



# Bat & Ball

## The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"

A Heritage Lottery Fund/University of Huddersfield Project in partnership with Calderdale Libraries, Kirklees Libraries, West Yorkshire Archive Service, The Townergate Halifax Cricket League, The Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League, The Solly Sports Central Yorkshire Cricket League, and The Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League

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#### Welcome!

Welcome to *Bat & Ball: The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"*. Our aim is to keep you regularly informed of our progress and our activities.

#### Project Mission Statement

In partnership with the cricket clubs, leagues and communities of Calderdale and Kirklees, this Project will preserve, celebrate and broaden recognition of cricket and its rich cultural traditions in this region.



Left: Jack Washington, Broad Oak CC

Right: Frank Scott, Walsden CC

## CONTACT US!

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## SPEAKER'S CORNER

*We are speaking about the Project to the following community groups and societies in the near future:*

1. Hebden Bridge Rotary Club – March
2. Association of Women Graduates - March
3. Shelley Methodist Church Ladies Circle - 2009

*If you belong to a community group or society that would enjoy an evening on the heritage of local cricket, please do get in touch*

## COMING SOON IN 2008!

#### CONFERENCE

4th Annual Pennine Cricket History Conference at the University of Huddersfield (15 March 2008):

*Speakers include Malcolm Heywood (Todmorden CC), Alan Stuttard (Walsden CC), Dr Peter Davies (University of Huddersfield), Hanif Mayet (Mount CC, Batley), Najabat Hussain (Queen's Road Muslims CC, Halifax), Tony Hutton (2007 Cricket Grounds)*

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

> 'Cricket in the Colne Valley' Exhibition at Colne Valley Museum

> 'Cricket and Religion' Exhibitions at Halifax Parish Church and St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Halifax

*(Halifax venue TBC)*

#### ARCHIVES

> West Yorkshire Archive Service 'Cricket Collection' now open to public at Huddersfield & Halifax town libraries (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

> Electronic archive of c.25,000 images relating to the history of local cricket open to public at University of Huddersfield (please phone to book an appointment)

#### OTHER ASPECTS OF PROJECT

> Auctioning/raffling of framed original artwork at clubs continues

> Clubs to be approached and asked if they might consider appointing 'Heritage Officers' to help preserve and conserve documents, items and images relating to their own club history

#### SCHOOLS

> More activity packs to be distributed around local schools

#### CLUB HISTORIES

> Pamphlets on the history of each club to be distributed free in the local community (already published: Bridgeholme CC, Cumberworth United CC, Shepley CC, Westborough CC)

>>>Regular archive updates on the Project website,  
<http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk>.

### At a venue near you...

#### SPECIAL LONG-TERM DISPLAYS

'Cricket in Kirklees' at the University Sports Centre  
'Cricket in Dewsbury' at Dewsbury Town Hall  
'Cricket in Dewsbury' at Ravensthorpe Library  
'Cricket in the Holme Valley' at Holmfirth Library  
'Development of Cricket in Kirklees' at University Library  
'Cricket in Calderdale' Display at Brighouse CC  
'Cricket at Fartown' Display at Birkby & Fartown Library  
'Cricket in Calderdale' Display at Halifax Library  
'Cricket in Calderdale' Display at North Bridge LC  
'Cricket in Kirklees' Display in Huddersfield Library

### Things we're working on...

#### ONGOING RESEARCH

Great & the Good: Memorials, Plaques & Dedications  
Former Clubs  
Current Dewsbury & District League Clubs  
Current Quaid-e-Azam Sunday League Clubs  
Current Sharjah League Clubs  
Current Huddersfield & District Evening League Clubs  
Municipal Grounds  
Leagues & Cups: Past & Present  
Club Anniversary Brochures

## STOP PRESS

#### Latest Project developments:

- First batch of oral history interviews now available as audio files on Project website.
- First 'Heritage Lottery Fund/University of Huddersfield History and Heritage Awards' presented at local cricket league dinners.
- Cricket 'Heritage Trail' leaflets now available to download on Project website.
- Complimentary CDs distributed to all clubs: 'This is the History & Heritage of Your Cricket Club'.
- New video made about the Project by University of Huddersfield TV/Media students.

- Halifax and Huddersfield town libraries, plus Brighouse CC and University of Huddersfield Library, now hosting long-term framed displays.
- Catalogue of WYAS cricket collections (held at Huddersfield and Halifax town libraries) soon to be published and distributed.

# THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has helped us so far: league officials who have given us their support; club administrators who have supplied us with official records and artefacts; club webmasters who have publicised the Project on their site; and individual members of the public who have donated memorabilia; and many, many other people. It is much appreciated.

## PROJECT PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE



- Thanks to the Inghams: Stories of Mirfield CC (Pat Neal) £5*  
*Start of Play: Illingworth CC (Dennis O'Keefe) £5*  
*Lost: The Former Cricket Clubs and Cricket Grounds of Halifax and Calderdale (Andrew Hardcastle) £5*  
*From Batley to Barnsley: A History of the Heavy Woollen Cup (Mike Butler) £5*  
*George Herbert Hirst: Mirfield CC 1891 (Pat Neal) £5*  
*Wielding the Willow: An Anthology of Cricket Poems (Lee Hughes) £3*  
*The Development of Cricket in Kirklees: An Overview (Peter Davies & Rob Light) £3*  
*Intikhab Alam, My Brother's Broken Leg and Other Stories (Peter Davies) £2*  
*Gentlemen & Players: Wirksworth Cricketers 1757-1914 (Roy Pearce) £5*  
*180 Not Out - 3-Volume photographic history of cricket in Calderdale and Kirklees (Peter Davies & Rob Light) £10 each*

All prices include P&P. Please make cheques payable to University of Huddersfield HEC and send to Dr Peter Davies, Room JM3/01, School of Music, Humanities & Media, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH

ALL PROFITS TO BE PLOUGHED BACK INTO THE PROJECT

## extras...

- > Yorkshire CCC star Chris Taylor to open Colne Valley Cricket exhibition, playing commitments permitting
- > Paddock and Marsden, plus Bradshaw, scoop latest History & Heritage awards, presented at league dinners
- > New 'Small Ads' feature launched on Project website