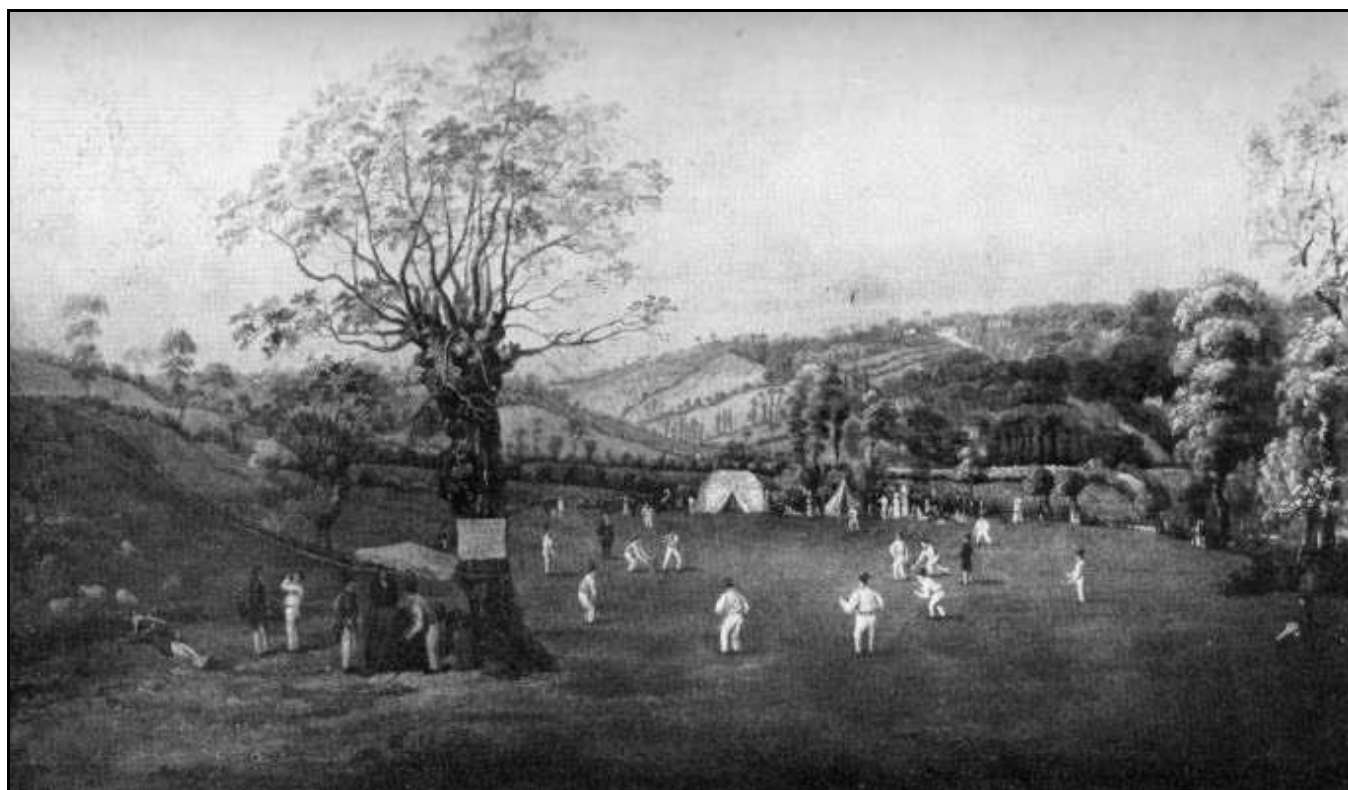


COLEORTON BEAUMONT CRICKET CLUB
1852 - 1923
(IN EXISTENCE c.1845)



This would have been reminiscent of the scene when Coleorton
Beaumont Cricket Club played their matches on the pitch in
Coleorton Paddock in the second half of the nineteenth century

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EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY CRICKET IN LEICESTERSHIRE

By G E O Wilshire (Taken from the Leicestershire Historian - Spring 1969
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Early cricket in England was centred in the South-East, and one origin of the word 'cricket' is thought to be from 'cricc' the old word for a shepherd's crook; it is known that shepherds were particularly keen on an early form of the game, and the wicket gate of sheep enclosures probably gave the sport another word. The earliest reference involving a County side was the Kent v London match in 1719.

It was not until 1744 (the year the first known Laws of Cricket were enacted) that there is any evidence of cricket being played in Leicestershire, when 'Gentlemen Cricketers of Barrow' are mentioned. This was the first time the game was found north of a line from Northampton to Cambridge. At this date cricket was played with only two stumps and 'overs' were of four balls, bowled underarm.

Cricket in Leicestershire may be said to have 'come with the Hunt' since the earliest local matches almost certainly originated in the Shire hunting boxes, particularly around Melton Mowbray, Mountsorrel and Barrow. It is therefore not inappropriate that the County Club which had its beginnings in 1820, (but was not to receive first-class status until 1894) adopted a running fox as its emblem.

One of the best grounds was at Burley-on-the-Hill in Rutland, the seat of George Finch, Earl of Winchelsea and chief founder of the M.C.C. Until his death in 1816 aged 64 years, many of the early matches for money were played here, the most important of which was in 1790 when All England and Hampshire played for 1,000 guineas. In later years, there were several matches involving representative England, M.C.C. and County sides. Unfortunately, many of the old Burley cricket records were destroyed by fire in 1908.

The Local Press did not provide much cricket coverage in the early days. In 1776, a notice referred to 'A great match of cricket betwixt Barrow and Mountsorrell' and four years later, The Leicester Journal reported 'A Match of cricket was played at St. Margaret's Pasture betwixt 11 Young Men of Leicester and 11 of Loughborough which was won by the latter by more than 50 notches'.

Until the opening of the fine Wharf Street Ground in 1825, all the major matches were played on the Pasture and local clubs continued to use it for a further sixty years. A Public House in Churchgate has retained the name "The Cricket Players" since before 1794, cricketers found it conveniently placed on the direct route to and from the town centre.

Important local derbies' were between Leicester and Nottingham, but relations between the sides were sorely strained due to intense rivalry and disputes over trivial incidents and partial umpiring were of frequent occurrence. In some years the sides did not meet at all and in 1789 progress of the match was delayed a month (until as late as 2nd November) due to disagreement over Nottingham 'following on'. It was then customary that when the side batting second was behind on the first innings, it was required to go in again. Leicester ultimately won by one notch, and the match attained a certain notoriety as the 'Odd Notch Match'. In 1787, there was a scene of bloodshed in Hinckley, for after Leicester had beaten Coventry, the team was set upon by some miners. However, Leicester won this match too and were feted when they reached their home town with its streets specially illuminated in their honour. After such a show of strength, the team became known as 'Nick's Roughts' because many of them came from St. Nicholas' parish.

