

BLACKLEY CC

DOWN YOUR WAY

3 FACTS ABOUT BLACKLEY (THE VILLAGE)

1. The first recorded mention of Blackley comes in the sixteenth century, when the Golden Fleece pub - which is located in the bottom corner of the cricket ground - was just a farmhouse.



2. In 1734, the population of Blackley was 112, and it is probably not much more today.

3. Traditionally, Blackley people were employed in farming and coalmining, and over time the place has become famous for its Whit Walk, brickworks, Baptist church (built at the end of the eighteenth century) and reservoir (created in 1860).

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 CLUBS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD



Elland CC



Greetland CC



Outlane CC



Stainland CC