



Hartshead Moor
Cricket Club

Centenary Brochure
1876 - 1976



SUMMARY OF OFFICERS

as far as can be ascertained

PRESIDENTS

1921–1968 Col. Sir Alfred L. Mowat, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., O.B.E., D.L., J.P.

1968–1976 Herbert Walker, Arch.R.I.B.A.

Hon. Secretaries

1905–25 J. W. Booth
1928–32 W. Ellison
1933–36 H. Walker
1937–38 J. Kent
1939–64 G. W. Syrett
1965–68 L. P. Squire
1969–70 A. Brook
1971–72 C. E. Engledow
1973–74 R. N. Grant
1975–76 G. Pomfret

Hon. Treasurers

— –1928 H. Wilkinson
1929–38 G. W. Syrett
1939–50 W. P. Wood
1951–64 A. Brook
1965–69 M. Artley
1970–43 A. M. Newsome
1974–76 H. Rastrick

Chairmen

1950–54 J. Kent
1955–64 A. Brocklehurst
1965–68 H. Walker
1969 G. Boothroyd
1970–71 J. Holt
1972–74 G. Pomfret
1975–76 K. Wear

CAPTAINS

First XI

— –1929 H. Brooke
1930–34 W. Wood
1935 D. Wilcock
1936–43 C. Booth
1944–45 H. H. Booth
1946 H. Walker
1947 H. H. Booth
1948 R. Walker
1949–50 S. H. Marsden
1951–52 W. Booth
1953–66 D. Hirst
1967–70 T. Evans
1971 B. Collier
1972–76 T. Evans

Second XI

— –1929 H. Ramsden
1930 H. Squire
1931–32 G. Kershaw
1933–35 W. Womersley
1936 J. Shaw
1937–38 W. Womersley
1939 J. N. Howorth
1940–42 A. N. Rastrick
1945–46 A. Brocklehurst
1947 S. Metcalfe
1948 G. Hinchcliffe
1949–53 E. Archer
1954–55 D. P. Bellfield
1956–59 R. C. Whiteley
1960–61 G. Comins
1962 J. Spink
1963 R. Walker
1964 L. P. Squire
1965 R. Bonas
1966–67 A. M. Newsome
1968 D. Baldwin
1969–70 J. M. Brooke
1971 J. Walker
1972 A. M. Newsome
1973–74 J. P. Stead
1975 R. Harwood

PREFACE BY OUR PRESIDENT

First of all I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor — Col. Sir Alfred L. Mowat Bart, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., D.L., J.P., who died in 1968 after serving this club as President for 46 years. He set to us all a magnificent example with his remarkable record of public service to all sections of the community in so many fields.

After a lifetime's love of Cricket in general and Hartshead Moor in particular I felt greatly honoured and proud when asked by the Club to succeed him.

Secondly I must pay tribute to undisputedly the finest servant any Club could ever have — the late **George W. Syrett** — who never played cricket, yet was elected on to the Committee in 1926, was Treasurer from 1929 to 1938 and Secretary from 1939 to 1964. Yes, 35 years unbroken service in the two most onerous positions of any organisation. No words of mine can adequately convey the value of his work for the Club or the gratitude that we should feel towards this man of small physical stature but with a great heart, marvellous tact and friendliness, tremendous capacity for work and responsibility and with a love of Hartshead Moor C.C. impossible to surpass.

Twenty five years ago to celebrate our 75th Anniversary a very comprehensive brochure was compiled by Harry H. Booth involving literally hundreds of hours of research. His father, John William, was Secretary of the Club for 21 years and he and his brothers, Clifford and Willie all were first-class cricketers, all played for and eventually captained the 1st XI. Unfortunately all are now dead but their work for the Club and prowess on the field will indeed take some beating by any family or by any standards.

Owing to present day costs it is impracticable to reproduce the records and information contained in that valuable brochure but the first three paragraphs must be quoted substituting only the word "Centenary" for "75th Anniversary". In twenty five years most things have changed with great rapidity and it is remarkable that the words written then, still apply at Hartshead Moor.

"Many good reasons could be given for the publication of this brochure to mark the Centenary of the foundation of the Hartshead Moor Cricket Club, but if it only places on record the club's appreciation of the outstanding voluntary work freely given down the years it will have been well worth while.

It is no exaggeration to say that this club, which has so successfully weathered two world wars and many other disturbances and changes, owes its very existence to voluntary work. This fact cannot be stressed too much in these days when, unfortunately, the spirit of doing something for nothing is being replaced by the question 'What am I going to get out of it?'

It is for this reason that in this publication the club records its acknowledgement of the immense effort that has been given by all sorts of people during its existence. Right from the beginning, when the ground was levelled by real hard work, down to the present day, the club has been singularly fortunate in having workers and craftsmen of all kinds and of both sexes who have freely placed their services at the disposal of the club. The club still continues its splendid traditions and as long as that spirit prevails no one need have any fears for its future."

Yes, the three paragraphs written 25 years ago could have been written today and equally as sincerely.

It is literally impossible to mention all workers, players and supporters of the club over the century or even the last 25 years in a small brochure. The Second and Third (Junior) Elevens play a major part in a club and whilst sincerely acknowledging this must apologise for the lack of mention which is due to the loss of records of their performances. We are indeed indebted to the

Editor of the *Spensborough Guardian* for the use of their comprehensive files and making this publication possible at all.

The Ladies' Committee over the years and right up to the present day have always been in the forefront of the great contributors to the life of the Hartshead Moor C.C.

Cricketwise it is very difficult indeed to compare the past and present and one type of cricketer with another and I can only give my opinion as to the best performances and performers I have seen in almost 60 years of Hartshead Moor cricket. Incidentally all by amateurs.

To me the most important batting and bowling performances for our club were Frank Squire's 44 in a crisis followed by Jim Holroyd's 5-22 when the Heavy Woollen Cup was won at our third and last final in 1958 against all the odds versus the much more professionally powerful Hanging Heaton. This gained for the club its first and only major knock-out challenge trophy.

