr L. Coe	2.	8. 0.
	4.	5. 0.
<u>Total</u>	£	12. 18. 4
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Glemsford C.C. Two rolls netting	1.	0. 0.
for J. Rowe Levelling & ramming pitch	1.	12. 0.
Steam rolling pitch - Paid through Mr L. Coe	1.	0. 0.
Paper. Two match Balls.	1.	3. 0.
Drawers. Cricket Sack	4.	16. 0.
Bulmer's Ltd. Timber for posts	1.	11. 0.
Mr. Cornall. Supplying tea (St. Pauls).	8.	0.
Glemsford & Pebmarsh Bus fares	8.	0.
Acton & Ashen. Do	8.	0.
Brush & Whiting	1.	6.
Surgeal binding for bats	2.	10.
Postage. Stamps & Cards	3.	6.
	£	12. 13. 10.
Rec. £12. 18. 4		
Exp. £12. 13. 10		
Bal. 4. 6.		

This 1934 balance sheet shows, amongst other things :- 2rolls of wire netting from Glemsford Cricket Club £1. Levelling and ramming pitch by Frank Rowe £1 12s. Steam rolling pitch paid through Mr L Coe. £1. Various purchases of cricket gear. Then comes a bit of an oddity.

Glemsford and Pebmarsh bus fares 8 shillings. Acton and Ashen bus fares another 8 shillings. I can't imagine that eight shillings would have covered hiring a bus on two separate occasions to take the team to, and back from a fixture. There are no other references on the balance sheet to bus hire, so what happened here? I can only guess that the bus operator would have collected fares from each of the passengers, which would include 11 players, an umpire and supporters. Then the club subsidised the players and the umpire by 4 pence each, that's 12 people x 4 pence each, which totals 4 shillings, the

exact amount indicated on the bill for each away fixture. Well that's what I think, but I could be wrong, of course!!

Three early pages from the account book. Notice on the 1935 expenditure page that all the postage is listed individually for each letter sent for arranging the fixtures with other clubs.

Bulmer Cricket Club.	
PRESIDENT	
REV A P BARNES	
CAPTAIN	
MR L COE	
VICE CAPTAIN	
MR C. FENTON.	
SECRETARY	
MR E. W. BAREHAM	
BRICKWORKS Bulmer	
PHONE. TWINSTEAD 32.	

1935	
EXPENDITURE	
MARCH 3 rd LETTER WALDINGFIELD	1 1/2
" " CORNARD	1 1/2
" " ACTON	1 1/2
" " ASHEN	1 1/2
" 7 FIXTURE BOOK	6
" 11 ACTON C.	1.
" 11 WICKHAM C.	1.
MAY 1 st Receipt Book	1 6
MAY 14 th Fixture Cards	5 6
MAY 17 Postage	6
MAY, Repairs to Bag	2 6
Pads etc	
MAY, Postage	3
JUNE 1 st New Bat	1 18 9
Whitening	3
Ashen Conveyance	10 0
OCT 2 nd Acton	12 6
	£ 3 12 11.

EXPENDITURE 1936	
Stamps.	
Letters of thanks etc.	4 1/2
Fixtures etc.	1 6
Letters of for subscriptions	9
Fixture Cards	3 1/2
Mower	1 1/2
Mower	1 1/2
Marking frame	2 6
Harpers Rd	3 19 0
Fixture Cards	7 6
Waldingfield & Pebmarsh	3 6
Postages	2 0
Phone calls	4.
Tape & Repairs to	3 0
Two Bats	
Buses & Bails Cole	1 12 0.
	7 13 0

A meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the Blackbird on Feb
12th/35, Present Messrs Gill, Raymond, Cornell, J Cornell, ^{Pope} Chinnery, Day, ^{Coe} and the President Rev A P Pannell

The minutes of the last meeting held in 1934 were confirmed
The balance sheet was produced showing a balance of 4/6 in
hand and was passed

The re-election of Mr H Chinnery as secretary he having served for
two years was accepted with regret and a hearty vote of thanks
accorded him

It was agreed that Mr Carby be thanked for the use of his
Meadow

It was agreed to carry on for another year

It was agreed that Mr Borcham be asked to be secretary &
telling him Mr L. Coe agreed to carry on

It was unanimously agreed that Mr L. Coe be captain &
that Mr C. Felton be vice-captain

The dates of the matches were left to the Secretary to arrange

It was agreed that matches be played with

Pelmarsh, Belchamps, Walter Ashm Brockham & Paul
all of whom had written to the Secretary, and that Bures
be not accepted. It was also suggested that the following parishes
be approached by the Sec: Gillingham, Walsingham, Acton
Great Cornard & Glenford

It was agreed that the subscription be 2/6 and that all
members pay this before being allowed to play in matches

It was agreed in order to raise funds that a dance be held
on Saturday Mar 2nd if the hall were free & no pay to help ^{at} the
practice nights for Club to be Monday, Wednesday, Friday
It was agreed that tackle be brought back to Mr Cornell
on practice nights by 10.0

Minutes of a committee meeting held at the Cock and Blackbirds on 12th Feb 1935, (the oldest minutes in the pile of correspondence.)

Present were Messrs Gill, Raymond, Cornell, J Cornell, Pope, Chinnery, Day, and Coe and the president, the Rev A.P Pannell, who was the vicar of Bulmer and Belchamp Walter.

Business included selecting a new secretary, the fixtures to be arranged for the coming season and setting the membership fee etc.

