

THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale & Kirklees

OLD TOWN CC

ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS

Birth of Club.

Club disbands.

Club re-forms.

Club moves HQ to Old Laithe.

Birchcliffe play their debut Hebden Bridge League match against Old Town.

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EVENTS IN OLD TOWN,

HEBDEN BRIDGE & THE WORLD

First electric tramcar in Blackpool.

Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

First box camera.

Eiffel Tower built.

London's first electric Underground.

Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.

Electric oven invented.

Invention of the Aspirin.

Dreyfus Affair begins in France.

Invention of the X-Ray.

First modern Olympic Games held.

Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Birth of Bertolt Brecht.

First Hague Peace Conference.

Zeppelin invents the airship.

Birth of Marlene Dietrich.

Marie Curie discovers radioactivity.

Henry Ford sets up motor company.

Britain and France sign Entente.

Famous local derby between Old Town and Cragg Vale.

- 1905** Birth of Hebden Bridge Lit & Sci Society. Revolution breaks out in Russia.
- 1906** First radio programme broadcast.
- 1907** First Daily Comic Strip.
- 1908** Cubism founded in Paris.
- 1909** Synthetic plastic invented - Bakelite.
- 1910** Halley's comet reappears.
- 1911** Hebden Bridge Brass Band win British Open. Amundsen reaches South Pole.
- 1912** Hebden Bridge Gas Works completed. Titanic sinks. Scott's last expedition.
- 1913** Suffragette demonstrations.
- 1914** Start of First World War.
- 1915** Einstein's *Theory of Relativity*.
- 1916** Battle of Verdun. Easter Rising.
- 1917** Russian Revolution.
- 1918** World-wide flu epidemic.
- 1919** Treaty of Versailles.
- 1920** First roadside petrol station in UK.
- 1921** Hebden Bridge Cinema opens. First birth control clinic.
- 1922** Mussolini's March on Rome.
- 1923** First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924** Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Death of Lenin.
- 1925** Charleston dance becomes fashion.
- 1926** General Strike. Adoption legalised.
- 1927** Lindbergh's solo flight over Atlantic.
- 1928** Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.
- 1929** Wall Street Crash.

Old Laithe requisitioned by National Fire Service at start of War.

Decision made to find new ground.

- 1930** Planet Pluto discovered.
- 1931** Empire State Building built.
- 1932** British Union of Fascists founded.
- 1933** Hitler becomes German Chancellor.
- 1934** Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.
- 1935** Pedestrian crossings introduced.
- 1936** Pecket Well Cooperative Society taken over.
Edward VIII abdicates.
- 1937** 300-seat theatre opens in Hebden Bridge. Hebden Bridge Urban District Council amalgamates with Mytholmroyd Urban District Council to become Hebden Royd Urban District Council. Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.
- 1938** Paid holidays start. Biro invented.
- 1939** Asbestos processing company moves into Acre Mill, Old Town to meet demands for producing filters for gas masks during the Second World War. Beginning of Second World War.
- 1940** National Government formed.
- 1941** Hebden Bridge British Restaurant opens. Germany invade USSR.
- 1942** British victorious at El Alamein.
- 1943** Warsaw Ghetto uprising.
- 1944** D-Day. Paris liberated.
- 1945** Auschwitz liberated.
- 1946** Iron Curtain descends on Europe.
- 1947** Truman Doctrine unveiled.
- 1948** State of Israel founded.
- 1949** Hebden Bridge Local History Group formed. NATO

President of the club, Raymond Ashworth, starts work on ground switch.

Club agrees to pay £465 for Boston Hill (grants were gained from the National Playing Fields' Association [£300] and West Riding [£30]).

Club buy land at Boston Hill from local council for £450. Work starts on felling trees on site of ground. Outfield seeded.

Reginald Harding masterminds clearance and preparation. Match against Heptonstall Slack at Old Laithe abandoned because of cloud and fog!

Seeding of wickets. Ladies Section introduced.

Club finally relocates to Boston Hill. 27 April. 8 June 1957 - ground officially opened by Lord Trefgarne of the National Playing Fields' Association. He declares: 'It is the opinion of our headquarters that the creation of this cricket field is one of the finest voluntary efforts which has come before them.'

Old Town's final season in the Hebden Bridge League.

Old Town 2nd XI play in first-ever fixture at Boston Hill.

Club's first season in Halifax Association. Albert Harding takes 10-43 in 1st XI v 2nd XI encounter.

Admitted to Division 2 of Halifax League. Win 2nd XI Division 2 of Halifax League under R. Greenwood.

- 1950 established.
Petrol rationing ends in Britain.
- 1951 Festival of Britain opens.
- 1952 Pill invented. Hebden Bridge & Heptonstall Temperance Society closes.
- 1953 Everest conquered.
- 1954 Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*.
- 1955 Commercial TV starts in Britain.
- 1956 Elvis releases *All Shook Up*.
- 1957 Queen's first Christmas broadcast.
- 1958 Munich air disaster. Beatles formed.
- 1959 Postcodes introduced in Britain.
- 1960 Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.
- 1961 First oral contraceptive.

1962 Beatles release *Love Me Do*.
1963 Kennedy assassinated.
1964 *Sun* founded. First *Top of the Pops*.
1965 First US raids against Vietnam.
1966 England win World Cup.
1967 First heart transplant. Six Day War.
1968 BST introduced. Riots in Paris.
1969 First men land on moon.
1970 Heath becomes PM.
1971 Decimalisation of coinage.
1972 Britain begins direct rule in NI.
1973 Britain enters EEC. VAT introduced.
1974 Nixon resigns over Watergate.
1975 First North Sea oil. Equal Pay Act.
1976 Drought Act during hot summer.
1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.
1978 Centenary of Hebden Bridge Brass Band celebrated. World's first 'test tube' baby.
1979 Acre Mill demolished. Thatcher becomes PM.
1980 Lennon assassinated.
1981 SDP launch. Charles and Di wed.
1982 Argentina invades Falklands.
1983 Start of breakfast TV. Seat belt law.
1984 IRA bomb at Tory conference.
1985 Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.
1986 GLC abolished. Chernobyl accident.
1987 Zeebrugge disaster.
1988 Lockerbie disaster.
1989 Berlin Wall torn down.

Win Division 2 of Halifax League under G. Dobby.

Share Clay Trophy with SBCI.

Win Division 2 of Halifax League under N. Cowens.

Win 2nd XI Division 2 of Halifax League under A. Lyons.

Win 2nd XI Division 2 of Halifax League under T. Lyons.

CRICKET HERITAGE EXHIBITION

- 1990** Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.
- 1991** Robert Maxwell drowns at sea.
- 1992** Pecket Well Cooperative Society building becomes a College for Adult Basic & Community Education. Coal industry privatised.
- 1993** Maastricht Treaty.
- 1994** Channel Tunnel open.
- 1995** Nick Leeson brings down Barings.
- 1996** Friends of Hebden Bridge Picture House established. BSE beef scare in UK.
- 1997** Princess Diana killed in car crash.
- 1998** Town's cinema restored. Good Friday peace agreement.
- 1999** World population hits 6 billion.
- 2000** Bill Marsden takes famous photo, 'Sunset in Old Town'. Hatfield train disaster. Dome opens.
- 2001** 9/11 terrorist attack. Foot & Mouth.
- 2002** UK snubs Euro. Queen Mother dies.
- 2003** Hebden Bridge Tourist Information Centre moves into canal interpretation centre. England win Rugby World Cup.
- 2004** EU enlarged to 25 states.
- 2005** Tsunami hits Asia.