

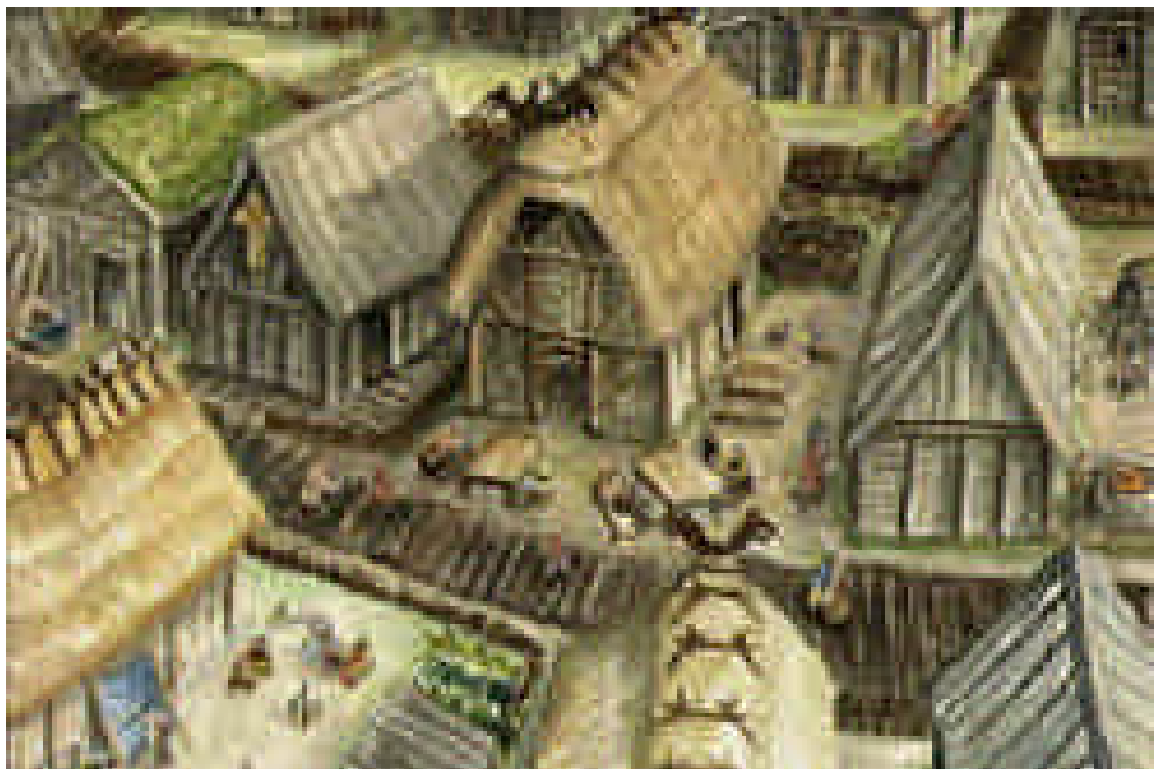
BADGER HILL CC

DOWN YOUR WAY

VIKING ANCESTORS

The name Rastrick is derived from the Norse and means a resting place (*rost*) on a narrow road (*ric*).

Archeological evidence exists of activity in the area that predates the Danes arrival but it was the Vikings who put the name Rastrick on the map.



It is possible that the Vikings stopped in Rastrick to rest and gather their strength - before heading over the Pennines to burn and pillage in Lancashire. An early Roses match maybe?

5 FACTS ABOUT RASTRICK (THE TOWN)

1. An old Roman road between Chester and York passed through Rastrick.



2. There is the base of a Saxon cross dating back to the eleventh century in St. Mathew's Churchyard.



3. In the early nineteenth century there was, reportedly, a serious disturbance between the youths of Rastrick and Brighouse when Brighouse youths stole Rastrick's Maypole.

4. Brighouse and Rastrick is home to the famous Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band, officially formed in 1881. But did you know that they were originally formed as a Temperance band and each

band member had to sign a pledge of abstinence from alcohol.



5. Rastrick boasts a rare six hole golf course where all the holes are par threes.

ALMOST 200 YEARS OLD!

KEY DATES IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF CRICKET IN CALDERDALE

June 1834: Halifax Clarence play Bradford on Skircoat Moor.

1836: Halifax Alliance take on Huddersfield Britannia.

Monday 20 August 1838: Todmorden CC stages its first recorded match.

1860s: Inter-town matches staged involving Halifax, Elland and Brighouse. Smaller teams emerge, too.



1870: 'Cricket Battery' (an early 'bowling machine') invented by Mr Swaine, a Halifax cricket pro.

1877: Halifax's Thrum Hall ground leveled.

1887: Founding of the Halifax Parish Cup

July 1888: First county match at Thrum Hall - Yorkshire v Gloucestershire (and WG. Grace).

1897: Joe Nicholl opens the first 'sports shop' in Halifax on Cheapside.

10 June 1897: Yorkshire visit Thrum Hall for last time.

LOCAL RIVALS!

SOME OTHER CRICKET TEAMS IN THE RASTRICK AREA

Brighouse CC
Blackley CC
Outlane CC
Rastrick CC
Rastrick St. John's