I'm not certain where the Bulmer cricket ground was in the 1930s, but it was probably on Tye Meadow, (now called Coes Meadow) as the 1910 game was. (see above). This is where the games were played from 1947 till 1954, when the club was folded up.

Below are four more pages of the book culminating with the fixture list for 1939. There are no fixtures after 5th August. The Second World War started on 1st September 1939. Cricket commenced again for the 1947 season.

EXPENDITURE 1936	
Samples.	
Letters of thanks etc.	4/2
Surveys etc.	1 6
Letters & for Subscriptions	9
Surveys Cards	3 1/2
Movers	1/2
Movers	1/2
Marking frame	2 6
Happens ² / ₃	3 19 0
Fixtune Cards	7 6
Walking field & Board	3 6
Postages	2 0
Phone calls	4/-
Tape & Repairs to	3 0
Two Bats	1
Buses & Bails Colne	1 12 6
	<u>7 13 6</u>

FIXTURES.		Results.
April 24	Wickham	A. <u>lose</u>
May 1st	St. Walsingham	H. <u>win</u>
May 8th	Wickham, St. Pauls	H. <u>lose</u>
May 22nd	Acton	A. <u>lose</u>
May 27	Wickham, T.W.	H. <u>win</u>
June 5	Wickham, T.W.	H. <u>lose</u>
June 12	St. Walsingham	A. <u>win</u>
June 19 th	Wickham, B.L.	H. <u>lose</u>
June 26	Acton	H. <u>win</u>
July 3rd	Easton, Chops	A. <u>win</u>
July 7th	Edwardsdown	H. <u>lose</u>
July 14th	Wickham, St. Pauls	A. <u>lose</u>
July 17th	Edwardsdown	A. <u>lose</u>
July 24th	St. Walsingham	H. <u>lose</u>
July 28th	Wickham, St. Pauls	H. <u>lose</u>
July 31st	Easton, Chops	H. <u>lose</u>
Aug 7th	Acton	H. <u>lose</u>
SEASON. 1937.		
PLAYED. 11. WON. 4.		
LOST. 7.		
CANCELLED. 5.		

1938.		FIXTURES.	Results.
May 1st	Wickham St. Park.	A	win.
May 1st	Edwardstone	A	lose.
May 1st	Worwood.	H	win.
May 1st	Beatingthorpe	H	win.
May 1st	Belmarsh	H	win.
May 1st	Wallingfield	A	win.
May 1st	St. Albans	H	win.
May 1st	Edwardstone	H	win.
May 1st	Worwood.	A	win.
May 1st	Beatingthorpe	A	win.
May 1st	Belmarsh	H	lose.
May 1st	Wallingfield	H	win.
May 1st	St. Albans	A	lose.
May 1st	Edwardstone	H	win.
May 1st	Belmarsh	A	lose.
May 1st	St. Albans	A	lose.
May 1st	Edwardstone	A	lose.
Evening matches.			
May 1st	Wickham St. Park.	H	lose.
SEASON. 1938.			
PLAYED. 18		WON. 11.	LOST. 7.
Total wins. scored 450 against 38.			

1939		
FIXTURES		
May 13 th	E. deaschlotons	H.
20 th	Waldenfield	A.
27 th	Alphamstone	H.
June 3 rd	Gainsboro B.C.	A.
10 th	Twiningthorpe	H.
17 th	E. deaschlotons	A.
24 th	Waldenfield	H.
July 1 st	Alphamstone	A.
8 th	Twiningthorpe	A.
15 th		
22 nd	Wickham S. Paula	A.
29 th	Gainsboro B.C.	H.
Aug 5 th	Raynes C.C.	A.
12 th		
19 th		
26 th		
Evening Match		
May 31 st	Wickham S. Paula	H.

Sat.	Fixtures	1947.
May 8 -		
	10 L. Walslingfield	H
	17. Gestingthorpe	A.
	24. Gestingthorpe	H.
	31. Fossearth	A.
June 7.	Edwardstone	H.
	14. Pebrmarsh.	A. Not.
	21. Gestingthorpe	H.
	28. Edwardstone	A.
July 5.	Fossearth	A.
	12. Wickhambrook	A.
	19. Pebrmarsh.	Not Matched.
	26. Sudbury 2nd. XI.	A.
Aug. 2.	Stoke	A No
	9. Neflestad	H.
	16. Wickhambrooke	H.

1947.

Evenings

May 21. St. Waldingfield. A.
" 28. Wickham St. Pauls. H.
June 1. St. Waldingfield. A.
" 11. Althamstone. H.
" 19. Bures. A.
" 26. W. Bergholt. A. & A.
July 2. Althamstone. A.
" 10. St. Waldingfield. H.
" 16. Wickham St. Pauls. A.
Sun 20. W. Bergholt. A. & A.
" 24. Bures. H.
" 30. Naplestead. A.

1927	
Expenditure	£ s. d.
Hire of Car	
Suffolk & Essex	
Motors	3 12 6
Hire of Bus	
Mr H. Riffingale	11 10 0
J. W. P. Jones Sudbury	5 5 0
Two Bats. Mr. Holt	6 10 0
W. Deal printing P.C.	18 6
Rolling Pitch	2 0 0
Bus to Stoke Newington	2 10 0
1. New Ball	1 3 0
Expenses	<u>£ 33 9 0</u>

1944

Receipts £ 3 d.