A lack of village green cricket in Leicestershire was probably partly due to the number of county seats possessing cricket grounds. Country house cricket probably reached its zenith in the 1860s when grounds were found at such places as Bosworth, **COLEORTON**, Donington, Exton, Gopsall, Goscote, Gumley, Launde, Lindridge, and East Langton. Villages nevertheless had cricket teams at a far earlier date, for example, Ullesthorpe played Lutterworth in 1789 with the 'strictest attention by both parties and indeed with the greatest harmony'.

Lest it be thought that cricket was solely a man's game, it may be mentioned that in 1792, 11 girls of Rotherby, beat 11 girls of Hoby during Rotherby Feast Week. Since Hoby (with 60 houses) was ten times larger than its near neighbour, the victors were 'placed in a sort of triumphal car, preceded by music and flying streamers and thus conducted home by the youths of Rotherby.

COMMENTS

In the second paragraph above, there is a reference to the game being played with two stumps. Apparently, the aim was to get the ball between the stumps. A bail was placed across the two stumps in some cases.

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THE COLEORTON BEAUMONT CRICKET CLUB

INTRODUCTION

The earliest record found for a cricket team in Coleorton is 1852 and the last in 1923. However, in a report of a Cricket Club dinner of 1894, there is a reference to the club being in existence for nearly fifty years, suggesting it was formed c.1845. It is not known when they stopped playing cricket in Coleorton. Games were played in Coleorton Paddock and there is a reference to the Coleorton football team sharing the cricket ground in 1879, which seemed a strange arrangement. The home of the cricket club, like the football club, was the Beaumont Arms

The Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club was clearly named after the Coleorton Hall Beaumonts'. Sir George Howland Beaumont (9th baronet) and the Rev. W. B. Beaumont played in the 1852 team described on the following page, and in the 1904 photograph on pg 10, Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont (11th Baronet), known as 'The sporting baronet' is shown as their president. Sir George Beaumont provided the ground free of charge.

As far as the author is aware, Tom Williams was their most recognised player who went on to play County Cricket, and is identified in the 1904 photograph.



The Beaumont Arms building in 1994

There is no evidence to suggest that Coleorton Cricket Club ever joined a league and all their matches appear to have been arranged directly with other teams.

Little knowledge of the Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club is available locally, so the author reverted to one of his favourite research tools, the newspapers of the day, which fortunately reported on some of their matches and associated annual dinners and concerts. Although examples of the latter have been included, the Victorian journalists must have been paid pro-rata to how many words they could write about a particular event they were covering, thereby precluding their inclusion here.

The following information transcribed from newspaper reports is given in chronological order.

The Married v The Singles of the Coleorton Club

There is generally a stiff contest for supremacy somewhere in the course of the season between the Benedictine community and that which prefers to live in a state of single blessedness. The most remarkable of late was that with the members of the above club on Wednesday. At starting, the single men seemed favoured with a cheering prospect, for their first two wickets were not lost until three dozen runs were scored. Whether the young men were less "plucky" than usual or not we don't pretend to say, but certain it is that their timbers rapidly bowed to the levelling influence of Sir George Beaumont and his brave companion, Mr. Deane. The latter gentleman performed prodigies with the bat, and with the aid of two or three others enlisted on his side, brought up a score of one above a hundred. So far the Benedicts had the laugh: the small second score of the singles also gave them further confidence, seeing that they had but twenty-five to get to win. The match, which appeared to be very one sided, now began to grow exceedingly interesting, for the wickets fell with unexpectedly low numbers appended to what would be the defender's name. Mr. W. B. Beaumont was in good bowling condition and Bennett in better. Nine wickets were lost until the necessary runs were obtained. Gough's last stroke was sufficient to affect a conquest for the father's of families just as the sun was hiding his face behind the mountain. It is hardly possible to speak of the hilarity which followed at the social board upon recounting the various incidents connected with this narrow squeak. The score affixed will supply particulars not as yet alluded to:-

THE SINGLE.	
First Innings.	Second Innings.
W. B. Beaumont, Esq., b Deane	18—b Sir G. Beaumont..... 14
H. Bennett, c Marlow, b Beaumont	16—c Deane, b Beaumont .. 9
T. Denston, run out.....	1—run out..... 6
W. Beakin, b Deane.....	4—b Beaumont..... 1
C. Merewether.....	4—b Deane..... 9
Nours, b Beaumont.....	5—b Beaumont..... 8
R. Bennett, not out.....	0—run out..... 6
Butler, b Beaumont.....	3—not out..... 6
Hackett, b ditto.....	0—b Deane..... 1
Marlow, c Heygate, b Deane..	0—c and b Beaumont..... 8
Higgins, b Deane.....	0—b Deane..... 4
Byes 1, 1 b 1, w 6.....	8 Leg byes 1, w 3..... 4
Total.....	67 Total..... 58
THE MARRIED.	
First Innings.	Second Innings.
Sir G. Beaumont, b W. Beaumont.....	8—c T. Denston, b H. Bennett 0
Percival, c and b H. Bennett..	0—b w, b Beaumont..... 1
G. O. Deane, Esq., b Beaumont	35—b H. Bennett .. 5
W. Heygate, b ditto.....	14—b w, b Bennett..... 6
Walker, c Hackett, b Beaumont	6—b Bennett..... 0
Gough, b Bennett.....	0—not out..... 6
W. Marlow, c Merewether, b Beaumont.....	12—c Merewether, b Bennett 0
Waterfield, b Bennett.....	0—b Bennett..... 0
Hutton, b Beaumont.....	3—b ditto..... 2
Onion, b Bennett.....	3—c Denston, b Bennett .. 0
A. Denston, not out.....	0—not out..... 0
	Byes 2, 1 b 2, w 1..... 5
Total.....	101 Total..... 25

COLEORTON CRICKET GROUND LOANED

BY SIR GEORGE BEAUMONT

Ashby-de-la-Zouch versus Osgathorpe Grammar Schools.—On Wednesday, August 26th, the return match between the above clubs was played at Coleorton, which ground Sir George Beaumont had again kindly lent. Osgathorpe went first to the wicket, but with the exception of Mr. Warner and Stone, no stand was made. The bowling of Mr. Johnson was very effective, Mr. Jickling, though not taking so many wickets, had every ball on the spot. Lovell and F. Bindley distinguished themselves greatly in the field; Osgathorpe made 31 and all down. The spirits of the Ashby side were rising, the first two wickets falling for two runs, Messrs. Johnson and Jickling found themselves face to face; their scores were soon made by some fine hitting. Wallack appears as change bowler, and lowers Mr. Jickling's wicket first over, and Mr. Johnson's soon follows suit. Nothing more was done; Kelk, Esq., was very successful with his bowling, Wallack got his three wickets in about six overs; 51, runs all told, being 20 ahead of their opponents. In the Osgathorpe second innings Dodd made by good play, but no one else did much for their side. H. Berrie made two good catches, and F. Bindley made the best catch of the day; he was standing point, ran across the wicket, and caught the ball at square leg. Ashby had 10 to get to win, which they got with the loss of two wickets; Wallack taking them both.

