

Hall of Fame

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A.V. (Albert) PATTISON

York C.C. Juniors - 1949 - 1954

Sheriff Hutton Bridge – 1957 – 1992

Rowntrees – 1993 - 2005



Albert Pattison had his cricket destiny determined at the early age of nine when he joined the junior section of York Cricket Club at their Wigginton Road Ground and came under the coaching wing of Mr. Farmery who was to instill defensive skills into the fledgling cricketer but leave him ill-equipped in the run-scoring department. An early indication of this came on his debut for Archbishop Holgate Grammar School's Colts XI where, after top scoring in his first game against Hymers College he was promptly dropped for slow scoring.

His ability to defend was probably a mixed blessing in so far as he played a fair amount of first team cricket as a fielder who was regarded as the 'draw man' and as such regularly frustrated and bored both the opposition and his own team, not to mention umpires, scorers and the odd spectator. One team to suffer was Heworth when in one season he batted 41 overs against their second team, making just 10, and also batted out for a draw twice against the first eleven. Heworth were also the sufferers in an incident in 1972 which resulted in the introduction of a new rule, which became known as Pattison's rule when, having played in the second team who were rolled over quickly by Colin Armstrong who took 9 for 11, he returned to the Bridge where the first team were fielding only ten players. With wickets falling he was persuaded to bat at number 11 and promptly hit the winning four as the game ended in a degree of uproar.

He was a member of the Bridge's successful cup winning side of the sixties which lifted the Myers & Bumell, Acomb Invitation, Major Walker, York Senior Charity, Dr Sawkill, Midgley, Major Pearson and Dr Riddolls cups. He captained the Bridge second eleven for three spells and was in charge when the side gained promotion to two in 1970. Having moved to Rowntrees in 1993 he had three seasons as skipper of the second eleven at Mille Crux.

Having played for two seasons in the York Saturday League (now York Vale League) he took over as Secretary of Sheriff Hutton Bridge in 1959 which coincided with the club's admission to the York Senior League having been too shy to turn down the proposition made at the AGM by his predecessor. He chalked up 23 years as club secretary between 1959 and 1983, the two missing seasons being 1972 and 1976 when he was club secretary but cricketing issues were dealt with by others. Upon handing over as Secretary to Colin Mole in 1984, he was club Chairman up to 1990. During his time at Sheriff Hutton Bridge he was instrumental in setting up the club's junior section and conceived and was secretary of the Frank Piercy Cup and the short lived South Ryedale Cricket League which catered basically for under 18 year old players.

Albert was appointed as League Assistant Secretary in 1965 to succeed Cliff Elliker as Result and Press Secretary and then took over the fixture duties in 1966 from Clive Kay. The post was converted into Results & Fixture Secretary in 1971 and he combined the two roles until 2004 when the Fixture aspect was handed over to Roger Dale. Following the mid-season resignation of Alan Shipley as League Secretary in 1985, Albert agreed to do the job "till the end of the season" but remains in post after 20 years. In fact he is now starting his 42nd year as a league official a record breaking stint which was recognised by the League when he was presented with a rose bowl to celebrate his 40 years in office. This was presented at the League's Annual Dinner which Albert has attended for 47 consecutive years and has acted as Master of Ceremonies at between 35 and 40 of the 48 such dinners. The end of his 40th season as a League Committee member was marked by a celebration game against Sheriff Hutton Bridge which enabled him to open his side's innings with Collis King.

During his 41 years spell on the League's management team he has seen the number of member clubs increase from 26 to 51 and the number of participating teams from 43 to 84 in 2005 and has been involved in the setting up of the York Umpires Association in 1968, the Joe Lumb Committee in 1971, The Yorkshire Inter-League K.O. in 1971, the York Indoor League in 1985 of which he has been Secretary for all 22 seasons, and the York Senior Intermediate League in 2004. He was one of the chief negotiators with both current league sponsors Hunters and their predecessors Costcutter and set up the Monthly Award system which has now been running for 24 years.

Albert's contribution to the development of the York Senior League is recognised throughout the league and beyond and has seen him play a leading role in the development of a sophisticated computer based system for compiling fixtures, processing results, rating facilities and grounds and monitoring administrative standards. This CLASS system, which has been developed as a computer programme by Roger Dale is tapped into by many other leagues in Yorkshire and is an important factor in the complicated task of dovetailing fixtures between different leagues.