Balance on hand. 1-12-4
- from Donor Feb 22 1-10-7 1/2
" " Mar 8 0-0-0
" " Whol. Driv. Inst 2-14-7
- Donor June 22 8-16-9
+ Donor Aug 16 5-6-3 1/2
November 22, at 5/- 5-10-0
" Washley Ind. 6/- 7-19-6
- Donor on member 3-17-0
" Guy Riffled 1-16-10
Profit from these 1-2-2
Receipts £ 52-6-1 1/2

Summary of '44
Season. 1944 £ 3 d.

Total Receipt 52-6-1 1/2
" Expenditure 3-9-0
Balance 48-17-1 1/2

PA Day

The 1947 receipts (below) show that they ran a whist drive and four dances in that year. The dances were in February, March, June and August, the music for the dances was probably supplied by the Bulmer Rhythm Band. This consisted of the piano, accordions and drums of Gertie Coe and Eadie Younger (sisters) Lance Younger and Kenny Day. The results of these fund raising events was a healthy nett profit of nearly £19 once all the costs of the running the club for the season had been deducted.

1947

Receipts	£ 3. d.
Balance in hand	1-12-4
from Dance Feb 22	1-10-7½
" " Mar 8	4-0-0
" " Whist Drive Apr 2	14-7
" " Dance June 27	8-16-9
" " Dance Aug 16	5-6-3½
Members 22. at 5/-	5-10-0
Whistley Sud. 6½	7-19-6
Dances on members	3-17-0
Big Raffle	1-16-10
Profit from teas	1-2-2½
Receipts	£ 52-6-1½

Summary of 1947

Total Receipts	£ 52-6-1½
" Expenditure	33-9-0
Balance	18-7-1½

Mr Day

Cricket Club

Dance March 19th 1949

Receipts	£ s. d.
Taken at door	5-17-6
" for Raffle given to S. Rowe	2-2-6
	8-0-0

Expenditure	£ s. d.
Band given back	4-10-0
Cost of Hall	15-0
Refreshments	16-0
	6-1-0

Receipts	£ s. d.
Expenditure	8-0-0
Balance	1-19-0

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On this balance sheet for a dance in 1949, the band kindly gave £1 of their fee back. The takings on the door were boosted by a raffle, resulting in a profit of £1.19 shillings.

March 7th 1953

Cricket Club. Whist Drive

Expenses	£ s. d.
Hire of Hall	15-0
Refreshments	1-15-6
Sugar, sugar, coffee, milk	10-6
Prizes. Whisky two bottles	1-16-6
" Port	15-0
Box of chocolates	7-0
Robert Halstead Gazette	6-0
" Free Press	5-0
Two tickets with an admission	5-0
	6-14-6
Receipts	£ s. d.
Tickets sold 65 at 3/-	5-10-0
Taken at door	2-4-0
Donations Mrs. Holt	1-0-0
" Mrs. Day	10-0
" Mrs. J. Holden	10-0
" Mrs. J. Cornwell	15-0
Eggs sold	7-0
Bakes	6-0
Milk	1-7½
taken for raffle	6-7-6
	17-9-1½

Bulmer's Cricket Club

Balance Sheet 1953

Receipts	£ s. d.
Profit from Whist Drive. March 7th 1953	10-7½
" Derby Draw	4-5-0
Members Subscription	9-17-6
Received for Fixture cards	9-6
Takings for Bus fares	10-0-6
Takings for Team Raffles	1-9-6
	£ 36-12-1½
Expenditure	£ s. d.
Lease Assurance Co. for members	2-10-0
J. P. Page	1-17-6
Ditto	4-1-9
Lilliesdon Printing Fixture cards	18-6
Mrs. H. Rippington for bus	18-0-0
	£ 27-7-9
Receipts	£ s. d.
Expenditure	27-7-9
Balance	9-4-10½

J. J. Cox
Hon Sec.

The cricket club balance sheet for 1953 shows a satisfactory state of affairs, but the club only played a few games in 1954 and had closed down by 1955, mostly due to lack of players



Compared with the dance, the whist drive (above left) was a real money spinner, netting a profit of £10 10s 7½d. The prizes were two half bottles whiskey, bottle of port etc, Mrs Weavers was paid 5 shillings for her work in the kitchen. Adverts were put in the Halstead Gazette and the (Suffolk) Free Press and several people donated cash to swell the funds. Whist Drives were very popular in all the local villages, both before and after the Second World War. There were other village organisations, the Men's Club, the W.I., The Church, the Bulmer branch of the British Legion, who all used the Village Hall for meetings and other events. The Village Hall was very well used in those years, central to the social life of the village, as in many ways it is today. Never the less, running and keeping the hall in good repair was quite costly.

Below is a letter from Earnie Lott, secretary of the Village Hall committee, to Lawrence Coe the cricket club secretary, asking the cricket club if it could possibly run a fund raising event to contribute to the hall's maintenance costs. They had spent over £100 in the past year and there as the wiring for the newfangled electric light which had just arrived in the village!