Transcribed from the Leicester Chronicle - October 13th 1860

To those who don't masticate their food.

A few evenings ago, a remarkable circumstance occurred at Mr. John Waterfield's, Beaumont Arms, Coleorton, upon the event of the last cricket match being played upon the ground (a new pitch was established in the paddock).

After the game, the players and friends retired to take dinner, at which one of the company, who, from his manner of mastication, evidently belonged to the "duck" species, as he never appeared to chew his cud, but swallowed it wholesale. He got a "bolus" (*mouthful* ??) that was master of him; but he attempted to gorge it in his usual style, when it stuck in his throat, and for some time his case began to seem hopeless – till one of his pals, as a last resource, struck him on the throat with what he termed his "auctioneer" and set the bolus at liberty. He then thrust his hand into his mouth and took it out, to the great delight of all present, who had begun to think his case deplorable.

It would be well if for the future, as he is without teeth, to apply to some respectable dentist, and be furnished with a set before he again ventures to get through another supper.

Transcribe from the Leicester Mail - Thursday 16th September 1869

COLEORTON		F. MOIRA.	
This match was played on the 4th of September, on the Coleorton cricket ground. The following is the score:—			
Coleorton.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J Smith, b Kirk	2	c Shuttleworth	0
F Smith, lbw... ..	16	run out	2
J Richards, b Kirk	2	run out	7
G Walker, b Shuttleworth 0	b Kirk	0	0
J Stinson, c T Hog	10	c W Hog... ..	17
W Brown, c G Hog... ..	18	c Atterbury	0
F Richards, b Newbold	13	c and b Wood... ..	2
Jos. Richards, b Newbold 0	b Wood	0	0
J Brewin, b Kirk	0	c Atterbury	0
J Haywood, h w	0	not out	2
G Peters, not out	1	c Bird	4
Extras... ..	10	Extras	1
Total	72	Total	35
Moira.			
J Newbold, b Stinson	4	b Stinson	1
G Shuttleworth, c J Smith 0	c Brewin	0	0
J Bird, b J Smith	1	c F Smith	3
J Hart, c Jn Richards	20	c Brewin	3
Pocmoore, b J Smith	0	run out	0
T Kirk, b J Smith	9	not out	13
J Wood, c Jos Richards... ..	6	run out	2
J Atterbury, b Stinson	3	b Stinson	6
G Hog, run out	6	b J Smith	0
T Hog, not out... ..	1	b Stinson... ..	0
W Hog, b Stinson... ..	0	b Stinson... ..	4
Extras	5	Extras... ..	2
Total... ..	65	Total	28

Transcribed from the Leicester Journal - 07 August 1874

A match was played at Whitwick between eleven of the Rock Rose Cricket Club, and eleven of the Coleorton Cricket Club which resulted in an easy victory for the Coleorton team as per statement below. August 3rd. Score :-

ROCK ROSE CLUB			
F. Priest, c Wright, b Smith ...	2	b J. Smith	... 1
F. Aylward, run out ...	1	c Wright	... 0
A. Beckwith, c Wright	0	c Ward...	... 0
M. Selby, b J. Billings...	2	b Farmer	... 5
M. Concannon, c Ward	4	thrown out	... 4
W. Hicken, b Smith ...	0	c Billings	... 4
T. Harris, c Wright, b Billings	10	c Farmer	... 0
W. Hull, b J. Smith ...	3	b Wright	... 0
Aylward b Smith	0	c ditto ...	... 0
A. Pegg, c Wright	3	not out...	... 5
M. Gannon, not out	0	b Farmer	... 0
Extras ...	2	Extras	... 5
	27		25

COLEORTON.			
F. Smith, b Harris ...	...	...	29
J. Billings, c F. Priest	...	...	27
T. Wright, l.b.w.	...	...	29
T. Farmer, b Harris...	...	...	1
J. Smith, b Hicken ...	...	...	9
J. Charvill, c and b Aylward	...	...	4
J. Bird, b ditto	...	...	1
J. Rowell, b Hicken	...	...	17
J. Ward, b ditto	...	...	0
H. Lakin, b Aylward	...	...	20
Thos. Cooper, not out	...	...	0
Extras ...	...	...	28
			105

Transcribed from the Leicester Daily Mercury - Sept 8th 1879

COLEORTON WAKES

The weather during the past week having been beautifully fine, the wake has been kept with much spirit.

The various clubs met at their club houses (*presumably tents*) and dined together (*presumably in a Marquee*). "The Ancient Druids", headed by "The Sheepshed (*former name for Shepshed*) Brass Band", proceeded through the village to the Parish church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Beaumont, Rural Dean.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, there were cricket matches between the Coleorton Club, The Forest Rock Cricket Club (Whitwick), Melbourne and the Ashby de la Zouch second eleven. The first match was won by the Forest Rock Team; the other two by Coleorton.

At Mr. Fewkes of "The Angel Inn", the village matrons and pretty maids partook of their annual tea, and enjoyed themselves right heartily. The best of order has been kept throughout the week by P. C. Hancock.

Transcribed from the Daily Mercury - 13th November 1879

COLEORTON

Cricket Match :- A return cricket match between four members of the Coleorton Cricket Club and a like number of players from Griffydam, was played on Saturday at Coleorton paddock, the seat of Sir Geo. Beaumont. The play was good in all its points. The Griffydam team were victorious. The players afterwards sat down to a sumptuous dinner at Host Charville's, The Beaumont Arms.

Transcribed from the Hinckley News - 09 October 1880

COLEORTON CRICKET CLUB DINNER

The club played the last match of the season on Saturday, when the married and singles engaged in a friendly contest, the bachelors proving victorious. After the match was over, the players and their friends adjourned to the Beaumont Arms Inn, where a capital spread was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Charville, and was served up in their well known style. About 40 sat down to supper. after the cloth was drawn, several capital songs were sung by the company present. the ground here is kindly lent by Sir G. H. Beaumont, Bart., free of expense, and the health of Sir George and Lady Beaumont, was

heartily drunk with musical honours, as was also, the health of Rev. W. B. Beaumont, the worthy baronet's brother. the health of the host and hostess was also very heartily drunk.