Up to 1975 the best bowling I ever saw for H.M. was in 1928 when a strong Spen Victoria on a good wicket disposed of us for 55. Ten members of the side had given up the match at the interval. Not so Joe Hirst, whose marvellous spirit rallied the side and then devastatingly bowled it to victory by 1 run with a magnificent spell of sustained and accurate fast bowling bringing him 7-17. To me this was in the circumstances only surpassed last year by Keith Sutcliffe's amazing 7-3 versus Idle — on paper one of the strongest and certainly the most expensive side ever faced by Hartshead Moor.

The most technically correct, chanceless yet forceful innings I have seen was in 1973 by Leonard Squire whose beautiful, eye-catching 76 was instrumental in the downfall of Spen Victoria at Spen (167-9 against 171-7).

The greatest run-getter and the batsman feared most by the opposition was Donald Hirst who could on his day take any attack apart. In 13½ seasons at Hartshead Moor he scored over 7,000 runs and holds the club record for the greatest number of centuries (5). His father Joe holds the record scores of the last 50 years with 156 v Thornhill, and 135 v Scholes followed by Donald with 133 not out v Heckmondwike and brother Raymond 128 v Laisterdyke. A fine club record by any cricketing family. All three were great fielders.

I cannot decide on any choice for the best amateur bowler for Hartshead Moor so I will leave that to the reader although my next choice would rank very high.

My choice of the best all-rounder would undoubtedly be Reggie Walker — a model for young cricketers in temperament, disposition and in cricket technique. He was a reliable, safe and sure fieldsman with such 1st team bowling performances up to the start of this brochure as 5-23 v Staincliffe, 9-7 v Birstall, 5-21 v Scholes, 8-17 v Thornhill, 5-12 v Monkton, 5-39 v Scholes, 5-27 v Cleckheaton, 5-33 v Gomersal, 7-9 v Morley, 7-34 v Menston, 7-35 v Featherstone, 6-34 v Thornhill, 9-44 v Liversedge, 7-35 v Gomersal, 7-79 v Cleckheaton, 6-11 v Gomersal, 6-38 v Addingham, 6-14 v Batley, 5-6 v Thackley, 5-38 v Sowerby Bridge, 5-69 v Salts, 5-32 v Scholes, 5-30 v Blakeboroughs, 6-30 v Liversedge, 5-36 v Chickenley, and a taker of many other wickets. His batting, again up to the start of this brochure included such scores as 51 v Cleckheaton, 55 n.o. v Liversedge, 83 n.o. v Gomersal, 52 v Liversedge, 70 n.o. v Addingham, 55 v Liversedge, 65 n.o. v Scholes, 56 n.o. v Hanging Heaton, 67 v Gomersal, 66 n.o. v Scholes and with a consistent string of 30s and 40s to his name.

Reggie is one who along with such as Walter Wood, Irvine Swaine of past players, and Terry Evans, Leonard Squire and Howard Rastrick of present ones, who have done so much hard work on our proudest possession — our ground — and tried to put back into the Club some of the pleasure that it has given them.

Over the years there have been many first-class fieldsmen including Jeff

Kirby who once caught the first five batsmen at first slip at Gomersal, Wilfred Womersley, Norman Brooke, Donald & Raymond Hirst, Brian Collier, Ronnie Thompson, Stephen Birkett and Keith Sutcliffe. The last three each have brought great honour to the club by winning the Bradford League Abe Waddington Fielding Trophy respectively in 1967, 69, 74 — three winners in the 13 years we have been in the Bradford League.

To me Stephen Birkett was the best and most brilliant of them all. He had all the qualities of the truly greats and would have been outstanding as a fieldsman in any class of cricket.

I am not one to subscribe to the view that the young of today have deteriorated in either morals, character, common sense or physique. Like all groups throughout the ages the few let down the many and in these days of television the bad acts of the very few are blown up out of all proportion to the sterling qualities of the large majority. They may have been given many more advantages than the young of my generation but the "rat race" of living today is correspondingly harder. I envy the ones I see on the field and even more so in the disco's!

As I see it if the lads and lasses of other organisations are as fine as ours then none of us need fear for the future.

I would like now to pay tribute to our 1st XI Captain of the last few years — Terry Evans — for his leadership, sportsmanship on the field and for the wonderful example he has set and continues to set off it with his marvellous efforts for, and interest in, the club. Similarly my gratitude goes to all officials, committee members, the Ladies' Committee, all members, 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI players and supporters for making my position as President such an enjoyable and happy one.

We have had our ups and downs financially throughout the 25 years and I am pleased indeed to report that at this moment in time our head is well above water and with the careful management of finances that has always been necessary at Hartshead Moor I sincerely hope that it can remain so.

Herbert Walker

1952

After winning the 2nd Division of the Central Yorkshire League the Club played in the 1st Division but unfortunately were relegated. Some consolation came from the fact that the very powerful Heckmondwike were beaten twice in the season and for the second time in its history we reached the Heavy Woollen Cup Final only to lose to Thornhill on a rain affected day — 150–3 suspended against 147 all out.

The second round of the Cup resulted in a most remarkable match played in glorious weather all day Saturday and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Chickenley. We scored the clubs highest ever score of 407 (R. E. Curran 88 n.o., R. Walker 88, R. Hirst 64, N. Mounsey 51. Chickenley were 200 for 5 by Wednesday but collapsed for 215 (R. Walker 3–16).

In the Semi-final Donald Hirst and Reggie Walker each scored 42 out of 119 but Frank Squire with 3–16 and Ron Holmes 4–45 disposed of Birstall for 93.

Other good performances were; W. Booth 88 n.o. v Cleckheaton, D. Hirst 53 v Heckmondwike, 69 v Batley, 83 v Heckmondwike, R. Walker 51 v Ossett, 56 n.o. v Cleckheaton, N. Mounsey 56 v Scholes, R. Holmes 6–32 v Heckmondwike, R. Walker 7–52 v Heckmondwike, F. Squire 5–56 v Ossett.

Donald Hirst scored 623 runs and R. Walker 462.