Going back a bit to look at transport, whilst there is a mention of amounts paid out for transport in the 1934, '35 '36 and '37 seasons it didn't seem to cover all away games, so presumably the

The 1947 bill from H Rippingale (below) seems to be for mid-week matches, also giving the times, e.g. to Gt. Waldingfield 6.30 to 11pm. As it would have been too dark have played much past 9pm one must assume that a stop at a pub would have been part of the evening. Let's hope that the bus driver wasn't treated to too many pints ! At the bottom of Rippingale's bill (below right) a nice little note from Harry Rippingale to Lawrence Coe (Bulmer C.C. secretary) "Dear Lawrence, please find enclosed ten shilling note as a little towards your trouble in writing etc"

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Telephone 2572.	PERSONAL ATTENTION	Telephone 2572.	PERSONAL ATTENTION
<p>29th July 1948</p> <p>M Salver Cricket Club.</p> <p>Dr. to CYRIL WOOD</p> <p>Private Car Hire Service.</p> <p>16. BALLINGDON STREET, SUDBURY :: SUFFOLK.</p> <p>4 and 7 Seater Austin.</p> <p></p>		<p>29th June 1948</p> <p>M Salver Cricket Club.</p> <p>Dr. to CYRIL WOOD</p> <p>Private Car Hire Service.</p> <p>16. BALLINGDON STREET, SUDBURY :: SUFFOLK.</p> <p>4 and 7 Seater Austin.</p> <p></p>	
<p>July 10th Salver to Wickham 26 Pounds (one car)</p> <p>" 16th Salver to Laze do do Laze Key (2 cars)</p> <p>" 24th Salver to Burghfield (2 cars)</p>	<p>15 0</p> <p>3 0 0</p> <p>2 15 0</p>	<p>29th June Longley's cricket Laze Key, Burmer to Edwardstone & rebur.</p>	<p>2 0 0</p>
<p>Paid with Pounds 23 Wood. 7.4.48.</p> <p>19th 48.</p>			
<p>2 = 6 0 0</p>		<p>2 = 2 0 0</p>	

A key to the value of the pound in the pocket of the times, is illustrated by a taxi journey to West Bergholt and back with 2 cars, which cost just £2. 15 shillings and 2 cars to Layer De La Haye and back just £3. To put this into some sort of context, in 1948 a farm workers basic wage was £4.10 shillings (£4.50p) for a 46 hour week

Phone: SUDBURY 2088 AND AT DOVERCOURT

20, FRIAR STREET, SUDBURY, July 21st 1947

Bulmer Cricket Club.

Bought of **SUFFOLK AND ESSEX MOTORS** (INCORPORATED IN GREAT BRITAIN)

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER SERVICE AND REPAIRS
Pressure Greasing

REPAIRS OVERHAULS HAULAGE

MOBILES AND SALES F.O.R.D.

July 20 To journey from Bulmer to West Bergholt and return £1 10 0

Nº 336 20 FRIAR STREET, SUDBURY, Phone 2088, July 21st 1947

Received from Bulmer Cricket Club

One guinea, ten shillings, and ten pence

For SUFFOLK & ESSEX MOTORS Signed [Signature]

With Compliments and Thanks

Bulmer to West Bergholt and back £1 10 shillings.

The club was insured by the Pearl Assurance Company for £2 10 shillings per year. The address of the Bulmer Cricket Club is given as The Blackbirds Inn Bulmer.

What was covered :- One team of eleven players plus one reserve, secretary, scorer and umpire.

Activities Playing cricket, practice or training and travelling to or from organised matches away.

Benefits

Loss of life	£100
Loss of one eye	£100
Loss of one limb	£100
Total disablement, during disablement	£2 per week.

There is an interesting selection of bills from local businesses, showing the club's purchases over the seasons. (below) The first from Cornish and Lloyds of Bury St Edmunds for an electric fencer, indicates that livestock of some sort was using the meadow and it was necessary to keep them off the square, although I can't remember anything other than chickens being kept on there by farmer Spenser Coe of Brick Wall Farm and his brother Lawrence. Then there is a barometer purchased from C M Ready the jeweller of the Market Hill in Sudbury. This was a present to Harold Bettinson and appears to be in return for a bat which Harold had given to the club.

The next is for repairs to 3 pairs of cricket pads "Patched overhauled, hand sown" From E MacDowell, Saddler and Harness maker No1 Market Hill Sudbury. He also put a new handle to a bat. The next 3 bills are all from Market Hill traders F W Page, for an Autograph bat and a ball, Cramphorn for grass seed & weed killer?! E McDowell again and Suffolk Free Press for advertising the cricket club general meeting

TELEGRAMS: BUREAU & LLOYD, BURY ST EDMUNDS

CORNISH & LLOYDS, LIMITED
Patentees and Manufacturers of Agricultural Machinery
IRON & BRASS FOUNDRIES, MILLWRIGHTS, ETC.
Rishygate Foundry
BURY ST EDMUNDS

Mr. B. Coe, Bulmer. 17th February, 1948.

Copy as requested.

April 1. 1. Welmsley Electric Fencer.
6. Doe, Insulators.
1. Varley Battery.
2. Cmt. 148, Plain Galv. Wire.

Bill 560

C. W. Ready
JEWELLER
15, MARKET HILL, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

Barometer 2 0

Received with thanks
Ch. Ready
In

Present for H. Bettinson
in return for Bat.
S. J. Coe

Dr. 19 E. M. DOWELL To: Pk.

SADDLER and HARNESS MAKER

No. 1, Market Hill
SUDBURY, Suffolk.

