

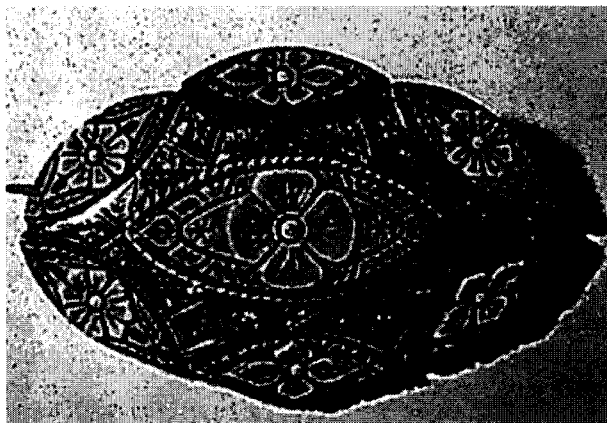
Also in the photo (Fig. 1) are Henry Peck, a coachman at Eydon Hall and latterly a bit of an entrepreneur, Herbert Parish, a builder and John Bromfield, a part-time fireman, all of whom played in Eydon's cricket team, the history of which has been documented in *Maidens Matches and More...* published by EHRG in 2009.

### ***Surprising Consequences***

One of the consequences of having a website was a significant rise in interest in the village and its inhabitants from people in other countries, including New Zealand and America. Many fascinating stories have emerged from their enquiries and Annie Adkins' pin is one of them.

### ***Annie Adkins' Pin***

In 2008 we were contacted by John Owen, from Walnut Creek, California. His wife, Renate, who deals in antique jewellery, had bought a pin brooch from a wholesaler, who had obtained it in the UK earlier that year. On the back is an inscription: "To Annie Adkins, a Token of Gratitude, Eydon, 1888." John and Renate were keen to learn more about the history of the pin [Fig 6].



*Fig 6: Front view of silver and black stone (possibly jet) brooch - the purchase of which in America initiated our research. [KL225 part]*

We first checked the group's resources to uncover what information we held about Annie Adkins and what she might have done to warrant the presentation. We quickly came to the conclusion that it was not from Eydon, as a village, for some public duty (the wording or punctuation of the inscription does not suggest this) but that it had probably been a personal gift for some special service.