1953

During the close season a slip catching machine and concrete wicket were made, a new Pay Box and Entrance constructed and re-seating of the whole ground commenced all by voluntary labour at minimal cost. Donald Hirst commenced his 13 year captaincy of the club. We lost in the 2nd round of the Cup after beating Chickenley again and in the League suffered our 1st defeat on 12th June and then slumped finishing 4th.

Individual performances of note were; R. Walker 102 n.o. and 43 n.o. v East Ardsley, 65 v Mirfield, R. C. Whiteley 56 v Chickenley, B. Frear 76 v Chickenley, R. Hirst 90 n.o. v Huddersfield ICI, R. Walker 3–11 v East Ardsley, 4–23 v Scholes, 4–55 v Liversedge, F. Squire 5–41 v Drighlington, 4–25 v Chickenley.

1954

Again the season started well but as holidays took their toll of players we finally finished midway in the 2nd Division and were defeated in the 2nd round of the Cup.

Good performers were; D. Hirst 100 v Wakefield (5–6s, 8–4s), 54 v Staincliffe, R. Walker 51 v Chickenley, 62 v Batley, 45 n.o. v Drighlington, R. E. Curran 54 v Drighlington, 48 v Batley, D. Baxter 70 v Gomersal, 54 n.o. v Morley, R. Walker 4–12 v Gomersal, D. Baxter 5–51 v Staincliffe, 6–25 v Morley, H. Wharton 5–17 v Gomersal, 4–31 v I.C.I., 4–45 v Staincliffe, 3–8 v Scholes, R. C. Whiteley 3–23 and 3–10 v Gomersal, R. Hirst 3–18 v Scholes.

1955

With Fred Wharton as player-coach we again won the 2nd Division Championship but lost in the 1st round of the Cup to Chickenley 212–204. R. Walker scored 76 and K. Medley took 5–40.

Donald Hirst scored 630 runs in 20 innings and Fred Wharton took 107 wickets at 9 r.p.w. This was the first and only time that the century of wickets in a season had ever been obtained in the club. 3 matches only were lost.

Noteworthy performances were; D. Hirst 91 v Liversedge, 46 n.o. v Thornhill, 92 v Scholes, R. Hirst 43 n.o. v Birstall, 50 v Morley, 52 v Chickenley, 68 v Scholes, N. Brook 75 v Scholes, 74 v East Ardsley, F. Squire 60 v Gomersal, B. Frear 74 v East Ardsley, F. Wharton 8-24 v Cleckheaton, 5-58 v East Ardsley, 5-55 v Morley, 6-7 v Gomersal, 6-56 v Batley, 3-18 v Chickenley, 7-41 v Thornhill, 7-33 v Mirfield, 5-38 v Birstall, 7-69 v Thornhill, 5-69 v Cleckheaton, 5-45 v Scholes, 6-14 v Gomersal, 5-54 v Drighlington, K. Medley 6-30 v Chickenley, 4-28 v Batley, 4-54 v East Ardsley. Two results involving two pairs of brothers are worthy of note.

Morley 30. Hm. 31-1, H. Wharton 6-14 (incl. hat trick), F. Wharton 4-16.
Chickenley 143. Hm. 146-0, Donald and Raymond Hirst each 71 not out.

1956

The complete re-seating of the ground was completed and a car park formed. During the season a benefit match for Willie Watson (Yorks. & England) raised £44. We were defeated in the 1st round of the Cup and finished in the middle of the 1st Division in a season mostly noteworthy for rain.

D. Hirst 57 n.o. v Cleckheaton, L. Squire 58 v Liversedge, F. Squire 70 v Scholes, R. E. Curran 48 n.o. v Dewsbury, B. Frear 49 v Chickenley, R. Hirst 58 v Cleckheaton, R. Walker 58 v Heckmondwike, F. Wharton 7-44 v Ossett, 5-54 v Staincliffe, 4-43 v Mirfield, 4-20 v Hanging Heaton, H. Wharton 4-24 v Liversedge, 5-21 v Birstall, 4-24 v Cleckheaton, R. Walker 4-28 v Birstall, B. Hardcastle 4-20 v Ossett.

1957

Again a poor season. 4th from the bottom and out of the Cup in the 1st round. During the season D. Hirst was top scorer with 41 for the Y.C.L. v Bradford League.

Performances included; L. P. Squire 113 v Staincliffe, D. Hirst 92 v Heckmondwike, 55 v Wakefield, 53 v Liversedge, J. Archer 49 v Heckmondwike, H. Wharton 3-19 v Ossett, 5-37 v Hanging Heaton, F. Squire 4-16 v Liversedge, A. Kershaw 4-33 v Hanging Heaton, R. Hirst 4-34 v Ossett, J. Horsman 3-11 v Wakefield, L. Hemmingway 3-13 v Wakefield.

1958

An all amateur side with the addition of Jim Holroyd, Norman Parish and the return of Kenneth Wood turned out to be a well balanced side which finished 4th in the 1st Division and also fulfilled the ambition of every Hartshead Moor player or supporter by winning the Heavy Woollen Cup after having lost to Heckmondwike and Thornhill in our only two previous finals in 1938 and 1952. This was probably the greatest year in the Club's history particularly considering the professional strengths of 1st Division sides and especially our First opponents — Hanging Heaton.

During this season Allan Kershaw was selected for the tour of the Yorkshire Cricket Federation Junior side and won the bowling prize. He is still playing in the C.Y.L. and his consistent form with both bat and ball year in and year out rank him with the top all-rounders of that league.

In the League there were the following performances; D. Hirst 112 v Hanging Heaton (3-6s, 15-4s), R. Walker 65 v Staincliffe, R. Hirst 4-32 v

Hanging Heaton, 5-23 v Ossett, A. Kershaw 4-23 v East Ardsley, 3-9 v Birstall 5-33 v Heckmondwike, 3-10 v Staincliffe, 6-75 v Dewsbury, K. Wood 5-12 v East Ardsley, 4-16 v Birstall, 4-13 v Staincliffe, 4-25 v Mirfield, J. Holroyd 7-26 v Wakefield.

