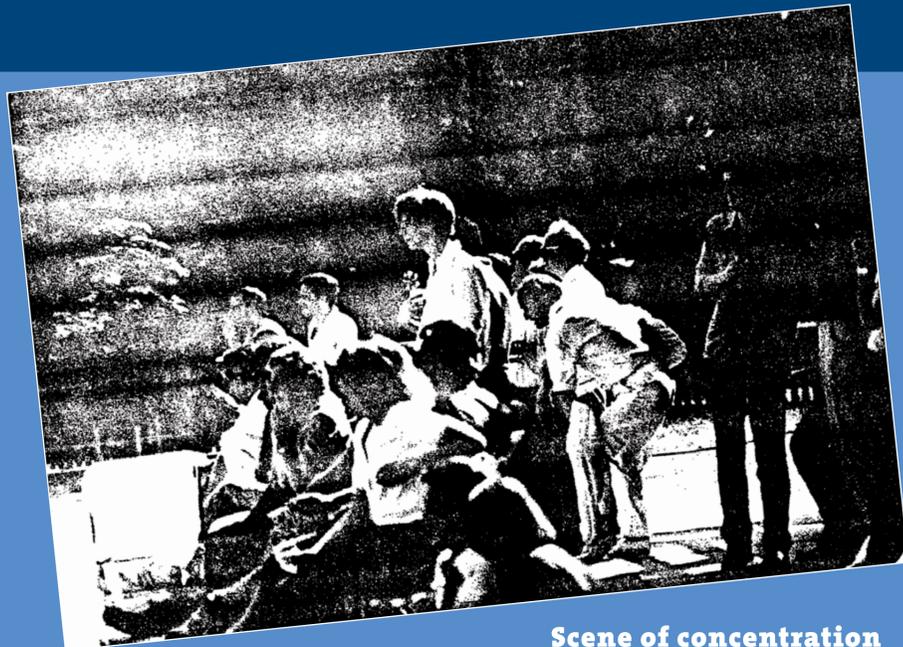


It's believed that the firm's first cricket match was between the London and Harrow offices in the late 1970's. Held at Acton playing fields, casks of Breakspears beer were obtained and some fielders held pint mugs!

During the 1970's and 1980's sports days with tennis and cricket were held at Esher cricket club, with partners & trainees battling against the staff. More recently the firm has participated in an annual match against another London accounting firm.

**Preparing for battle**



**Scene of concentration on the pitch**

**Report of the tour from Shipshape January 2007**

## Shipleys' Ashes Tour

Five keen cricket fans from our London office staged their own Ashes tour when they went to Australia for Christmas and the New Year to watch the cricket, and took the opportunity to strengthen our relationships with other AGN member firms.

Ben Bidnell, Robert Horsnall, Joe Kinton, Sam Taylor and Peter White were in Melbourne on Boxing Day for the first day of the Fourth Test match, and took the opportunity for a reunion with Yohan Pereira and John Salamy who had previously been seconded to our London office from AGN member firm William Buck.

They also met Jed Nalder and Anthony Tirant, who will be seconded to London from the end of January.

The Shipleys team drove from Melbourne to Sydney for the New Year and the Fifth and Final Test. In Sydney they visited AGN member firm Hall Chadwick, which has also hosted secondees from Shipleys, to discuss mutual clients.

"The cricket was disappointing," admits Ben Bidnell, "but we enjoyed the business contacts, and we also had great fun. We went wine tasting in the Hunter Valley, and to famous beaches like Bondi and Manly, and we made a thorough survey of the local nightlife."