

BOOTH CC

DOWN YOUR WAY

3 FACTS ABOUT BOOTH (THE VILLAGE)

1. Booth is known primarily for cotton and silk.
2. Its handsome Congregational chapel was built in 1869 and has been likened by one architectural historian to a '*miniature cathedral*'.



3. Writer James Birdsall comments: '*Scarcely a village, but a twin row of old terraced weavers' cottages, Booth clings on to the flank of a ravine in the hills above the Calder Valley*'.

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.

Midgley and St. Mary's!

OTHER CRICKET CLUBS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (THEN AND NOW)

Luddenden United C.C.

Played at Green Lane, Midgley,
in the early twentieth century.

Luddenden Parish Church C.C.

Played at Turn Lea, Midgley, in the 1930s.



Luddenden Foot St Mary's C.C.

(now Luddenden Foot C.C. – pictured above)

The ground in 1894 was described as being 'near Luddenden Foot Station'; in 1898 it was The Holmes, Luddenden Foot. The Club currently plays in the Halifax League.

Luddenden Foot United Methodist Church C.C.

Played at Top Shuttles. From 1895 to 1901 they appeared in the Sowerby Division League.