

## *22 of Banbury with Buttress and Jackson.*

The Banbury side had changes, too. Its “given men” were now:

**William Buttress**, 1827-1866. “He was regarded as one of the best bowlers of his day, but, for some reason unknown, was rarely selected for important matches.” And...

There is no **W. Jackson** listed in *Who's Who*. The Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians indicate that he was born in 1820, date of death not known. His only first-class games, for Nottinghamshire, were from 1844-1848.

The Banbury men are dealt with, in what detail is ascertainable, later.

Result: England winning by 22 runs

*Scores and Biographies* comments “No one out of the Banbury side scored a double figure out of their forty-four innings.”

Umpires John Lillywhite<sup>30</sup> and Peter Bancalari (of Oxford).

The *Banbury Guardian* of 1<sup>st</sup> July 1852 is somewhat less fulsome in its report than in 1851. Heavy rain on Sunday “no doubt had the effect of deterring many persons from visiting the ground on Monday, although the weather proved favourable to the players.” “On Tuesday the weather was fine, and the attendance was tolerably good, there being 1,000 to 1,100 persons present. On Wednesday the attendance was scanty.” It again praises the arrangements by Mr Mitchell, and the refreshments of Mr Hayward. On Wednesday evening the players and their friends dined at Mr Hayward’s, with Archer R. Tawney, Esq., in the chair. This introductory section concludes “As on the last occasion, so on this, we sent no reporter to the dinner, because when gentlemen meet to make merry, and not to make speeches, we consider it unfair as well as obtusive to set a watch upon their words”.<sup>31</sup>

The daily reports for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are as detailed as in 1851.

In respect of these matches, I thought it might be interesting to try to see who the local players were, and whether they add credence to considered opinion of Professor G. M. Trevelyan that cricket teams encompassed all social classes<sup>32</sup> It is possible to discover something of

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<sup>30</sup> John Lillywhite 1826-1874, of the Lillywhite cricketing family.

<sup>31</sup> I wonder what today’s Press Complaints Commission would make of that!

<sup>32</sup> In his *English Social History* (1944), Penguin Books 2000. p.423. “In 1743 it was observed that ‘noblemen, gentlemen and clergy’ were ‘making butchers, cobblers or tinkers their companions’ in the game. ...In 1746 Lord John Sackville was a member of a winning team of which the gardener at Knole was captain... Squire, farmer, black-