One feature of the evening was the presentation of a splendid new bat to Mr. Walter Brownlow as the highest scorer of the season, and the health of Mr. Brownlow was very heartily drunk. - Mr. Brownlow suitably responded, and generously "stood rounds" for the company. The evening was very pleasantly spent, and all appeared highly delighted with the evening's amusement. Score:-

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
G Percival, jun, b W Rowell	0	W Gresley, b Bradford	0
H Lakin, b Smith	5	T Williams run out	15
W Bradford, c and b Rowell	4	J Bird, b Bradford	1
M Bell, b Rowell	7	W Rowell, b ditto	1
W Brownlow, b Smith	17	H Rowell, b ditto	5
H Wheatley, b Stanley	13	G Thompson, st Wheatley	5
S Towers, run out	1	T Williams, b Lakin	10
J Stretton, b Gresley	4	S Stanley, b ditto	10
G Percival, sen., b Gresley	2	Jos Billings, c Percival	15
A Matchett, leg before wkt	4	H Ashco, b Lakin	3
J Charvill, not out	2	W Richards, b ditto	1
J Billings, b Smith	0	W Scattergood, b ditto	1
R Hancock, c Rowell, b Gresley	0		
S Percival, run out	0		
T Cooper b Gresley	0		
Extras 8—Total	67	Extras 3—Total	71.

Transcribed from the Ashby de la Zouch Gazette - 21 May 1881

COLEORTON

BEAUMONT CRICKET CLUB - The opening match of the season was played on Saturday, on the Coleorton Cricket ground, kindly lent by Sir George H. Beaumont. Sides were chosen by Mr. B. Bradford (captain) and Mr. S. Stanley. Owing to the good batting of Thomas Williams, jun., and the splendid bowling of Mr. Stanley, the match resulted as follows : Mr. Stanley's side scored 86, against Mr. Bradford's 58.

COLEORTON

THE WAKE

The weather having taken up, the Wake was kept up in this pretty village with greater spirit than would have otherwise been the case. At Mr. Middleton's, the George Inn, on Monday evening, there was the annual meeting of "the social brothers", with vocal and instrumental music. It must have been gratifying to Mr. And Mrs. Middleton to find that their catering gave much general satisfaction. A most enjoyable evening was spent, everything passing off in a very satisfactory manner.

On the green opposite Mr. Charville's "Beaumont Arms", were the usual stalls, swings, roundabouts, &c. Mr. Charville had some nice social parties, with excellent music to entertain his numerous visitors, so that a most convivial time was spent, the contents of the larder and the well stocked cellar being quite equal to the requirements of the visitors.

On Monday evening, the Coleorton Cricket Club played a match with the Melbourne Town Cricket Club, the visitors being victorious. On Tuesday they again played another Melbourne team, the result being a draw in favour of the home team ??? On Wednesday, they played the Thringstone Club, the visitors defeating the home team. At the finish of the matches an adjournment took place to the large room at the Beaumont Arms, where enjoyable evenings were spent.

On Wednesday Mrs. Fewkes, Angel Inn, entertained the maids and matrons of the village to a good and abundant tea. It is needless to say that the ladies did ample justice to the good things so generously provided them. After tea, the pianoforte was brought into requisition, and the evening was passed quite merrily, one and all upon leaving expressing their thanks to Mrs. Fewkes, for the kindly manner which she had entertained them.

Transcribed from the Ashby de la Zouch Gazette – May 27th 1882

AN AWAY GAME AT OSGATHORPE

CRICKET – COLEORTON V OSGATHORPE

This match was played on Saturday last, at Osgathorpe, the visitors winning with greatest ease.

SCORE – OSGATHORPE 3

TEAM – E. E. Serres, C. Jarvis (1 run), S. Matchett, J. A. Goodman, W. Keetley, P. King, W. Gilbert, R. Bostock, W. Tanser, J. Adcock (2 runs), Joseph Gilbert.

SCORE – COLEORTON 111

TEAM - F. Smith (1), J. Whyman (10), S. Walker (1), T. Williams, Jun (28), T. Greasley (6), H. Rowell (6), W. Bradford (1) G. Haywood (10), T. Williams (19), J. Billing (11), W. Richards (1).

Transcribed from the Leicester Chronicle – April 9th 1887

Cricket

On the recommendation of Mr. William Bottomore, of Sheepshed, **Mr. Thomas Williams, of Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club** has obtained an engagement as professional cricketer to the Derby School for the coming season.

Transcribe from the Hinckley News - Saturday 12 October 1889

COLEORTON

BEAUMONT CRICKET CLUB

The annual gathering of this club took place at the Beaumont Arms on Saturday, and was in every way was a decided success. About half past six o'clock, over fifty members and supporters of the club sat down to a most excellent repeat, provided by Mr. Charville, and which gave satisfaction to all present. Mr. Wm. Walker, the Vice president of the club, was elected to the chair, and was supported by the captain in the vice chair (Mr. J. A. Goodman). After justice had been done to the good fare provided, the Chairman gave the toast "The Queen and Royal Family." after which Mr. Adcock (a visitor) entertained the company with a song —The of health the Rev. W. B. Beaumont, president of the club, was next given, the Chairman remarking that the Rev. gentleman had always been ready and willing to give them every assistance

when inquired. - Song, Mr. H. Cuthbert - Next followed the health of the captain, Mr. Goodman, with thanks for his valuable services during the past season, which was drunk with musical honours, and was also that of the Rector. - Mr. Goodman, in response, said that he always tried to do his best on the cricket field, and was glad to know that his services had given satisfaction.— The Vice-chairman then gave the health of Mr. Simpson Walker, the hon. secretary, who had for years spared no pains, to make the club a success, which was drunk with enthusiasm, and suitably acknowledged. —Mr. Wm. Walker proposed the health at Sir G. H. Beaumont, who, he said, had always been a subscriber to the club. This was received with cheers, and was drunk with musical honours.— Mr. Phuler responded and said that he was sure that Sir George was never more happy than when he was contributing to other people's enjoyment. The greatest harmony prevailed throughout, and numerous good songs, were given by Mr. Goodman, Mr. S. Walker, Mr. W. Cuthbert, Mr. G. Percival, and many others The health of the host and hostess, Mr. & Mrs. Charville was given, with thanks for the admirable manner in which they had catered for the company. Mr. Charville thanked the company and sang his old favourite song "The Red White and Blue". The health of the chairman was then given and a vote of thanks, for the able manner in which he had presided, Mr. Warker replying, thanked them and said it was always a pleasure to him to meet them on these occasions. The company then separated after singing "God Save the Queen," many of them saying it had been one of the most enjoyable meetings that they had ever attended. The extension of an hour granted by the Magistrates was much appreciated, as it allowed sufficient time to enjoy the meeting without the usual hurry.



