



Stamford Bridge

Player 1950 – 1996

Captain 1967 – 1989

Fixture Secretary 1965 - 1975

Club Secretary 1976 – present

Bar Secretary & Treasurer 1965 – 2004

York C.C. (Yorkshire League) 1954 – 1956

Farsley C.C. (Bradford League) 1957 – 1965

Captain 1964 – 1965

Pennant Alliance League XI Captain in 1970s

Stamford Bridge Playing Fields Association

Secretary & Trustee 1978 – present

East Riding Independent League Secretary 1971 – 1978

York Senior League Joe Lumb Committee Chairman – 1990 – present

Yorkshire Joe Lumb Competition - Vice-President 2002 – 2007; President 2008

Norman Pearson has been an active member of Stamford Bridge Cricket Club since 1950 and has served his club as a player, captain and in a high profile management role for 59 years. He remains to the present day as Club Secretary. A position he has now held for 33 years including 26 in the York Senior League following his club's entrance into the League in 1983.

Prior to his club's switch from the East Riding league's Norman had a spell as Secretary of the East Riding Independent League whilst, as a player he captained the Pennant Alliance Representative XI.

Whilst his contribution to his club has been enormous perhaps his main achievement has been his promotion of junior cricket in his role as Chairman of the York Senior League Joe Lumb Committee, a post he has held since 1990. During his time in charge the League's Under-17s have put in some fine performances and some extremely good players have emerged from it's ranks. Norman's York role led to him becoming Vice –President of the county wide Joe Lumb Competition and, prior to the current season becoming President of the Yorkshire Joe Lumb Committee and Lords Taverners Junior festival for 2008.

Norman's voluntary work is not just confined to cricket as he has been Secretary and Trustee of the Stamford Bridge Playing Fields association since 1978 and is a Life member of the Leeper Hare York & District Football League having been a referee for 16 years and served on the League Committee for 20 years. His considerable contribution to the promotion of sport has led to him twice receiving awards from members of the Royal Family. He received the National PFA "Torch Trophy Award" from Prince Michael of Kent in 1995 for "Outstanding Voluntary Work" and then in 1999, was presented with the "President's Certificate" for Contribution to the Work and Aims of the NPFA by Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace. He was also presented with the NatWest Award for "Volunteer in Cricket" at Lords in 2004.

His playing career began at Stamford Bridge, then in the East Riding Pennant Alliance, in 1950 and his ability soon led to an opportunity to play for York, although he continued to play for his home club on Sundays and weekdays. He made his debut for York as a batsman against Scarborough A and was dismissed for 19 but he showed his versatility by taking 7 for 23. He made 69no against Leeds in his one Yorkshire League appearance at Headingley.

After three seasons at York, Norman switched his Saturday surroundings to Bradford League side Farsley where, over a nine year period he met with considerable success as an opening batsman. He made centuries against Salts (100) and Undercliffe (102) and in 1958 had Duncan Fearnley as his opening partner before Fearnley went off to play county cricket with Worcestershire and become a top manufacturer of cricket bats. Norman captained Farsley for his final two years in 1964 and 1965 and, along with fellow Hall of Fame member Pat Wood, was a member of the Farsley side that became Bradford League Champions in 1962 and won the Priestley Cup in 1963.

His highest score came early in his career when he made 136 against Hovingham at the age of 16 and before Stamford Bridge became involved in league cricket. He produced some useful performances in the Pennant Alliance, including 104 v Welton in 1970 and an unbeaten 113 v Pocklington on a Saturday in 1971 which was then augmented by 101no the following day against Hull Zingari. A further century (108) was made in 1975 with Welton again being on the receiving end. His highest aggregate in the Pennant Alliance was 613 in 1971. He also produced the goods as a bowler, being

highest wicket taker in in 1973 when his 63 wickets included a devastating 9 for 12 against Sutton on Hull. He again topped the charts in 1974 when he took 55 wickets. His one hat-trick came in 1971 against Bridlington and he came to the notice of the York Senior League when he captained the Pennant Alliance team to victory in the final of the Yorkshire Inter-League's Knock-Out Competition at Stamford Bridge

Despite playing elsewhere for 12 season on Saturdays, Norman was a regular member of the Stamford Bridge club that did very well in cup competitions during the 1970s and 1980s. They triumphed in the Huntington Cup and the Poad Cup and lifted the York Senior Charity Cup twice, in 1981 and 1982, beating Easingwold on each occasion with Norman at the helm. He states disappointment at failing to win the top York area cup, the Myers & Burnell in which his side were beaten finalists in 1972, 1979 and 1983.