TO: Bulmer Cricket Club

3 10 6

Paul [Signature]
Harold Bettinson
[Signature]



The 2 bills below are for printing one from F Sillitoe & Son East Street Sudbury, the other from Walter G Deal of Belchamp Walter. It's interesting to see which items attracted Purchase Tax and which are tax free. Draw tickets, raffle tickets and post cards (presumably printed with the club's details on them and used for fixing up matches with other clubs) all had tax charged whereas the fixture cards, given to club members, went tax free. Note the postage stamps signed across to make the receipts legal.

M. Palmer Cricket Club July 1952

Dr. to F. Sillitoe & Son,
GENERAL PRINTERS & NEWSAGENTS,
 91 EAST STREET, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
 Phone: 2733

April 5	1500 Tickets w. 1000 Books	Purchase Tax	1	18	6
April 5	50 Postcards	Purchase Tax	7	6	
May 9	50 Stationery Bonds	Purchase Tax	2	3	
			3	18	4

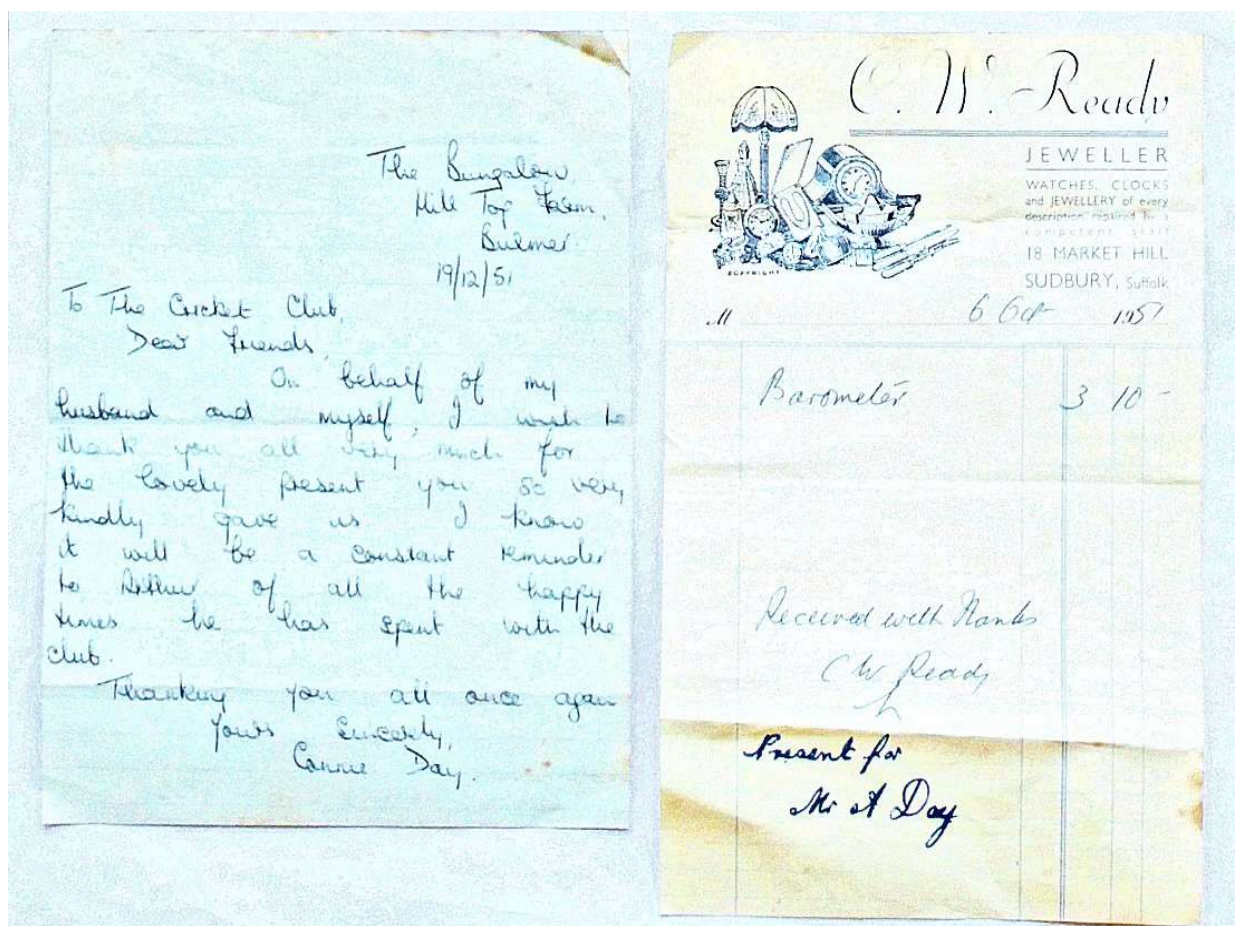
Recd. [Stamp] [Signature]

From **WALTER G. DEAL,**
GENERAL PRINTER,
 Belchamp Walter, Sudbury, Suffolk.

M. Palmer Cricket Club per Mr. R. Coe 15 Dec. 1951

1951	1000 Derby Draw tickets	1	2	6
March 24	Purchase Tax		6	9
May 19	35 Fixture Cards		15	6
		2	14	9

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A receipt for a barometer which was given as a wedding present to club player Arthur Day and his bride Connie Roper from Little Waldingfield in 1951. Beside it is Connie's thankyou letter to the club.

Tragically Connie was to die four years later in an awful fire caused by a Calor Gas boiler exploding in their cottage at Hill Top Farm Upper Houses, leaving Arthur with three young children.