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP

1st Round Hm. 150-3 susp. (L. P. Squire 51, D. Hirst 44); I.C.I. 61 (F. Squire 5-41; J. Holdroyd 4-17.)

2nd Round Birstall 126. Hartshead Moor 106-4, rained off on Saturday (D. Hirst 40; L. Squire 35). It rained Monday, Tues., Wed., and Thurs. evenings when both sides turned up. It was on Friday and as only 4 Birstall players appeared at High Moor Lane the umpires had no choice except to award the match to Hartshead Moor.

Semi-Final H.M. 153-1 suspended (L. Squire 60 n.o., N. Parish 43, D. Hirst 36) Gomersal 76 (K. Wood 4-13, A. Kershaw 3-27).

The FINAL was played at Mirfield against Hanging Heaton and resulted in a magnificent win for Hartshead Moor against all the odds. H.M. won the toss and batted first:

*D. Hirst <i>ct</i> Bruce <i>b</i> Hastings	4	B. Brown <i>c</i> Parrish <i>b</i> Squire	8
*L. P. Squire <i>c</i> Day <i>b</i> Hastings	15	D. Lyons <i>b</i> Holroyd	5
*J. Archer <i>c</i> Duckworth <i>b</i> Shaw	12	J. Duckworth <i>b</i> Holroyd	19
*R. Hirst <i>l.b.w.</i> Calvert	25	H. Shaw <i>c</i> Parish <i>b</i> Holroyd	1
N. Parish <i>b</i> Calvert	9	C. McNair <i>b</i> Squire	2
R. Walker <i>b</i> Shaw	0	D. Duckworth <i>c</i> Dawson <i>b</i> Kershaw	27
J. Holroyd <i>b</i> Hastings	4	M. Day <i>l.b.w.</i> Holroyd	1
*F. Squire <i>b</i> Calvert	44	R. Robinson <i>c</i> Dawson <i>b</i> Holroyd	7
G. Dawson <i>c</i> Bruce <i>b</i> Calvert	8	G. Bruce <i>run out</i>	13
*K. Wood <i>c</i> Duckworth <i>b</i> Hastings	0	J. Hastings <i>st</i> Dawson <i>b</i> Kershaw	3
*A. Kershaw <i>not out</i>	1	E. Calvert <i>not out</i>	0
	<i>Extras</i> 9		<i>Extras</i> 8
	<i>Total</i> 131		<i>Total</i> 87

Bowling: H. H. E. Calvert 4-35. J. Hastings 4-46. H. Shaw 2-25.
H. M. J. Holroyd 5-22. F. Squire 2-22. A. Kershaw 2-23.

The Hartshead Moor side was remarkable in the fact that the seven players marked with an asterisk all commenced their playing careers at the Moor and their fathers all played for H.M. 1st XI. Reggie Walker similarly commenced as a boy and his father was on the Committee and Chairman for many years.

George Dawson, towards the end of a very illustrious career as a wicket-keeper created a record in local cricket and attained his ambition of holding a Huddersfield Sykes Cup, a Bradford Priestley Cup and a Heavy Woollen Cup winners medal — the three most coveted cricket trophies in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

A celebration dinner was held at Prospect Hall where the main speaker was that great character and Captain of Yorkshire A. Brian Sellers.

1959

With the exception of the Norman Parish virtually the same side finished as runners up to Mirfield in the 1st Division of the C.Y.L. but lost the 1st round of the Cup to Wakefield — Wakefield 235 (A. Kershaw 6-78), H.M. 194 (R. Walker 36, A. Kershaw 29 n.o.)

Noteworthy League performances were; D. Hirst 45 n.o. v Staincliffe, 61 v Chickenley, 51 v Chickenley, R. Hirst 99 v Staincliffe, J. Holdroyd 54 v Cleckheaton, D. Bould 50 (in 50 mins.) v Heckmondwike, A. Kershaw

3-4 v Drighlington, 4-23 v Birstall, 6-74 v Cleckheaton, 3-28 v Ossett, K. Wood 4-18 v Drighlington, 5-20 v Chickenley, J. Holroyd 3-17 v Staincliffe, D. Bould 4-24 v Birstall.

L. P. Squire in 13 innings scored 379 runs average 29.15.

D. Hirst in 17 innings scored 429 runs average 28.82.

Allan Kershaw bowled 189 overs 52 maidens, 52 wickets 550 runs average 10.5.

1960

Allan Kershaw unfortunately left to join Farsley and George Dawson very sportingly retired to make room for the younger John Arder as wicketkeeper-batsman. The team never recovered from a bad start but avoided relegation.

Noteworthy performances were; D. Hirst 133 n.o. v Heckmondwike, 101 v Liversedge, 77 v Cleckheaton, R. Hirst 81 v Staincliffe, 59 n.o. v Drighlington, 53 v Wakefield, 73 n.o. v Liversedge, 65 v Chickenley, R. Walker 59 v Hanging Heaton, 42 n.o. v Cleckheaton, J. Archer 59 n.o. v Hanging Heaton, R. Lee 60 v Cleckheaton, F. Squire 6-29 v Birstall, 4-32 v Cleckheaton, J. Holroyd 4-30 v Wakefield, 3-19 v Heckmondwike, R. Walker 4-36 v Liversedge.

J. Holroyd and F. Squire bowled out Liversedge for 18 and Drighlington for 50. Holdroyd 6-7 and 6-12, Squire 4-10 and 4-37.

On July 30th the H.W. Cup final between Cleckheaton and Hanging Heaton was held at the Moor. Due to bad weather on the Saturday and Monday the match was won by Cleckheaton on Tuesday. The profits were over £100.

Donald Hirst scored 667 runs in 19 innings, average 35, and his brother Raymond 452 in 15, average 30.

1961

The team finished 4th in the 1st Division and beat Hanging Heaton in the first round of the Cup only to fall to Gomersal in the second.

