

School opened

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1896

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 97 A Smith Elected Sec.  
with W Smith as his assistant

First Meeting. Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1896. Proposed by J H Ramsden  
Seconded by A Holdsworth. That we again have a  
Cricket Club in Connection with the School.

President Mr J Thornton. Secretary A Holdsworth  
Treasurer. J Holdsworth. Committee T Marshall, W Smith  
J Woffenden, J Woffenden, J Elliot, A Smith, P Firth, W Cartwright,  
A Thornton, J Ramsden, J Squire, W Firth, J Morton. 16

<sup>THE first</sup> Now at a General meeting on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1897 Mr A Smith  
was again elected Sec. so during the summer of 1897  
Mr A Holdsworth, first, elected secretary must for some reason  
have had to resign and Mr Smith must have taken over.  
Altho the same seems to have happened to the Treasurer  
for J H Ramsden was again to be Treasurer. Altho this  
Year G Benham & W Stanton & W Coward <sup>J Sutcliffe</sup> were added to Comm  
scription of the Field from Memory

Now for the year 1899 No Records. are shown but  
At the General meeting held 1900 no date given  
the Sec & Trear were reelected Mr N Armitage & W  
Micklethwait, At a meeting held on March 14<sup>th</sup> 1902  
that a Stone Roller be bought from Mr Hodgson of  
Elland Upper Edge. for 3 Guineas, (bushelled buying and  
bringing to field)

(8 Playing Seasons)

During the winter of 1904 the wall between the  
Long Croft as it was called and the Cricket field  
was removed. Description of Tent from Restrict Comm  
and making new Laid Green all by the Member.

Then at the end of season 1906. it was decided to  
have the green relaid. But it was between  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup> & Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1907 that it was relaid by  
Fairbairns,

In 1901 the Sheepridge & District League League was formed and (we) our Club were members, winning our Clubs first Honour in 1902. well do I remember that success, for we at the end of the season we played the rest at Woodhouse Clure "Crd" followed by Tea in the Sheepridge Pavilion <sup>School</sup> and the Presentation of medals in the Woodhouse Ck School.

After about 10 years Clubs left the League ~~to~~ to join other Leagues so there was not enough left, so we had to look around for other Futures. then on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911 we made application to the Huddersfield Junior League for admission and <sup>(we were)</sup> were accepted; for 5 seasons we enjoyed really pleasant and very enjoyable Cricket, no honours were won, though I well remember the end of Season 1915, the last match of the season we had to meet Cakes Batts away, 2 Points below them; if we could win then it would mean a play off, We batted first and scored 65 or 69 then we had 9 of Cakes back in the Pavilion for about 40. then one of <sup>our</sup> Players missed a sitter, and our long field being too keen had closed in and the catch that ought to have been straight at him was just over his head. and the end was we lost, but our Cakes friends gave <sup>us</sup> a jolly good Tea. down at the school.

In World War one more Clubs had to close down. and to try to keep going we were invited in early 1914 to join the Huddersfield and District Cricket Association, the Junior & the Alliance Leagues now closing down.

For 30 year Our Club Teams have been playing in that League; Honours won, well from memory Our name is inscribed on the Leomb Cup more times than any other Club. 5 Times winners and one Taint Holders. League Records well I have not looked them up, I believe we are the only Club who has ever won all four Association Trophies in one season namely 1937.

Now during its past 50 years I think another record is worthy of mention, and that is that during all that time we have only had two Presidents, Mr J Thornton elected at that first meeting in 1890 stood for well over 30 years, Then our present President Mr Reeve. ~~was~~ has just about completed 18 year for it was <sup>on</sup> March. 27<sup>th</sup> 1930 that he was elected to the position, but I would like to say that like most of us he had had to fly as reserve. for he had been Vice President for 3 years. So it really is our President 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Of course ~~but~~ their is just one sad side to my looking back 50 years. And that is that 43 Clubs who we have had fixtures with <sup>us</sup> at one time or another have all ceased to exist, while we still go on.

Now in conclusion two of my most enjoyable years in connection with the Club was ① 1945 when, I Bottomly as Capt. beat Almonbury West ~~Team~~ with a Team of age and youth whose biggest asset and what went most of its way to winning was Team Spirit

Then last season when we had arrived at that stage when we had Tea in its field, and besides having Cricket we could have a Picnic Tea every week.

Now that I am about playing my last innings, except that a looker on, I have just one thing to say to you players don't think in a Club like ours that it's all, Batting, Bowling, and Fielding there's a lot of voluntary work to be done, don't be afraid to give a hand, service in any way will get its own reward

So I wish all you players enjoyable and Pleasant seasons to come



Apologies for absence

President. Mr S Bently

Letter from Mr F Ellis

T Marshall

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50 years Review by  
E Holdsworth

Invitation to any old Player  
to say or give an old  
memory

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J Woffenden & Squire W Coward  
A Smith J Morton & Sutcliffe  
J Ransom G Benham

O. Crossland