List of the cricket teams played in 1950

Aphamstone
Belchamp Walter
Edwardstone
Foxearth
Gestingthorpe
Kingsford
Little Waldingfield
Old Gamarians
Pebmarsh
West Bergholt
Wickham St Pauls
YMCA

In 1951

Belchamp Walter
Edwardstone
Foxearth
Gestingthorpe
Horse & Groom. Sudbury ?
Kingsford
Little Waldingfield
Old Gamarians
Pebmarsh
Ridgewell
Stambourne
West Bergholt

Teams played 1952 in

Belchamp Walter

Edwardstone

Gestingthorpe

Kingsford

Little Waldingfield

Milden

Old Boys ?

Old Gamarians

Pebmarsh

Stambourne

Twinstead

West Bergholt

YMCA

In 1953

Belchamp Walter

Edwardstone

Foxearth

Gestingthorpe

Little Waldingfield

Milden

Old Gamarians

Pebmarsh

Stambourne

Twinstead

Wickham St Pauls

Fewer games played this year

1954 Only 2 games played

LT. WALDINGFIELD

v. BULMER

Little Waldingfield: J. Andrews b A. Drury 12, D. Carter lbw b A. Drury 7, R. Spraggons b A. Drury 12, W. Byford c S. Felton b M. Raymond 0, G. Rowland c L. Coe b M. Raymond 17, D. Carter b M. Raymond 0, J. Pell c S. Felton b M. Raymond 0, J. Bowers lbw b A. Drury 5, J. Rowland b A. Drury 3, K. Fayers lbw b J. Cornell 0, R. Game not out 2, extras 3, total 61 (A. Drury 5 for 11, M. Raymond 4 for 22, J. Cornell 1 for 8).

Bulmer: L. Coe run out 2, A. Drury b W. Byford 1, M. Raymond b W. Byford 0, S. Felton run out 2, H. Bettinson b W. Byford 6, J. Cornell c Don Carter b J. Pell 7, A. Day c Don Carter b J. Pell 0, W. Poo'ey not out 9, G. Rowe b J. Pell 1, C. Martin run out 2, E. Lott lbw b J. Pell 0, extras 1, total 31 (J. Pell 4 for 4, W. Byford 3 for 14).

Left. From Suffolk Free Press

17th June 1948

Below a selection of the scorebooks

BATSMEN		AT	V. WICKHAM	DATE 27.5.59	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1	S. BROWN	11111 X			BOWLED	L. COE	5
2	F. DARNES	1112111124 X			BOWLED	E. RADLEY	21
3	L. HONEYWOOD	X			BOWLED	E. RADLEY	0
4	M. HAYTHORN	X			BOWLED	"	0
5	A. RICHARDSON	421111111 X			BOWLED	A. DAY	15
6	A. BIRD	1111111 X			BOWLED	L. RADLEY	1
7	B. PRYKE	1			BOWLED	A. DAY	7
8	G. KERRIDGE	X			"	"	0
9	F. HARDING	11111111111			"	E. RADLEY	10
10	F. RASH	X			"	E. RADLEY	0
11	K. BIRD	111			"	"	0

WICKHAM INNINGS OF WICKHAM

WIDES 11
BYES
LEG BYES
NO BALLS
FALL OF WICKETS 0 20 0 21 0 21 0 34 0 42 0 50 0 50 0 54 0 54 0 63

IMPRES:-
SCORERS:-
PLAY COMMENCED STUMPS DRAWN
RESULT:-

THE AUTOADD SCORER

DRAW A CONTINUOUS LINE THROUGH THE SQUARES AS RUNS ARE SCORED OR EXTRAS GAINED. WHEN A WICKET FALLS NOTE THE NUMBER OF IT IN LAST SQUARE MARKED.

BOWLERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	OVERS	RUNS	NO BALLS	WIDES	BALLS BOWLED	RUNS	WICKETS	WICKETS PER WICKET
L. COE	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	3	0	1	18	13	0		
E. RADLEY	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	8	5	48	12	1			
A. DAY	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	1	68	25	6			
																					6	0	36	13	3			

V. Wickham St Pauls

BATSMEN		AT	V. EDWARDSTONE	DATE 10.6.59	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1	R. TOWNSEND	11 X			BOWLED	E. RICHARDSON	1
2	W. BROWN	X			BOWLED	E. RICHARDSON	0
3	L. COE	X			BOWLED	D. GUNN	0
4	C. LOTT	11 X			BOWLED	E. RICHARDSON	0
5	S. HARRISON	X			BOWLED	E. RICHARDSON	0
6	H. BENTLEY	X			BOWLED	E. RICHARDSON	0
7	L. HARTLEY	X			BOWLED	D. GUNN	0
8	S. FELTON	2 X			BOWLED	D. GUNN	2
9	J. CORNELL	11 X			BOWLED	E. RICHARDSON	2
10	L. COE	111			NOT OUT		1
11	G. BARNES	X			BOWLED	E. RICHARDSON	0

EDWARDSTONE INNINGS OF EDWARDSTONE

WIDES 11
BYES 111
LEG BYES 111
NO BALLS 111

IMPRES:-
SCORERS:-
PLAY COMMENCED STUMPS DRAWN

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BOWLERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	OVERS	RUNS	NO BALLS	WIDES	BALLS BOWLED	RUNS	WICKETS	WICKETS PER WICKET
E. RICHARDSON	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	4	5	2	24	2	1		
D. GUNN	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	6	1	24	7	3			