Performances were; D. Hirst 62 n.o. v Ossett, 88 v Mirfield, 50 v Batley, L. P. Squire 77 n.o. v Birstall, 61 v Chickenley, R. Hirst 68 v Hanging Heaton, 45 v Mirfield, 68 v Mirfield, J. Archer 60 and 69 v Gomersal, R. Lee 54 v Gomersal, B. Collier 42 n.o. v Gomersal, K. Wood 4-12 v Chickenley, J. Holroyd 5-26 v Ossett, 8-22 v Cleckheaton, 4-40 and 5-30 v Hanging Heaton, 3-13 v Mirfield, 3-12 v Cleckheaton, 7-19 v Scholes, B. Collier 4-32 and 3-26 v Hanging Heaton, D. Bould 3-8 v Mirfield.

In the 2nd XI Martyn Kent scored 116 n.o. v Heckmondwike.

1962

Under the Captaincy of Donald Hirst the Club had a very average season finishing midway in the 1st Division and being knocked out in the Cup by Mirfield after beating Chickenley and Morley in the two previous rounds.

Notable performances were; D. Baxter 100 n.o. v Chickenley, 52 n.o. v Thornhill, 63 v Mirfield (Cup), D. Hirst 116 n.o. v Heckmondwike, 75 v Staincliffe, 50 v Heckmondwike, 66 v Chickenley. These two were the main rungetters scoring 396 and 497 respectively. Bowling — A. Kershaw 4-42 v Chickenley, 2-7 v Cleckheaton, 3-28 v Mirfield, 3-20 v Morley, 2-7 v King Cross, 3-21 v Heckmondwike, J. Holroyd 8-16 v Staincliffe, 3-33 v Mirfield, D. Lee 6-30 v Chickenley, 4-21 v Hanging Heaton, 3-42 v Staincliffe, 4-7 v King Cross, 4-28 v Cleckheaton, M. Kent 3-19 v Chickenley, A. Cowgill 3-24 v Cleckheaton, 3-26 v Mirfield, 4-9 v Mirfield, D. Leetook 41 wickets and A. Kershaw 37. Arnold Cowgill won the bowling prize with 25 wickets at 14.24 r.p.w.

For some years the Club had been dissatisfied with the cricket played in the C.Y.L. Most captains in the league seemed to go on the field with the intention of not losing and played their cricket with that in mind. Donald Hirst, on the other hand, played cricket to win and took chances to do this. Very few captains accepted his challenge with resulting frustration to the players and the club.

A vacancy was advertised for the Bradford League who for many years had been playing overs cricket. Hartshead Moor decided to apply and were accepted thus ending one era and starting another in the history of the Club.

1963

With Donald Hirst again as Captain and virtually the same side with the addition of Terry Evans our advent in the Bradford League 2nd Division was of an exploratory nature. Out of 20 matches we won 5, lost 7 and drew 9 finishing midway in the league. Brian Collier won the batting with 555 runs, 12 completed innings 46.25 average, Donald Hirst was 2nd with 642-16-40.25 and Terry Evans 3rd with 368-16-23. David Lee won the bowling taking 42 wickets at 15.16.

Individual performances were: D. Hirst 35 n.o. v Lidget Green, 44 v Baildon, 63 v Undercliffe, 82 n.o. v Yeadon, 46 v Brighouse, 53 v Keighley, 75 v Eccleshill, 32 n.o. v Brighouse, 87 v Yeadon, Terry Evans 56 n.o. v Great Horton, 43 v Yeadon, R. Hirst 128 v Laisterdyke, J. Walker 51 v Great Horton, B. Collier 50 v Undercliffe, 119 n.o. v Queensbury, 72 v Keighley, 56 n.o. v Spen Victoria, 51 v Yeadon, 57 v Bankfoot, D. Lee 5-40 v Undercliffe, 5-45 v Keighley, 7-34 v Keighley, 5-51 v Brighouse, A. Cowgill 4-74 v Laisterdyke, A. Kershaw 5-47 v Baildon, H. Woolard 6-32 v Laisterdyke.

During the close season work was commenced on a new bar and toilet extension to the pavilion.

1964

The new bar was opened for the start of the season.

Brian Collier went as professional to Queensbury and we were joined by M. Tetley, L. Campbell and David Harnsworth. D. Hirst was Captain. We were knocked out of the Priestley Cup in the 1st round by Bowling Old Lane and in the league, 2nd Division played 17 won 4 lost 10 and drew 3 with 3 abandoned. Finishing 4th from the bottom of the league.

Individual performances were; D. Hirst 40 v Laisterdyke, 70 v Yeadon, 50 v Yeadon, 55 v Bankfoot, J. Walker 47 v Laisterdyke, 46 v Yeadon, R. Lee 58 v Bankfoot, J. Evans 106 v Spen Victoria, J. Archer 62 v Spen Victoria, L. Squire 48 v Bowling Old Lane, 46 v Keighley, A. Wilson 47 v Spen Victoria, 41 v Spen Victoria, 42 v Great Horton, L. Campbell 4-47 v Great Horton, 8-51 v Eccleshall, 7-33 v Bankfoot, D. Hainsworth 4-21 v Baildon, 4-46 v Queensbury, A. Cowgill 4-31 v Laisterdyke, 4-19 v Great Horton, D. Lee 5-46 v Great Horton, 4-48 v Baildon, 3-21 v Bankfoot.

1965

John Eyre, a Derbyshire Colt was signed as a professional, Billy Brown joined us from Spen and Donald Hirst was Captain. Our wicket-keeper John Archer intimated at the start of the season that he was stopping cricket for the time being and we engaged Geoff Hodgson a Yorkshire Colt and a brilliant wicket-keeper. Despite this we again finished 4th from the bottom of the 2nd Division.

