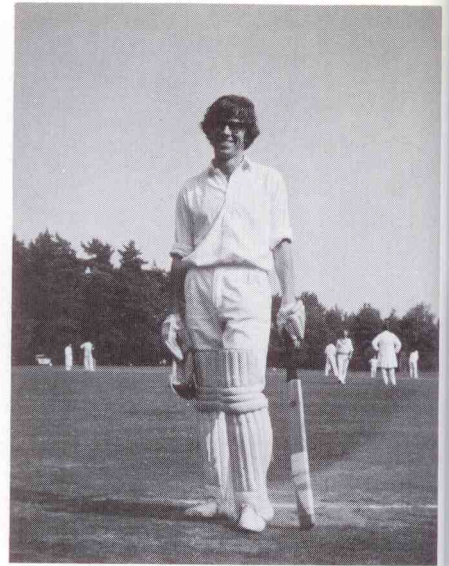


*NIGEL BROOMFIELD*  
*Captain in 1970: Eight centuries*



*KEN STEPHENS*  
*Captain since 1973: Three centuries*



*PETER HOLES*  
*Century in 1970 age 17*

In 1969 Nigel Broomfield, the former British Amateur and Army squash champion, came to live in the village and immediately made a big impression with his powerful batting and aggressive fast bowling. He captained the side in 1970 and scored 975 runs at the phenomenal average of 88, hitting four centuries and five fifties. He scored his runs at a great rate, mainly by hard, clean driving but the bowling that year was weak and outright victories proved hard to come by. In a match in July Blackheath scored 268 for 2 wickets with seventeen year-old Peter Holes becoming the youngest player to score a century for the Club up to that time. Against Worplesdon in August Broomfield and Ken Stephens, in his first season with Blackheath, put on an unbeaten 249 for the fourth wicket, Broomfield making 131 and Stephens 117 in the highest partnership ever recorded on the Blackheath ground.

#### **Test stars at Blackheath**

In July of the same year E.J. Barlow and P.M. Pollock, both South African Test cricketers, played in a game at Blackheath. They entered into the spirit of the occasion with enthusiasm and enjoyed the diversion from more serious matters. Happily they stayed after the cricket, joined by Graham Pollock, to entertain and be entertained by Club members until late in the evening. Five days later Barlow, playing for the Rest of the World against England at Headingley, took 7 wickets for 64 runs including the hat-trick and four wickets in five balls.

Mr. H. J. Lowings, the Club Chairman, who had been the keenest of supporters and a wise councillor died during the 1971 season and, in due course, Mr. D.W. Reeds, again residing in the area, was elected in his place.