V. Edwardstone

BATS MEN		Bowler	V WICKHAM, ST PAULS	INNINGS OF BOWLER	DATE 24.6.80	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1	M. RADLEY	1	X			BOWLED	L. KASH	1
2	A. DAY	1	X			C.D. PRYKE	F. BARNES	1
3	J. CORWALL	1	X			C.L. KEEVE	"	1
4	E. RHADLEY	X				BOWLED	F. "	0
5	G. RAWE	X				"	L. KASH	0
6	H. BETTINGSON	1				NOT	OUT	1
7	E. LOTT	1	X			"	L. KASH	1
8	N. POOLEY	X				"	"	0
9	D. TOWNKEND	X				C.F. BARNES	"	0
10	H. MESSENT	X				H.W.K. POWELL	"	0
11								
UMPIRES:-				WIDES				
SCORERS:-				BYES	1			
PLAY COMMENCED				LEG BYES				
STUMPS DRAWN				NO BALLS				
RESULT:-				TALK OF WICKETS				
					④	2	⑤	4
					⑥	4	⑦	4
					⑧	4	⑨	4
					⑩	6	⑪	8
					⑫	6	⑬	6
					⑭	6	⑮	6
					⑯	6	⑰	6
					⑱	6	⑲	6
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					㉒	6	㉓	6
					㉔	6	㉕	6
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					⓼	6	⓽	6
					⓾	6	⓿	6

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V. Wickham St. Pauls

BATSMEN		Bowler AT WICKHAM ST PAULS	V. WICKHAM ST PAULS INNINGS OF WICKHAM ST PAULS DATE 24.6.50	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1	F. DARNES	1-4-12-6-1-1-1-1-2-4-1-4-1-2-4-1-8-1-2-4-1-6-6-X		BOWLED	T. RADLEY	68
2	S. PRATT	X		C.H. DAY	A. DAY	0
3	L. KISH	5-4-1-1-1-1-3-X		C.E. RADLEY	A. DAY	16
4	C. KEENE	2-1-1-2-2-2-1-1-4-1-2-X		C.T. RADLEY	J. CORNELL	19
5	M. RAYMOND	1-1-1-1-1-1-3-X		BOWLED	H. BETTINGSON	8
6	D. PRYKE	1-1-1-1-1-1-1-4-X		RUN	OUT	16
7	S. DARNES	1-1-4-X		C.H. BETTINGSON	H. BETTINGSON	6
8	T. BROWN	1-4-1-1-X		C.W. POOLEY	T. RADLEY	7
9	D. DARNES	1-1-2-1-1-		NOT	OUT	6
10	G. HARDING					
11	L. HANEYWOOD					
UMPIRES:-						
SCORERS:-						
PLAY COMMENCED		STUMPS DRAWN				
RESULT:-						
		WIDES				
		BYES		2-1		
		LEG BYES				
		NO BALLS				
		TOTAL OF WICKETS		① 1 ② 37 ③ 97 ④ 110 ⑤ 119 ⑥ 127 ⑦ 135 ⑧ 148 ⑨ ⑩		

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V. Wickham St.Pauls

One match which most villages had in their fixture list was a “Married and Single”, when the married men of the village took on the single men. Always a great fun occasion.

Below the score sheets from two Married v. Single men of Bulmer, which strangely appear to have been played on the Friday and Monday evenings either side of one weekend. The single men didn't exactly cover themselves in glory!

The married men scored 30. Playing for the married men were

BATSMEN		AT	INNINGS OF	DATE	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1	L. COE	1-2-1-X		14.7.50	C.B. ROWE	E. POOLEY	4
2	B. TOWNSEND	1-1-X			BOWLED	E. POOLEY	2
3	W. POOLEY	5-X			BOWLED	"	1
4	D. WEAVERS	1-2-1-1-X			RUN	A. DAY	5
5	A. CLARY	2-X			BOWLED	A. DAY	2
6	C. WHITTALL	1-X			"	E. POOLEY	1
7	J. CORNELL	1-1-1			NOT	OUT	4
8	B. JOBERNS	X			BOWLED	E. POOLEY	0
9	H. BETTINGSON	X			C. A. DAY	"	0
10	C. MARTIN	2-1-1-2-X			BOWLED	"	6
11	H. REYNOLDS	X			NOT	OUT	0

UMPIRES:-
SCORERS:-
PLAY COMMENCED: STUMPS DRAWN:
RESULT:-

WIDES: 11
LEG BYES:
NO BALLS:
FALL OF WICKETS: ① 3 ② 12 ③ 16 ④ 19 ⑤ 20 ⑥ 20 ⑦ 20 ⑧ 22 ⑨ 30 ⑩ 32

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	OVERS	MAIDENS	NO BALLS	WIDES	BALLS BOWLED	RUNS	WICKETS	
A. DAY																												
E. POOLEY																												

L Coe B Townsend W Pooley D Weavers A Clary C Whittall H
Bettinson J Cornell B Joberns H Reynolds C Martin

Married v single Mon 17th July 1950

BATSMEN		AT	INNINGS OF	DATE	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1	A. DAY	X		17.7.50	BOWLED	L. COE	0
2	A. NEARS	4-X			L.B.W.	W. POOLEY	4
3	D. MORGAN	X			C.B. ROWE	"	0
4	F. J. MARTIN	1-X			L.B.W.	L. COE	1
5	D. WEAVERS	X			BOWLED	W. POOLEY	0
6	E. POOLEY	X			C.B.	"	0
7	W. REYNOLDS	X			C. B. TOWNSEND	"	0
8	C. ROWE	X			C. B. TOWNSEND	L. COE	0
9	K. DAY	X			BOWLED	"	0
10	P. BRIDGEMAN	X			"	L. COE	0
11	G. WHITTALL				NOT	OUT	0