Individual performances were; D. Hirst 62 v Windhill, 64 v Great Horton, 42 and 36 v Queensbury, J. Eyre 69 v Spen Victoria, 31 v Eccleshill, 38 v Bankfoot, R. Hirst 44 v Brighouse, 44 v Queensbury, 56 v Brighouse, 54 v Great Horton,

80 v Spen Victoria, T. Evans 76 v Baildon, 40 n.o. v Spen, L. P. Squire 54 v Bankfoot, 38 v Baildon, 30 v Brighouse, W. H. Brown 65 n.o. v Spen, 39 v Spen, 31 v Yeadon; Bowling — J. Eyre 5–19 v Great Horton, D. Lee 5–30 v Spen, 8–44 v Great Horton, 4–38 v Keighley, W. H. Brown 4–17 v Baildon, 6–25 v Brighouse, L. Wear 3–19 v Yeadon, 3–18 v Salts, D. Hamsworth 5–48 v Baildon, J. Walker 4–30 v Yeadon, L. Campbell 4–23 v Keighley.

1966

Brian Redfearn and Geoff Hodgson (wkt kpr) were engaged as professionals along with John Eyre when his County commitments allowed. Donald Hirst was Captain but unfortunately resigned in July and left the club after 14 years yeoman service.

We finished 4th in the 2nd Division and beat Undercliffe in the Cup and then were beaten by Bradford who scored 35 in their last three overs.

H.M. 180–8 (B. Redfearn 46, R. Hirst 43) Undercliffe 153 (B. Redfearn 6–58 in 23 overs).

Bradford 186–8 (W. H. Brown 3–27), H.M. 169 (D. Hirst 52)

Other individual performances were; L. P. Squire 73 n.o. and 62 v Bankfoot, 49 v Yeadon, D. Hirst 53 v Baildon, R. Hirst 51 v Windhill, J. Evans 53 v Saltaire, 60 v Spen Victoria 56 and 57 v Baildon, W.H. Brown 42 v Salts, 71 v Bingley, 50 v Brighouse, J. R. Eyre 67 v Bankfoot, 72 v Yeadon, B. Redfearn 4–23 v Bankfoot, 5–11 v Yeadon, 5–61 v Spen, 7–50 v Baildon, 7–35 v Saltaire, W. H. Brown 3–7 v Brighouse, 5–24 v Yeadon, D. Lee 3–28 v Windhill, 4–48 v Bankfoot, 4–17 v Yeadon, 5–45 v Salts, 3–8 v Queensbury, 6–41 v Saltaire, J. Fenton 4–17 v Bankfoot, L. Campbell 3–25 v Saltaire, 4–68 v Bingley, L. Wear 3–11 v Brighouse.

1967

Terry Evans was elected Captain and Redfearn, Eyre and Ronnie Thompson were engaged. With two matches to go we were leading the 2nd Division but with 1 point from these two matches we finished 2nd thus gaining promotion.

Individual performances were: J. Eyre 56 n.o. v Baildon, L. P. Squire 59 v Saltaire, R. Thompson 49 n.o. v Queensbury, 57 n.o. v Windhill, 65 v Baildon, 50 n.o. v Saltaire, 54 v Salts, T. Evans 47 v East Bierley, 64 v Windhill, D. Hallett 62 v Queensbury, D. Wilson 82 v Baildon, 49 v Spen, P. Brook 57 v Yeadon, D. Tordoff 61 v East Bierley, D. Lee 52 n.o. v Yeadon, B. Redfearn 5–68 v East Bierley, 4–22 v Laisterdyke, 6–14 v Windhill, 5–24 v Saltaire, 7–26 v Farsley, 7–47 v Laisterdyke, 4–37 v Queensbury, 4–38 v Windhill, 4–41 v Yeadon, D. Lee 6–68 v Yeadon, 6–42 v Spen, 5–70 v Salts, W. H. Brown 6–39 v Baildon, 5–12 v Saltaire, 4–37 v Baildon.

Ronnie Thompson won the Abe Waddington Fielding Trophy.

1968

With Terry Evans as Captain we finished midway in the 1st Division and in the Priestley Cup beat Farsley and lost to Saltaire:

H.M. 127–9 (B. Redfearn 41), Farsley 19 (D. Lee 5–5, B. Redfearn 5–9).

Saltaire 215–9, H.M. 190–9 (R. Thompson 58)

Individual performances were; D. Hallett 60 v Bradford, 79 n.o. v Pudsey, K. Hirst 51 n.o. v Undercliffe, 48 v Bradford, L. P. Squire 66 n.o. v Pudsey, 55 n.o. v East Bierley, 72 n.o. v Eccleshill, 43 v Pudsey, T. Evans 59 v Pudsey, 40 n.o. v Lidget Green, 45 v Saltaire, D. Wilson 58 v Pudsey, W. H. Brown 53 n.o. v East Bierley, R. Thompson 50 v Lidget Green, W. H. Brown 7–36 v Bradford, 4–12 v Saltaire, 4–45 v Lidget Green, D. Lee 4–23 v Bingley, 4–36 v East Bierley, 4–49 v Lightcliffe, B. Redfearn 4–32 v Bingley, 4–40 v Bowling Old Lane, 6–36 v Lightcliffe.

1969

With T. Evans again Captain and B. Redfearn and R. Smith and the return of M. Kent we finished 4th from the bottom in the 1st Division. The first 3 matches were off and in the Cup beat Brighouse and lost to Pudsey:

H.M. 180–6 (L. Squire 44), Brighouse 113 (W. H. Brown 5–29).
Pudsey 166, H.M. 109.

Other individual performances were; D. Hallett 51 v Bankfoot, L. P. Squire 60 v East Bierley, 50 v Eccleshill, 47 v Saltaire, R. Smith 105 n.o. v Eccleshill, 91 v Bingley, S. L. Birkett 59 n.o. v Eccleshill, 57 v Saltaire, B. Redfearn 63 n.o. v Undercliffe, 4–25 v East Bierley, 7–51 v Saltaire, 4–33 v East Bierley, 5–39 v Eccleshill, D. Lee 4–46 v Eccleshill.

Stephen L. Birkett won the Abe Waddington Trophy for Fielding.

On July 12th Rodney Smith made his debut for Yorkshire and scored 38 n.o. against Gloucester.

1970

With the compensation received for the loss of the original pavilion and some of our land to the M62 motorway, with over £800 received from an appeal and with a contribution from the Sports Council, new dressing rooms with toilet, showers and basins along with a store room were erected over the pavilion and a piece of frontage land up to the M62 purchased from Kirklees. The new dressing rooms were opened for the start of the season.

