

BOOTH CC

The Later Years

HOME SWEET HOME

1946 – BROAD FOLD HQ

In 1946 permission was granted to construct a permanent headquarters at Broad Fold. Building work took place in 1947, which meant that all the Club's 'home' games during that season had to be played away.



The new ground was opened on 24 April 1948, and Mr R.H. Murgatroyd, owner of the local mill, bowled the first ball on the new turf to Bob Midgley.

A VERY PROUD COMMITTEE

1948 – PARISH CUP VICTORY



‘In 1948 we won against Mytholmroyd. They scored 86 and although the Booth innings was interrupted by rain, we won by 2 wickets, which was fortunate in that the no. 11 had spent the 3-hour break in the bar and would have needed more than a runner’ - George Woodhead, taken from his memoirs



A team picture from the period

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE VERY UGLY!

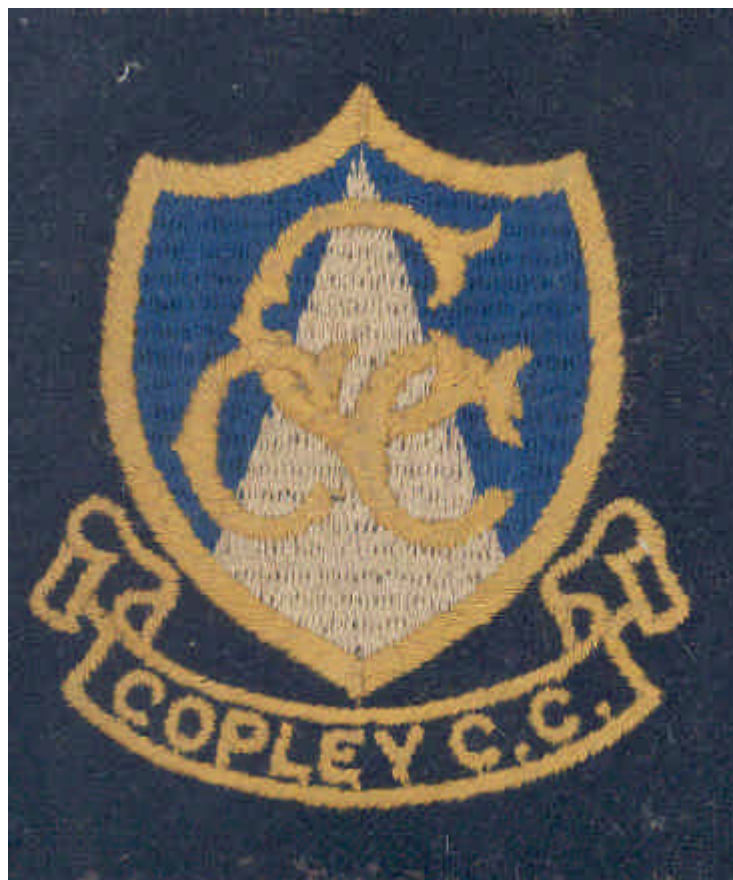
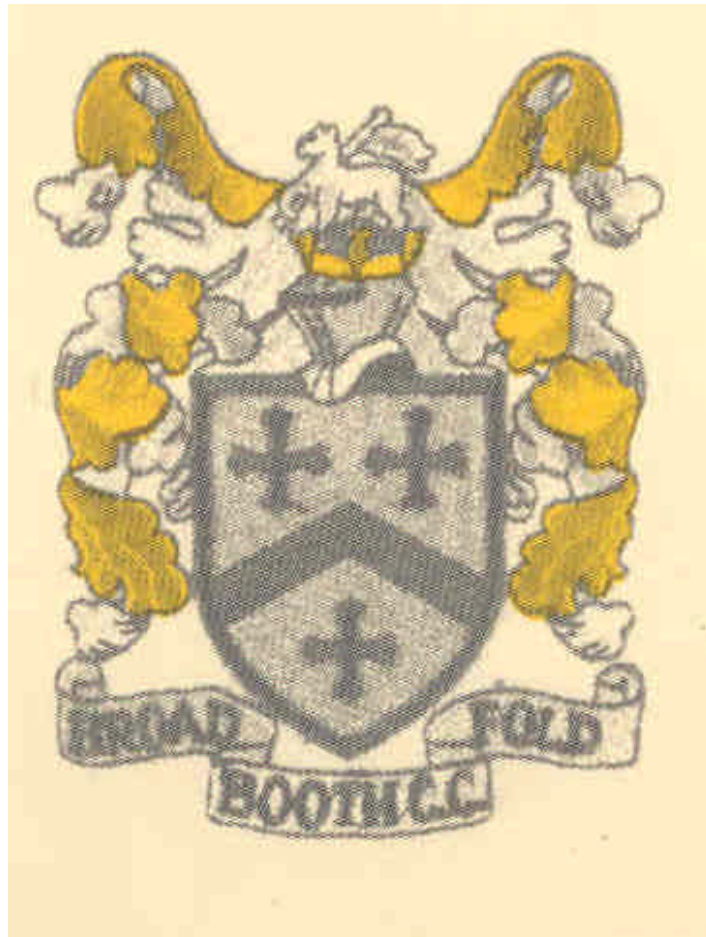
EARLY 1950s – PARISH CUP