Apart from his considerable input into the running of the York Senior League, Albert is a member of the Yorkshire Cricket Board and the Yorkshire Cricket Association and was, until stepping down in January, Secretary of the York & Scarborough Cricket Association. He is an ex officio member of the Joe Lumb Committee and has, in the past, been a member of the York Charity Cups Committee and Leeds Area Cricket Council. He has recently helped establish the Forest of Galtres Cricket Development Group and serves on the YCB Senior Leagues & Clubs Sub-Committee and the YCB Umpires & Scorers Working Group.

Albert played football with Strensall, Sheriff Hutton and Terrington until well into his forties having been one of the founders of Strensall Football Club and Secretary at the age of 15. He is still playing cricket, both indoors and on grass and made his premier division debut at the age of 65 at the end of last season when he hit his final delivery for a four on his return to SHB colours to help the club field two sides on the Lords' Final Week-end.

He says he has had the pleasure of both playing with and working with a multitude of talented and dedicated people whose help and support has made his secretarial job worthwhile. However none of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of his wife Judy and his two daughters Samantha, who has been scorer, joint junior manager and administrative supporter, and Emma who, despite having no great love for the game has always been most supportive and understanding.

ALBERT PATTISON – PLAYING RECORD

(Excludes years where failed to qualify for averages and games played in other divisions)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>INN.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVE.</u>	<i>Note non-qualified years excluded to safe space)</i>
Sheriff Hutton Bridge (1959–1992)							
1966	4	11	1	50	165	16.50	
1969	3	20	1	41	288	15.16	
1970	3	17	4	50*	235	18.08	
1971	2	16	1	48	269	17.94	
1972	3	11	2	39	173	19.22	
1973	3	14	2	50*	251	20.91	
1978	5	15	3	32*	180	15.00	
1979	5	17	3	46*	261	18.64	
1982	4	14	5	33	156	17.33	
1984	4	18	4	42	249	17.79	
1985	4	18	3	53*	236	15.73	
1991	3	14	2	51	187	15.50	
Rowntrees (1993–2005)							
1995	5	9	2	41*	172	24.57	
1996	5	16	3	36	206	15.85	
2003	5	15	5	46	150	15.00	
2004	6	12	2	20	102	10.20	
2005	6	4	1	20	20	6.66	
Sheriff Hutton Bridge							
2005	Prem	1	1	5*	5	-	
Totals		201	45	53*	3125	20.03	

Highest Score 53* 1985 v Tadcaster

Highest Aggregate 288 1969

Number of times qualified for averages in League Handbook (15)

Indoor League as at end of 2004-5 Season

2642 Runs Average 18.74

53 catches & 2 stumpings

Best Bowling 4 for 13 v Thorp Arch & Boston Spa

ALBERT PATTISON - POSITIONS HELD

• Sheriff Hutton Bridge	Secretary	23 years	1959-71; 1973-75; 1977-83
• Sheriff Hutton Bridge	Chairman	7 years	1984–90
• York Senior League	Assistant Secretary	6 years	1965-70
• York Senior League	Fixture Secretary	34 years	1971-2004
• York Senior League	Results Secretary	36 years	1971–2006
• York Senior League	League Secretary	21 years	1986–2006
• York Senior League	Committee	42 years	1965–2006.
• Yorkshire Cricket Board	Committee	4 years	2001–2005
• Yorkshire Cricket Association	Council Member	10 years approx	c.1997–2006.
• York & Scarborough Area Cricket Council	Secretary	9 years approx	c.1997–2005
• Leeds Area Cricket Council	Council Member	6 years approx	1990s
• South Ryedale League	Secretary	3 years approx	mid eighties
• York Senior Indoor League	Secretary	21 years	1985–2006
• York Senior Intermediate League	Chairman	2 years	2004–2005
• Frank Piercy Cup	Secretary	10 years approx	eighties
• York Charity Cups Committee	Committee	10 years approx	eighties
• York Joe Lumb Committee	Committee	20 years	1987–2006

YORK SENIOR LEAGUE RECORDS HELD

- Oldest player to make debut in Premier Division –65 years 135 days
- First player to score 25 and take 4 wickets in a match in Indoor League –25* & 4-13 in 1992-3 v Thorp Arch & Boston Spa
- Longest serving League Committee member - 42 years