John Arthur Goodman (b. 21 May 1861 d. 11 July 1945 aged 84)

with wife Sarah Frearson (nee. Farmer) b. 1858 d. 1932 aged 74 and daughter Edith Annie, their only child b. 1885 d. 1936 aged 51

**John Arthur Goodman (Captain) and his family -
You can read about his illustrious career on the author's website under
Osgathorpe - sub section 'People' - 'A Story About the Goodmans' - A
respected Old Osgathorpe Family**

1891 season - batting and bowling averages

evening to a close.

BATTING.					
	Inns	Not Highest		Total	Avg.
		out	inns		
C. A. V. Checkland	7	1	101a	341	56·8
T. Williams, junr.	10	0	47	192	19·2
J. Billings ...	11	3	51a	113	14·1
J. Ayre ...	18	0	41	223	12·4
W. Bradford ...	15	4	37	125	11·4
A. L. Checkland	7	1	16	67	11·2
G. Haywood ...	18	1	26	145	8·5
J. Smith ...	11	0	16	62	5·6
J. Haywood ...	4	1	6	14	4·7
W. Lord ...	11	0	10	42	3·8
J. Wilton ...	5	1	5	15	3·7
E. W. Goodall	11	0	11	38	3·5
J. Morley ...	8	2	6	21	3·5
T. Williams, senr.	4	0	10	14	3·5
J. Bradford ...	5	1	7	14	3·5
J. Laban ...	11	2	11a	27	3
James Williams	7	0	11	20	2·8
G. Robinson ...	6	1	4	12	2·4
S. Matchett ...	6	0	7	12	2

a Signifies not out.

BOWLING.					
	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
G. Haywood ...	13	4	15	6	2·5
C. A. V. Checkland	14	8	18	7	2·6
J. Smith ...	122·1	30	225	30	7·5
J. Wilton ...	37·3	12	91	12	7·6
G. Robinson ...	63	19	108	14	7·7
T. Williams, junr.	96·2	30	195	24	8·1
J. Morley ...	17	4	45	5	9
J. Ayre ...	226·2	74	427	44	9·7
J. Laban ...	17	0	73	7	10·4
J. Billings ...	11	0	30	2	15
W. Bradford ...	8	1	22	1	22

Transcribed from the Burton Chronicle - Thursday 22nd October 1891

COLEORTON CRICKET CLUB - Members and friends of the Cricket Club, to the number of about fifty, partook of the annual dinner at the Beaumont Arms on Saturday. —Mr. William Walker presided in the absence of the president of the club, the Rev. Canon Beaumont. Mr. W. T. Cuthbert was vice chairman. After the excellent repast, the loyal toasts were honoured, and the health of the president was proposed by the Chairman, and drunk with musical honours.- Mr. Hill responded for the Canon. - Mr. William Bailey Jnr. proposed the health of "The vice Chairman," and Mr. Barratt responded. The health of the chairman submitted by Mr. George Percival, was replied to by the Chairman, who had been at the club for forty years, and had now, he thought, seen it at its best —The health of "The Vice chairman," proposed by Mr. S. Walker, was replied to by Mr. W. Cuthbert ; and the health of "The captain of dub" was proposed by Mr. W. Cuthbert —The Secretary, Mr. E. Cuthbert, submitted the accounts of the club, which were favourable. Mr. T. W. Williams, junr., stood first in the batting averages. He was four times not out during the season, and scored between 30 and 40 runs not out. The best

bowling average prize was awarded to Jos. Billings. The toast to the success of "The Coleorton Cricket Club", was proposed by the chairman, and drunk enthusiastically, and the health of the "Host and Hostess", Mr. and Mrs. Charville concluded the host list. A pleasant evening was enhanced by the contribution of Messrs. George Haywood, William Bailey, E. Cuthbert, J. Billings and J. Biro.

Transcribed from the Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 06 May 1893

COLEORTON BEAUMONTS V. ASHBY HASTINGS

In the Bath's Meadow on Wednesday afternoon, Coleorton "Beaumont" Cricket Club contested against the Ashby "Hastings" 2nd.

A. G. Ball for the latter, piled up the grand total of 67, which he obtained by excellent play. For Coleorton, Haywood and Smith made a good stand until time was called.

Scores:-

Ashby 2nd:-

J. H. Dunnmore b Insley	2
J. Pruden b Insley	0
H. Canner b Williams	1
A. G. Ball not out	67
W. Illsley b Insley	0
E. Mammatt b Insley	0
J. Fairley b Insley	7
G. W. Bullen b Insley	1
Richard German run out	0
C. Glover c A. L. Checkland b T. Williams	6
R. Heafield not out	26
Chelley b T. Insley	0
Extras	3
Total	113

Coleorton:-

H. Lakin run out	3
A. Cadwallader c W. Insley	2
T. Williams b J. H. Dunnmore	6
A. L. Checkland b Heafield	14
J. T. Checkland c Mammatt b Illsley	12
G. Haywood not out	21
J. Smith not out	21
T. Insley, E. Robinson, J. Turner, J. Robinson, and T. Ward did not bat	
Extras	3
Total	82

CRICKET CLUB DINNER AT COLEORTON

One of the most successful dinners ever held under the auspices of the Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club, took place at the Beaumont Arms Hotel on Saturday evening. During the past season, the club may fairly claim to have made a creditable "show", and it was not to be expected that : the members and their friends would allow their enthusiasm to diminish on the occasion of the popular gathering. Upwards of 60 persons were present, the chair being occupied by Mr. W. Walker, whilst Mr. T. Wheatley, of Swannington, took the vice-chair. From the statement submitted after dinner by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. Cuthbert), that during the season just ended, the first eleven had played 25 matches, fifteen being won, four lost, and six drawn ; whilst the second team had been engaged in 12 matches, six of which were won and a like number lost. With regard to the averages of the first eleven, L. Glover and H. Lakin headed the batting with averages of 12.2 for 17 innings. In the bowling department, who has, during the past season, worked such consistent havoc with the ball, headed the list with most remarkable average, he having taken 93 wickets at the extraordinary small cost of 3.67 per wicket. The averages are as follows :-

BATTING.						
		No. of	Times	Most in	No. of	Aver.
		inns.	not out.	inns.	runs.	
L. Glover	..	17	3	31 ^a	170	12.2
H. Lakin	..	17	0	36	206	12.2
G. Haywood	..	25	3	33	254	11.12
T. Williams	..	20	0	55	229	11.9
E. Williams	..	14	1	19	105	8.2
W. Bradford	..	18	2	13 ^a	104	6.8
E. Cuthbert	..	13	2	18 ^a	67	6.1
J. Billings	..	21	4	14	73	4.5
J. Johnson	..	6	1	12	16	3.1
T. Williams, senr.	..	9	0	4	11	1.2
^a Signifies not out.						
BOWLING.						
		Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
T. Williams	..	246.1	93	340	93	3.67
J. Billings	..	218.3	59	377	70	5.27
W. Bradford	..	42	14	81	13	6.3
E. Williams	..	24.2	11	50	5	10

During the evening, an interesting little ceremony took place, when Mr. Jos. Haywood was presented with a purse of money and a meerschaum pipe as a token of esteem and in recognition of his long and valuable services in connection with the cricket club. The subscribers consisted of members of the club and many of Mr. Haywood's numerous admirers. At intervals, songs were rendered by Messrs Geo. Haywood, Jos. Brooks, H. M. Cuthbert, A. Walker, E. Cuthbert, J. Charville, Jno. Williams, Jeffrey Williams, E. Preston, J.