Whilst, at 47 years old, his career as a player was on the wane when Stamford Bridge joined the York League in 1983 he led his team to successive divisional titles in 1983 and 1984 and completed the rise to from 4th to 1st division by being Division 2 runners up in 1988. However he did have some good years in the Y&DSCL which saw him make over 500 runs in four seasons, hit a century when he made 102 against Wilberfoss and reach second place in the Division Three bowling averages in 1984. Having dropped down into the second team he made 668 runs in 1993 and then in his final year as a player, 1996, he had the privilege of watching Collis King, from very deep gully score 183 for Stillington before helping Stamford earn a draw by making 62 despite King taking 4 for 26.

Norman's outstanding service towards both the game of cricket and his club has seen him following in the footsteps of his father, Wallace, who also gave considerable service as Treasurer, Secretary and captain. His wife, Margaret did tea duties for more than 25 years whilst their son Gary did his bit as scorer from the age of 6 ½ until starting to play. Daughter Jill, having married Osbaldwick's Nigel Rippon is a tea lady at her adopted club whilst 10 years old grandson Sam is in his second season as first XI scorer at Osbaldwick.

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NORMAN PEARSON – PLAYING RECORD

(Details of years when qualified for League Handbook)

YEAR	DIV.	XI	INN.	N.O.	H.S.	RUNS	AVE	100/ 50s	Pos.	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	RPO	5w/I	Pos.	Ct	St	Notes
Stamford Bridge																				
1983	4	1 st	11	1	69	282	28.20			119.0	21	348	30	11.60	2.92		5 th			
1984	3	1 st	20	3	102	614	36.11	1/-	6 th	162.0	43	378	40	9.45	2.33		2 nd			
1985	2	1 st	20	1	94	528	27.79		9 th	146.0	28	483	41	11.78	3.31		5 th			
1986	2	1 st	19	2	81*	427	25.12			150.0	18	506	29	17.45	3.37					
1987	2	1 st	14	3	62*	342	31.09		7 th	145.1	27	442	33	13.39	3.04					
1988	2	1 st	20	0	59	317	15.85													
1989	1	1 st	13	4	41	209	23.22													
1990	1	1 st	14	2	90*	474	39.50		8 th											
1991	2	1 st	20	0	70	504	25.20			135.3	11	616	27	22.81	4.55	1				
1992	2	1 st	10	2	36	160	20.00			133.0	12	507	21	24.14	3.81	1				
1993	4	2 nd	19	2	82	668	39.29	-/4		109.5	17	354	22	16.09	3.22					
1994	4	2 nd	9	1	60	308	38.50	-/3												
1995	4	2 nd	10	1	55*	210	23.33	-/1												
Totals			199	22	102	5043	28.49			1100.3	177	3634	243	14.95	3.30					

Centuries 1

1984 102 v Wilberfoss

Leading Batting Averages nil

Leading Run Scorer in Division nil

500 Runs in a Season 4

Most Runs in a Season 668

1993

Highest Score 102

v Wilberfoss 1984

50 Wickets in a Season nil

Eight Wickets in an Innings nil

Most Wickets in a Season 41

1985

Number of times qualified for inclusion in averages in League Handbook 21

Batting = 13 Bowling = 8

Awards Received

- 1995 National PFA "Torch Trophy Award"
- 1999 NPFA - President's Certificate
- 2004 ECB NatWest Award for "Volunteer in Cricket"
- Life Membership of York & District Football League