Under the Captaincy of Terry Evans from a playing point of view it was a bad season. In the League we played 22 won 3 lost 15. Rodney Smith whilst on duty with Yorkshire broke a finger and missed quite a few matches. R. Bartells was signed as pro midway through the season all to no avail and Stephen Birkett gave up cricket for golf.

We won the 1st round of the Cup 213–148 v East Bierley. B. Redfearn scoring 114 n.o. with 3–41 and D. Lee took 6–75. In the second round we lost 157 (R. Smith 59)–Bowling Old Lane 162–6.

Other good performances were produced by L. P. Squire 88 v Lightcliffe, 86 v East Bierley, R. Smith 61 v Lightcliffe, 62 v Bradford, B. Redfearn 51 v Bankfoot, 54 n.o. v Idle, T. Evans 59 n.o. v Bowling, D. Lee 57 v East Bierley, W. H. Brown 5–54 v Undercliffe (including hat trick), 6–60 v Bowling Old Lane, R. Bartells 5–41 v Bowling, K. Illingworth 7–40 v Farsley.

1971

We returned to the Second Division and with Brian Collier as professional Captain, Brian Redfearn remaining and the return of Martin Kent finished 3rd in the League with 9 wins and 6 losses out of 22 matches. In the first round of the Priestley Cup: H.M. 228 for 3 (L. P. Squire 98 n.o., S. Tart 69), Bowling Old Lane 199 (K. Illingworth 7–63). In the second round H.M. 94 v Idle 95–4.

Other meritorious performances were; S. Tart 69 v Keighley, 54 n.o. v Salts, 53 v Lidget Green, 42 v Bowling, 40 v Laisterdyke, L. P. Squire 47 n.o. v Windhill, 44 v Lidget Green, 74 v Brighouse, T. Evans 52 v Laisterdyke, 47 v Yeadon, 46 v Baildon, B. Collier 43 v Keighley, 50 v Brighouse, 76 v Salts, 63 v Queensbury, 57 v Bowling, 63 v Windhill, B. Redfearn 51 v Baildon, 62 n.o. v Windhill, 7–47 v Laisterdyke, 4–24 v Laisterdyke, 5–32 v Baildon, M. Kent 6–34 v Queensbury, K. Illingworth 4–20 v Queensbury, 4–30 v Eccleshill, B. Redfearn 4–23 v Windhill, 3–14 v Lidget Green, 4–30 v Brighouse, R. Harwood 3–33 v Brighouse.

1972

Brian Collier left and Allan Greaves was signed as professional. We were joined by Pat McKelvey and Trevor Holmes and after Whitsuntide John Booth joined as a further professional. Under the Captaincy of Terry Evans this was our best season ever in the Bradford League winning the 2nd Division Cup playing 22 winning 12 and losing 2, finishing with 72 points against the 63 of Pudsey who were runners up. East Bierley defeated us in the Cup.

Allan Greaves in 16 innings scored 534 runs average 35, John Broth in 9 innings scored 288 an average of 32 and in 75 overs took 18 wickets for 129 runs an average of 7.

Arnold Newsome had a marvellous season in the 2nd XI — in 14 completed innings scoring 572 runs average 41.

Fine performances were recorded by; L. P. Squire 75 v Bowling Old Lane, 58 v Keighley, A. Greaves 44 v Queensbury, 78 n.o. v Laisterdyke, 46 n.o. v East Bierley, 46 v Eccleshill, 71 v Pudsey, 42 v Yeadon, J. Booth 39 v Eccleshill, and 4 for 17, 45 and 4-27 v East Bierley, 46 v Eccleshill, 43 v Yeadon, W. H. Brown 59 n.o. v Baildon, 52 n.o. v Keighley, S. Tart 60 v Bowling Old Lane, T. Evans 44 n.o. v Yeadon, M. Kent 3-22 v Keighley, 3-10 v Queensbury, 5-29 v Yeadon, 4-22 v Bowling Old Lane, 6-25 v Laisterdyke, 7-25 v Yeadon, 6-46 v Baildon, W. H. Brown 3-22 v Keighley, 4-50 v Windhill, A. Greaves 3-14 v Queensbury, 3-33 v East Bierley, 3-32 v Yeadon, 3-14 v Keighley, 3-11 v Laisterdyke, P. McKelvey 4-10 v Queensbury, 6-12 v Laisterdyke, 4-24 v East Bierley, 3-25 v Eccleshill, 6-45 v East Bierley.

Two of the greatest and most unexpected wins were the result of fine work by two second team players — Bob Harwood in one and Mick Holmes in the other.

Pudsey S.L. were all out for 80 (R. Harwood 4-11). H.M. were 39 for 7 but Billy Brown and Pat McKelvey with scores of 34 n.o. and 13 n.o. won the game.

Brighouse were all out 125, H.M. were 95 for 7 and Mick Holmes in his early teens won the match with a brilliant 22 n.o.

During the close season the winning of the League was celebrated by a dinner and Terry Evans designed, and constructed at minimal cost two new sight screens to replace the ones we obtained in the early 30's.

1973

In the First Division again under the Captaincy of Terry Evans, Allan Greaves because of examination commitments played as an amateur and through financial circumstances it was decided that we would play all amateur. It was not surprising therefore that in a very professional league we had a bad season losing early in the 1st round of the Cup to Bingley and only winning 3 matches with one tie all season, losing 11 with the remainder as 1 point draws. We were of course relegated. Fortunately two of the wins were against our old rivals Spen. In both games Martin Kent bowled so superbly that they pinched him later for season 74.

H.M. 146-Spen 105 (M. Kent 8-52).

Spen 167-9 (M. Kent 7-62), H.M. 171-7 (L. P. Squire 76).