Robinson, and T. Wheatley. The following toast list (in addition to the usual loyal toast) was gone through :-

President of the club (the Rev. Canon Beaumont), proposed by the Chairman ; the vice-Presidents proposed by Mr. E. Cuthbert ; the hon. sec. (Mr. E. Cuthbert) proposed by the vice- Chairman ; captain of the 1st eleven (Mr. G. Haywood, proposed by Mr. H. M. Cuthbert ; the visitors, proposed by Mr. T. Williams, senr. ; the Beaumont Cricket Club, proposed by Mr. G. A. Mosedale ; the Chirman, proposed by the vice-Chairman ; the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Charville), proposed by the Chairman. An hours extension having been granted the convivial proceedings, were kept up till 11 o'clock.

Transcribed from the Derby Mercury - November 21st 1894

COLEORTON CRICKET CLUB SUPPER

The annual supper in connection with the Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club was held on Saturday at the Beaumont Arms Hotel, when about fifty persons sat down to a sumptuous repast, prepared with their customary excellence by Mr & Mrs. Charville.

After the cloth was drawn, Mr. A. M. Cuthbert was elected chairman, the vice chair being occupied by Mr. Wheatley (Swannington). – After a brief statement relative to the past season's record had been rendered by the secretary, the following toast list was proceeded with.....songs were interspersed with the speeches, the principal vocalists being Messr's W. Briggs, Joseph Brooks, E. Cuthbert, S. Dean, G. J. Fowkes, George Haywood, Joseph Hill, T. Wheatley, J. Williams, senior, and Jeffrey Williams, each item being received with considerable applause. An interesting little ceremony and one which lent an additional attraction to the evening's enjoyment, was the presentation by Mr. George Percival (one of the vice-presidents) of a silk umbrella, subscribed by members of the cricket club, to Mr. E. Cuthbert (honorary secretary) in connection with his recent marriage with Miss. Charville. – Mr. Cuthbert suitably acknowledged the present, and in doing so mentioned that although he was afraid that he would, in the future, be debarred from taking an active part in the doings of the club, yet he hoped that all the members would co-operate in maintaining the high reputation which the club has held for nearly half a century. The results of the season of 1894 are very satisfactory, as will be seen from the sub-joining figures:- Total Matches played 24, won 11, lost 5, drawn 7, and 1 tie.

COLEORTON.

Programme of

CONCERT

To be given in the Schoolroom, by the

REV. W. E. TERRY'S
String Orchestra,

ON MONDAY, FEB. 4th. 1895,
ON BEHALF OF THE

COLEORTON BEAUMONT
Cricket Club.

DOORS OPEN at 6.30. TO COMMENCE at 7.

Admission : A few Reserved Chairs, (numb.) 2/-
Chairs, 1/6 ; Second Seats, 1/- ; Back, 6d.

Tickets may be had at the School-House, of the Members of the Club
of Mr. CHARVILL, Beaumont Arms. or of Mr. E. CUTHBERT,
Hon. Sec.

J. Hewes, Printer and Stationer, Coalville

Copy of a programme for a concert held in Coleorton School on behalf of "The Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club" in 1895



The 1897 Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Team photographed in Coleorton paddock

Note the broken bar on the goal posts at the rear

The new pavilion hadn't been built at this time (see page 20) and its predecessor, is described elsewhere as a tumble down shed, hence the photograph presumably being taken in a much more attractive location.

J V (Peck) Charville Sn'r (landlord of the Beaumont Arms) is top left.

Standing in the centre of the back row is Joseph Haywood with Sir George Beaumont seated in front of him

I am informed by the owner of the original photograph that on the rear it states:-

" Cole Orton Beaumont C.C
- Season 1897 -
Joseph Haywood 1st Prize
5 matches - runs 68 - wickets 20"

Transcribed from the Coalville Times - 01 November 1901

COLEORTON

Cricket Club Supper - On Saturday last, the annual supper of the Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club was held at the Beaumont Arms when members and friends to the number of sixty-five sat down to an excellent spread provided by Mr. and Mrs. Charville. After supper, the Rector, Rev. H. Robinson, who met with a very cordial reception, was elected chairman, and Mr. Thos. Hall, vice-chairman. The following toasts were submitted : The King, Queen and Royal Family, (chairman), president Mr. A. Beaumont, (chairman), the Clergy (vice-chairman), Mr. T. Radford (Mr. Cuthbert), Coleorton Cricket Club (Mr. Jno Brewin), the visitors, (Mr. T. Hall). Songs were ably rendered by Messrs Jas Williams, Geo. Haywood, Goodhall, F. Hibbert, Leavesley, A. Brooks, J. Labon, J. Charville, and R. Rowell, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with "God save the King".

Transcribed from the Leicester Daily Post - 06 October 1905

COLEORTON

CRICKET CLUB CONCERT

A concert was given in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening, in aid of the fund for providing new fencing around the pavilion on the Park Cricket ground.

The programme was arranged by Mr. Arthur Beaumont, who takes an interest in the welfare of the club and village. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, there was a large company present and a good programme was gone through. Amongst the audience were the Rector and Mrs. Robinson, the Rev and Mrs. W. N. Blakeny (Belton), Lady Beaumont (Swannington House), the honorable, Mrs. Macnaghton (Gracedieu House), Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Evereard (Baddon lodge), Mrs. Phillipott and Mrs. Sweeting (Springfield), Mrs. Cresswell (Ravenstone), Mr. and Miss Johnson (Swannington), etc.

