

W.G. GOES TO SWINBROOK

Bill Godfrey arrived in Ascott preceded by his name. Football and cricket for Fulham and Surrey, he must be the only chap in the village who has been on a cigarette card. 'Card' is the word for Bill; an unending flow of wisecracks, insults, and epithets comes from his broad and beaming face, past the cigar and over the teacup.

Wisdom, too. He brought Ascott cricket pitch from, well, what it was, to become the envy of the county. His daily work on the square removed the weeds and manicured the grass; his diplomacy procured rolling and mowing to make the outfield as good as most other clubs' wickets. He brought teams to play us, and above all he showed us another way to play. His enthusiasm spread from the fieldwork to

the fielding. The pavilion filled with furniture of dubious origin, a constant supply of teabags for Sunday mornings and even a broom to sweep it with.

On top of all that, he served as a conscientious secretary. Now he's moving from us to Swinbrook, where there's more work to be done. We shall still see him, less often perhaps, but no less gladly. We of the cricket club thank him for all his work with us, for his impatience with shirkers, and for the fun we had among the sweat and soil. Good luck to him and Joan. Swinbrook's gain is our loss. Thanks, Bill.

We hope there will be someone over there who will know how to find his glasses. If not, they're usually near where he last adjusted the mower.

Malcolm Penny.

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