

Thanks for the Memory The Bowls Club Founders

Who were the early bowlers, the founders of the present bowls club? Fortunately we have a photograph in the History Society archives which shows them all in 1929.



Middle Row
R Burgess the blacksmith whose forge was opposite the Lamb.
G.G. Horne, the headmaster of Shipton School after Mr Strong.
Rev. E Freeman the Vicar at Shipton who

The group is assembled on what is now Tothill, where the first bowling green was located. In the background was the tennis court. Entrance was gained via a gate opposite the Red Horse which probably lies beyond the tennis court.

We know all the men in the photograph but it would be marvellous to know more about some of them. Gordon Duester has made a start with the following comments, beginning with the back row and moving from left to right.

Back Row

George Carpenter who lived down Meadow Lane.
H. Crabtree was a supervisor for Ted Coombes at the original till yard beyond the Lamb Inn.
Ted Pearce, the bank manager at Old Bank Premises and father of Colin Pearce.
R. Franklin who owned Bank House and ran the hardware shop.
J Watson
Tom Dangerfield farmed at Lane House Farm. Father of Joan Townsend.
E. Miles

was known to have paid for coal for poor parishioners when he visited them and noticed they could not afford a fire. Held in fonder remembrance than his successor, who promised the choirboys an outing to the pantomime and then did not come up with the goods.

J.H.Turner

Dr E.E.Roe, the village Doctor before Sandy Scott's father took over the practice.

C.E. Davies

F.Southam

Front Row

Charlie Duester, worked in the original till-yard, father of Gordon Duester.
Jacky Kethero, baker opposite the Lamb. Supplied the bowling club members with crusty bread when bowling matches were over.
Alf Pearce brother of Ted Pearce, plumber at Groves.
Ken Miles gardener at Lord Latimer's House.

Alan Vickers