

## Manorfield Detectives.



STONEY STANTON LADIES CRICKET TEAM THE FLEET SPORTS FIELD SUMMER 1908  
Standing L-R Eveline Disney, Beatrice Knight, Sarah Peters, Min Woodward, Isabella Brown, Lizzie Robertson  
Seated, Elsie Stevens, Emma Taylor, Norah Disney, Jenny Stevens, Polly Bowes.

Here is what we might think to be a rare and unusual photograph.

Why? Because we have always been led to believe that sport in Victorian and Edwardian Britain was for men, and that the belief at the time was women were too fragile and delicate to play sports.

This picture may begin to change your mind about that. These women and girls were the Stoney Stanton Ladies Cricket Team pictured here in 1908.

Indeed, two of the women are the daughters of the village Rector, Reverend Disney. So maybe it wasn't as frowned upon as we think.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, women's football was also very popular, with crowds of up to 53,000 watching matches.

Can you discover what the F.A Football Association did in 1921 that caused such problems?

Maybe you could find out about the career of a women's cricketer or footballer from this time?

<http://www.thefa.com/womens-girls-football/history>

<http://www.womenscrickethistory.org/History/firsts.html>