The programme was as follows - Pianoforte solo, "Serenade" (Emmanuel Aguilar), Miss. Cuthbert : song, "Beloved it is Morn", Mr. G. Kinns : song "Two Songs" Ed. German), Mrs. Blakeney : song, "I seek for thee in every flower", Mr. A. C. Walker : song "Idle Words", Miss Kinns : song "Shepherd's Cradle Song", Honorable Mrs. Macnaghten : song, "Dumbleumda" - Mr. G. Booth (encored) : song "Serenade" (Gouned), Mrs. Knight : humorous song "The Ladies Paper", Mr. F. T. Bellward (encored), pianoforte solo "Fantasia", Miss. Tibbets : song "Roses in June", Hon. Mrs. Macnaghten : song, "Twickenham Ferry". Miss. Knight (encored) : song, "Like Stars Above", Mr. A. C. Walker (encored) : song, "Daffodils are Blowing", Mrs. Blakeney : song, "Claude Duval", Mr. G. Kinns (encored) : song, Angus Macdonald", Miss. Kinns (encored) duet with Mr. Kinns) : song, "Dumb!, dumb!", Mr. G. Booth

(encored) : humorous sketch, "Songs and Singers", Mr. F. T. Bellward
(encored) : "Songs and Singers".

The accompanists were Mrs. Rounded (London), Miss Charville, Miss. Kinns and Miss. Cuthbert.

It is expected that about £8 will be realised by the effort which is considered satisfactory. The club has had a very successful season, and the result of the concert will no doubt stimulate them to further successes during the next season.



Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club 1904

The above photograph, sporting a team of formidable looking players, was taken in 1904 with their president Sir G A H Beaumont (11th baronet) in the centre.

Kelly's 1916 Directory for Leics and Rutland records J.T.R. Charville as Hon Sec. Other records give T. Williams as **Senior Honorary Secretary**.

Back Row: J. Robinson, Thomas Lord, T Williams, J Williams, W Lord, J.T.R. Charville Jn'r, J Ward, J V (Peck) Charville Sn'r, J Williams Sn'r.

Middle Row: J Williams, Thomas Williams, Sir GAH Beaumont, G Haywood, J Rice, E. E. Massey.

Front Row: G Kinns, J Haywood

At the time this photograph was taken, the Beaumont Cricket Club had recently acquired a smart new pavilion, to replace a tumble down shed. See page 17.

George Crabtree Haywood sitting to the right of Sir George Beaumont (4th from the left) was captain of the team for over thirty year.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF SWANNINGTON COUPLE

Mr. George Haywood, a former Coleorton cricketer, celebrated his golden wedding on Saturday, when a family party was held at Swannington Miners' Welfare Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, who live at Grove Cottage, Main street, Swannington, were married at St. George's Church, Swannington, on October 10th 1886.

Ten of their children, five sons and five daughters - are living, and there are 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Haywood was captain of the Coleorton Beaumont Club for over 30 years.



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Swannington Golden Wedding. F

Former Cole Orton Cricketer's Reminiscences.

Old cricketers in the Ashby and Coalville districts will remember George Haywood, the old Cole Orton Club stumper for many years and will wish to join in the many congratulations he has received on being able to celebrate his golden wedding.

This took place on Saturday when a family party was held at the Swannington Miners' Welfare Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, who live at Grove Cottage, Main Street, Swannington, next door to the Institute, are both in good health, except that Mr. Haywood feels the effects of a colliery accident he met with when at work many years ago. Their ages, respectively are 72 and 71 and they were married at St. George's Church, Swannington, on October 10th, 1866, by the Rev. Mr. Pearson, at that time the vicar.

Ten of their twelve children—five sons and five daughters—are living and there are 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Haywood started work in the coal mine at the age of 16 and for many years he was checkweighman at Cole Orton Colliery, retiring when the colliery was closed down just over three years ago.

The husband is a native of Cole Orton, having been born at the Outwoods, and the wife was born at Swannington, so they have lived in the district all their lives.

Mr. Haywood was captain of the Cole Orton Beaumont Cricket Club for over 30 years and always played as stumper. In those days, many a keen game was played between the Coalville Town and Cole Orton clubs, then two of the best teams in Leicestershire, though, unhappily, both are defunct to-day.

In a chat with our representative Mr. Haywood recalled one of the most exciting matches of his cricketing career. Cole Orton were playing Shepshed Town in the "Coalville Times" Cup competition, thirty odd years ago, and after dismissing Shepshed for a total of 17 runs, Cole Orton lost nine batsmen with the score at only 15.

Three runs were required to win when the last batsman went in and when Jack Charville made a boundary hit the excitement of the players and spectators knew no bounds. There was an interesting sequel. It was noticed soon after this sensational winning hit was made that Charville's wicket was broken, and a protest was made on the contention that the batsman should have been given out hit wicket. Cole Orton, however, were awarded the match.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS LORD - A MEMBER OF COLEORTON BEAUMONT CRICKET CLUB

(2nd from left on the top row of the preceding photograph)

Thomas Lord who was the great uncle of the authors wife Sheila was tragically killed in an accident at Coleorton No.3. Colliery (Bug & Wink), on the 19th of August 1911 at the age of 32, leaving his wife Margaret (nee. Barkby) widowed with her three young children - Robert, Eunice and Alec. All of the family lived out their lives in the Woolrooms. This sad event had aroused much public sympathy, the deceased being so well known, and a large number of people attended the funeral as a last mark of respect. A copy of the Coalville Times newspaper report and a report on the accident is appended. Thomas's brother Nathan was also killed at the Bug & Wink a year later and his cousin Samuel Matchett was killed there on 18th December 1918.

An official accident report on the death of Thomas Lord:-

At the time of the accident, Thomas was working as a "Stallman", and the colliery was owned by Checkland and Co. Thomas was ripping in the gate road, five or six yards from the coal face, when, without previous warning, a part of the roof which was two to three feet wide and two feet thick, fell from two unseen converging slips, killing him instantly.

Fatality at Coleorton Colliery

100 YEARS AGO - 1911

THE funeral took place at Coleorton on Saturday afternoon of Mr Thomas Lord, the unfortunate young man who was killed in the Coleorton Colliery on the previous Tuesday.

The sad event had aroused much public sympathy, deceased being so well-known, and a large number of people attended the funeral as a last mark of respect.

The service was conducted by the Rector the Rev Harold Robinson, the first portion being in the parish church, and at the close, the hymn

"Thy will be done" was sung. The chief mourners were deceased wife, daughter and two sons. Mrs James Lord (mother), Mr and Mrs Barkby (father in law and mother in law), Mr James Lord (brother) and Mrs Lord, Mr John Lord (brother), Mr Nathan Lord (brother) and Mrs Lord, Mrs Harding, of Leicester, Mrs Matchett, Elizabeth, Florence and Maria (sisters), Mr T Matchett, Mrs S Shakespear, of Shirebrook, E Barkby (sister in law) and other relatives.