L. P. Squire's innings of 76 was one of his greatest innings of a long and prolific career as a batsman.

Other performances were W. H. Brown 76 v Lidget Green, P. Hepworth 50 v Lidget Green, L. P. Squire 58 v Saltaire and batting through v Idle scoring 34 n.o. out of 65 all out, Martin Kent scored 31 n.o. and took 7-50 in the tie with Lightcliffe, 4-39 v Bingley, A. Greaves 5-50 v Salts, P. McKelvey 4-31 v Salts, S. Derry 4-21 v Idle and W. H. Brown 4-26 v Pudsey.

Terry Evans during the close season designed and constructed a magnificent and unique motorised heavy roller at a minimal cost to the club.

1974

Again Terry Evans was Captain and repeated our performance of 1972, again winning the Championship of the 2nd Division by winning twelve out of the 24 matches and losing 4, with 76 points against Baildon's 73 in second place. In addition that popular and effervescent character Billy Brown won the W. H. Foster Jubilee Trophy for best bowling average in the whole of the two leagues with figures of 223 overs, 70 maidens, 431 runs, 46 wickets at an average of 9.37 r.p.w. Keith Sutcliffe became the 3rd member in Hartshead Moors 12th season in the Bradford League to win the Abe Waddington Trophy with a record number of marks as a result of his consistently outstanding fielding.

Other individual performances were; T. Evans 91 v Yeadon, 64 v Manningham Mills, W. H. Brown 54 v Salts, K. Sutcliffe 46 n.o. v Salts, L. P. Squire 60 v Queensbury, 63 v Salts, 67 v Baildon, Allan Mosedale 65 v Eccleshill, 60 v Brighouse, 61 v Great Horton, K. Sutcliffe 50 v Baildon, W. H. Brown 7-12 v Brighouse, 6-22 v Salts, 5-17 v Baildon, 5-33 v Queensbury, K. Sutcliffe 5-32 v Yeadon, 5-23 v Brighouse, A. Stansfield 5-24 v Manningham Mills, 5-46 v Queensbury, 5-16 v Grest Horton, L. Hanson 5-62 v Yeadon, 5-36 v Queensbury, P. Squire 3-4 v Baildon.

In the final vital match of the season H.M. scored 127 (K. Sutcliffe 41) and dismissed Salts for 18. L. Hanson took 5 wickets for 4 runs and W. H. Brown 5 for 7.

During the winter that busy beaver Terry Evans was again at work constructing a garage for the motor roller with artificial light and repair facilities for all machines.

1975

Under the Captaincy of Terry Evans the season opened auspiciously. That ubiquitous pair Hanson (5-11) and Brown (5-26) carrying on where they left off in 1974 skittling Baildon for 40. However the team fared disastrously in the League only winning 2 matches and finishing bottom. One pleasing feature was that a young player, Peter Squire, won the bowling prize.

The Priestley Cup provided the highlights of the season and the unexpected defeat of the very strongest professional side in the whole of the Bradford League — Idle — was undoubtedly one of Hartshead Moor's major victories in its 100 years history. No words can adequately describe the thrill, the excitement and the pleasure given when Idle coasting home at 38 for 1 against H.M. 75 for 9 in 50 overs, crashed ignominiously for 45 against the beautifully executed off-spinners of Keith Sutcliffe with 3 wickets in his 1st over and who had the wonderful figures of 7 wickets for 3 runs aided by steady all round work by Allan Stansfield — top scorer with 18 n.o. and 2 vital wickets for 10 runs and also by two brilliant catches each by T. Evans and W. H. Brown.

Hartshead Moor		Idle	
T. Evans <i>b</i> Bailey	0	A. Moore <i>b</i> Stansfield	21
L. P. Squire <i>l.b.w.</i> Bailey	9	B. Lybberly <i>l.b.w.</i> Hanson	2
A. Mosedale <i>st</i> Bottomley <i>b</i> Moore	12	J. Spence <i>b</i> Sutcliffe	19
A. Newsome <i>b</i> Burnett	7	B. Heaton <i>b</i> Sutcliffe	0
W. H. Brown <i>ct</i> Lybberly <i>b</i> Burnett	1	B. Jenkinson <i>b</i> Sutcliffe	0
A. Stansfield <i>not out</i>	18	N. Thornton <i>ct</i> Brown <i>b</i> Sutcliffe	0
K. Sutcliffe <i>l.b.w.</i> Moore	4	M. Bailey <i>ct</i> Evans <i>b</i> Sutcliffe	1
M. Sanders <i>ct</i> Spence <i>b</i> Burnett	16	A. Jones <i>ct</i> Evans <i>b</i> Stansfield	1
L. Hanson <i>st</i> Bottomly <i>b</i> Bailey	2	C. Fordham <i>b</i> Sutcliffe	1
S. Wright <i>b</i> Bailey	0	S. Bottomley <i>not out</i>	0
P. Squire <i>not out</i>	0	A. Burnett <i>b</i> Sutcliffe	0
	Extras 6		Extras 0
	Total for 9 75		Total all out 45
C. Fordham 9.2.16.0		W. H. Brown 4.1.10.0	
M. Bailey 16.9.18.5		L. Hanson 5.0.22.1	
A. Moore 16.6.19.2		A. Stansfield 7.3.10.2	
B. Aurnett 9.4.16.2		K. Sutcliffe 6.3. 3.7	

Other notable performances during the season were; W. H. Brown 75 v Spen Victoria, 47 v Idle, A. Stansfield 61 v Undercliffe, A. Mosedale 55 v Bankfoot, L. P. Squire 50 v Saltaire, K. Sutcliffe 5-45 v Bankfoot, P. Squire 5-25 v Saltaire, 4-19 v Bingley, A. Stansfield 4-16 v Lightcliffe, 4-43 v Bingley, W. H. Brown 4-63 v Saltaire, 4-45 v Spen Victoria, S. Derry 4-43 v Bowling Old Lane.

In the 2nd round of the Priestley Cup Pudsey St. Lawrence were 4 down for 98 after 34 overs, then a hurricane innings of 109 not out by Smith lifted them to 258-4. Hartshead Moor replied with 188-4 in the allotted overs and it is right and just that these cricket notes covering the last 25 years should finish with the name of one who scored 100 not out in our reply — that great sportsman, Captain and worker — Terry Evans.

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