



*The England team which toured America in 1859. It includes three who played at Banbury: William Caffyn (back, second from left); George Parr (centre, with cravat); and Julius Caesar (third from left) (reproduced by kind permission from *Cricket – A Way of Life*, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Marks & Spencer, 1985).*

Not only the entries in *Who's Who of Cricketers* testify to the quality of the team which Banbury opposed. It was a side which included some of the most highly distinguished cricketers of the time. Five<sup>20</sup> were "profiled" by W. Dennison in his *Sketches of the Players, 1846*. Dennison is regarded by John Arlott, among others, as the father of serious cricketing reporting. All "Histories of Cricket" include accounts of the cricketing prowess of most of these players and, despite the infancy of photography, many likenesses of them.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Guy, Pilch, Clark, Hillyer and Day.

<sup>21</sup> A picture of the English team that toured America in 1859, the first overseas tour, (reproduced above) appears on p.22 of *Cricket – A Way of Life*, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, published by Marks & Spencer in 1985.