UMPIRES:-
SCORERS:-
PLAY COMMENCED: STUMPS DRAWN:
RESULT:-

WIDES: 11
LEG BYES:
NO BALLS:
FALL OF WICKETS: ① 4 ② 4 ③ 5 ④ 5 ⑤ 5 ⑥ 5 ⑦ 5 ⑧ 5 ⑨ 5 ⑩ 5 ⑪ 5 ⑫ 5 ⑬ 5 ⑭ 5 ⑮ 5 ⑯ 5 ⑰ 5 ⑱ 5 ⑲ 5 ⑳ 5

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BOWLERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	OVERS	MAIDENS	NO BALLS	WIDES	BALLS BOWLED	RUNS	WICKETS	RUNS PER WICKET
W. POOLEY																												
L. COE																												

The single men scored just 5 runs!

A Day	A Nears	J Morgan	E Martin	P Weavers	E Radley
W Reynolds	G Rowe	K Day	P Braybrooke	Grant Whittall	

BATSMEN		V ININGS OF	S.M. M.M.	DATE 17.7.50	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1	R.A.DAY	X			BOWLED	A DAY	0
2	C MARTIN	2-1-1-2-2-1-X			BOWLED	A DAY	10
3	H. RADLEY	2-1-X			BOWLED	E. RADLEY	3
4	P. ROSE	1-1-X			"	A DAY	2
5	A CLARRY	3-1-1-1-4-1-4-1-1-1-1-2-1-1			G.G. ROWE	E. RADLEY	26
6	B TOWNSEND	2-X			BOWLED	A DAY	2
7	D WARRERS	2-1-1-1-4-4-1-X			"	"	14
8	K. SPURGE	X			RUN	OUT	0
9	L COE	1-1-2-1-4-6-1-4-4-1-1-2			NOT	OUT	29
10	T HODGKIN	X			G.A DAY	E. MARTIN	0
11	A E FOWER	4-			BOWLED	"	4

UMPIRES:-	WIDES	BYES	LEG BYES	NO BALLS	FALL OF WICKETS
SCORERS:-	1				
PLAY COMMENCED	STUMPS DRAWN				
RESULT:-					

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BOWLERS	RUNS SCORED EACH OVER																				OVERS	MAIDENS	NO BALLS	WIDES	BALLS BOWLED	RUNS	WICKETS	RUNS PER WICKET	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20									
A DAY	M	W		M	W	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	4							
E. RADLEY	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	0							
E. MARTIN	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	0							

Married v single Fri 14/7 /50 and Mon 17/7/50

Single men.

Single men continued

P Braybrooke, Fishers Meadow (cottage in Sandy Lane, now gone)
Grant Whittall, Police House Bulmer Tye, schoolboy. Son of P. C. Charlie Whittall.

Married men.

Lawrence Coe, Brickwall Farm cotts. Worked for his brother Spencer at Brickwall Farm, threshing contractor and farmer.

Bert Townsend, Finch Hill. Worked for builder John Dixey, Bulmer Tye.

W Pooley, Tin Tops Bulmer Street.

Dick Weavers, Council Houses Ch. Rd., Bricklayer and building trade foreman.

A Clary, lorry driver (We think)

Charlie Whittall, Policeman Bulmer Tye.

Jack Cornell, Airey Houses Church Road. Worked for Spenser Coe at Brickwall Farm, threshing contractor and farmer.

B Joberns, Airey Houses Church Road. Worked for Mr Reid at Jenkins Farm.

Harold Bettinson, Council Houses Ryes Lane. Worked at Jenkins Farm for farmer Reid

H Reynolds, Gestingthorpe.

R A Day, Hill Top Fm. Farmer

Charlie "Pod" Martin, Bulmer Street. Worked at Goldingham Hall Farm.

R Sporne, lived in the gardeners cottage at the Auberies. Gardener at the Auberies

Tom Hamlin, Council Houses on Bulmer Tye, worked for builder John Dixey, Bulmer Tye.

A E Fowler,

Week Beginning or Week Ending		PARTICULARS OF JOURNEYS AND GOODS					
14/25		1946					
Dates must be filled in	No. of A, B, or C Licence(s)	Index Mark and Reg. No. of Vehicle(s)	No. of Trailers (If any)	JOURNEY	GOODS	Maximum Weight at any one time	
				† District Served	Description	Tons	Cwts.
MON. 25/4							
TUE. 26/4							
WED. 27/4							
THU. 28/4							
FRI. 29/4							
SAT. 30/4							
SUN. 31/4							

† Places should be inserted which adequately indicate the extent of the Journey.

Signature of Driver.

Above. Waste not want not! The minutes of the last annual meeting of the cricket club on 2nd March 1954, held in the Blackbirds Inn. Overwritten on an old commercial vehicle log book for March 1946. This was probably found by Lawrence Coe, who drove his brother Spencer's lorry for carting agricultural produce. This was the last year in which any matches were played, just two, both against Edwardstone. When the club reformed in 1962 matches were played in Smeetham Hall Lane.