Margaret Lord (nee Barkby)

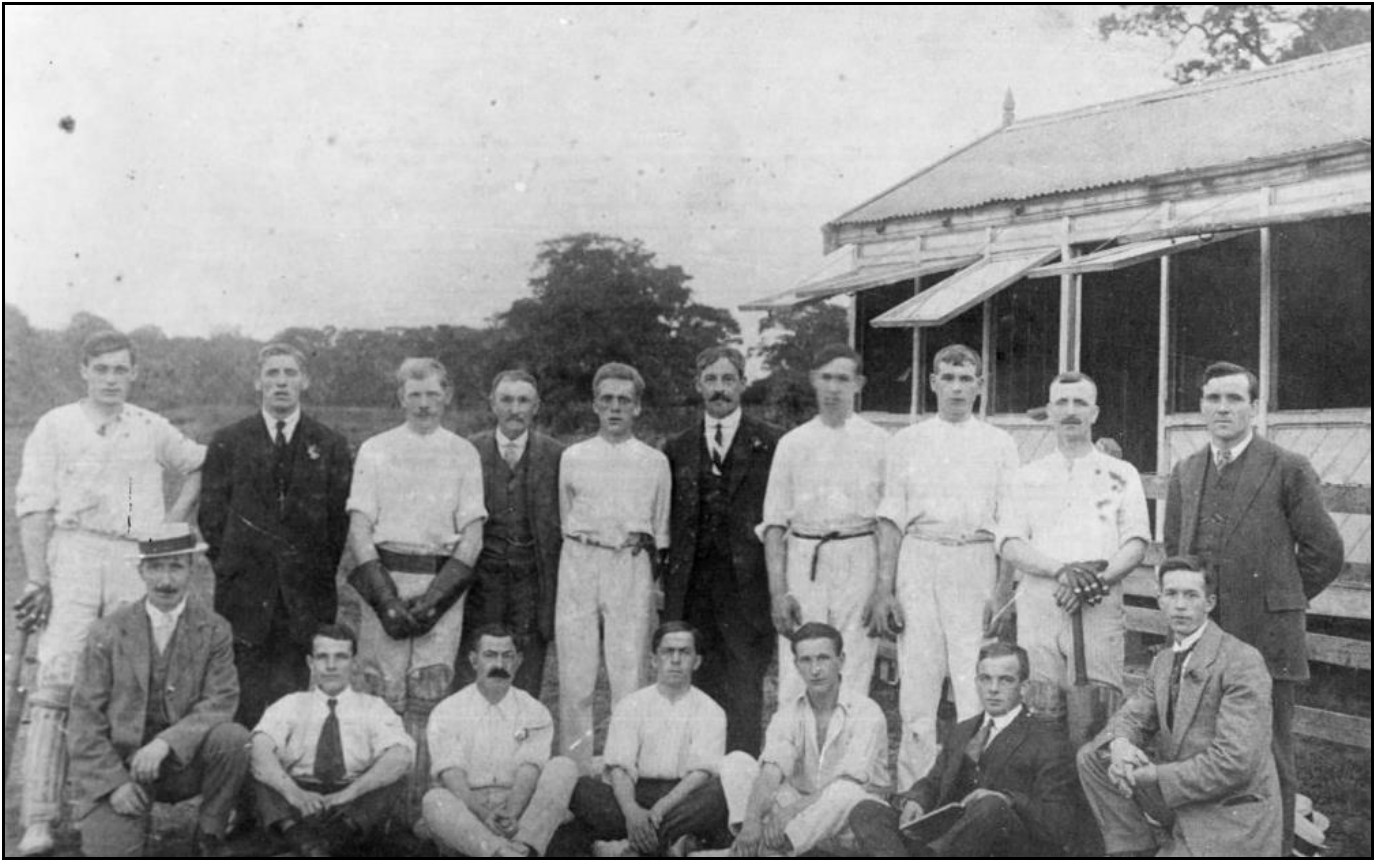
Great auntie and uncle of the author's wife Sheila



Thomas Lord

An official accident report on the death of Nathan Lord, who was brother to Thomas Lord :-

Nathan Lord who worked as a "Stallman" was killed on Apr 25th 1912 - "The deceased was travelling along the endless rope haulage road to his work, and, when nearing the end of it, a large stone displaced a stretcher and fell upon him from a height of 7 feet, and killed him. The rail track had been lifted several feet so that the roadway was in solid stone. Some coal was being worked some distance away, and there was a slight movement in the strata.



IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN, BUT IT IS OUTSIDE THE SAME PAVILION AS SHOWN IN THE PRECEDING 1904 PHOTOGRAPH - c. 1920 HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS WAS THE NEW TEAM FORMED AFTER THE END OF WW 1

WHEN WAS COLEORTON BEAUMONT CRICKET CLUB WOUND UP ?

The author has not been able to find any concrete evidence relating to this, however, the following newspaper report established that the club was still in existence on the occasion of Sir George Beaumont's impending marriage to Miss Renee Northey in 1923 as the cricket club made a presentation to him at the Beaumont Arms. The author leans towards the view that the cricket club would have been wound up shortly after this date as no further newspaper reports referring to it can be found.

Transcribed from the Leicester Evening Mail - 12th November 1923

SIR GEORGE BEAUMONT

Wedding Presents From The Coleorton Tenantry

CRICKET CLUBS GIFT

An interesting event at Coleorton on Saturday night was a meeting in the school of the tenantry on the Coleorton estate of friends to make a presentation to Sir George Beaumont, on the occasion of his approaching marriage to Miss Renee Northey, daughter of General Sir Edward Northey, which takes place at St. Margaret's Church, Epsom on Saturday next.

There was a large attendance, over which the Rector, the Rev. J. N. Philpott, presided. Sir George was accompanied by his fiancée and his mother, Lady Beaumont.

There were several felicitous speeches, Mr. R. A. Haywood, and Mr. E. D. Faux speaking on behalf of the farmers, Mr. J. Pargeter and Mr. Elijah Toon for the tenants, Mr. D. A. Walker and Mr. John Chester for ex-tenants, and Mr. H. M. Cuthbert as an old friend.. All said how pleased they were that Sir George was to be married, and he would continue to live amongst them, having decided to take up his residence at the Gables, Coleorton, after his marriage.

The presentation made by the Rector, consisted of a handsome silver tray, bearing the Beaumont family crest and a suitable inscription. Miss Northey was presented with a silver cigarette box.

Lady Beaumont in a graceful speech, said it was hard for a mother to part with her son, but she accepted the inevitable, and was pleased that Sir George had chosen such a charming young lady for his bride.

Sir George thanked all his friends for their kindness, and said when he heard there was to be a presentation, he did not expect such a beautiful gift. He would always treasure it, and hoped it would be handed down to future

generations of the Beaumont family (cheers). Miss Northey also expressed thanks for her gift.

On Friday night, at the Beaumont Arms Inn, Coleorton, there was another presentation, Sir George received four silver salt cellars from members of the Coleorton Beaumont Cricket Club. The gift was handed to the baronet by Mr. George Haywood, an old cricketer and former captain of the club, and Sir George Beaumont suitably replied.