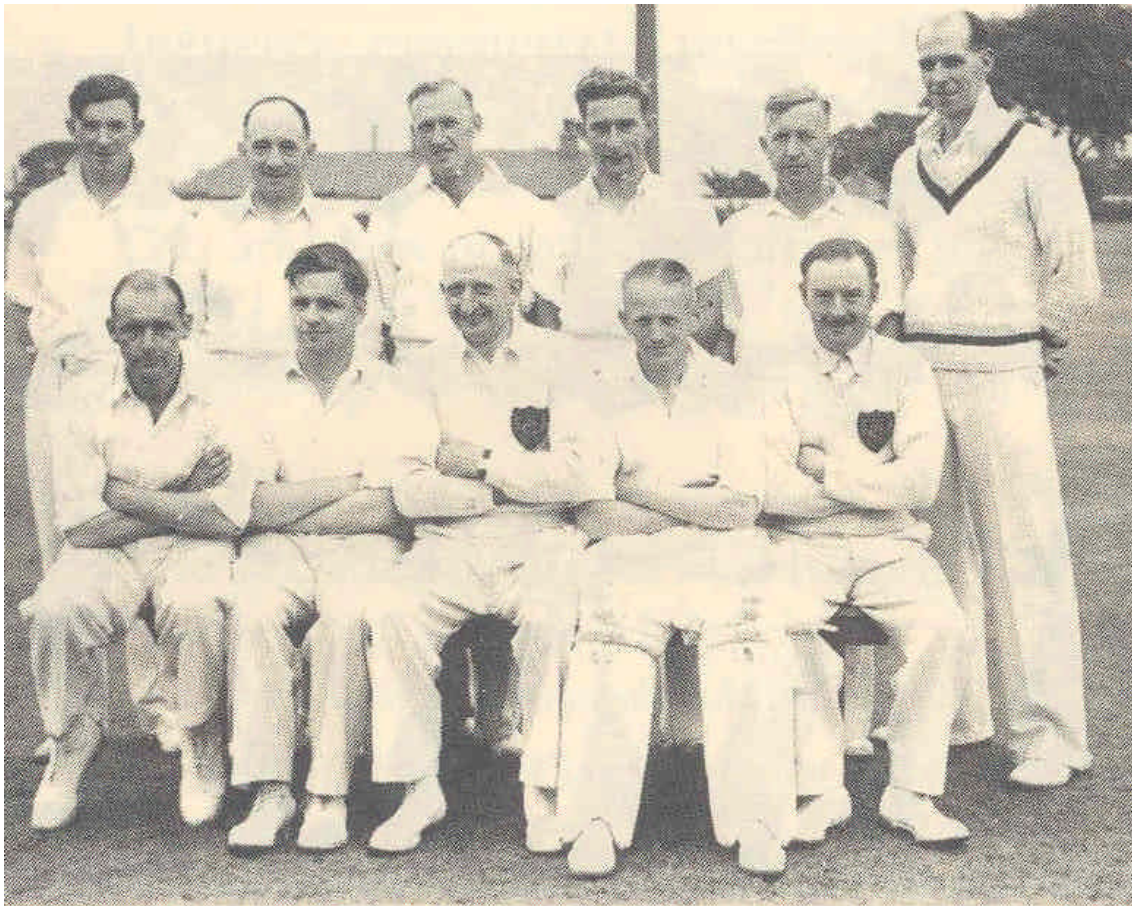
1951 saw Booth lose the Parish Cup final to King Cross, losing by 7 wickets.

One Booth player had contracted mumps...and was therefore kept in isolation due to the rest of the team fearing for their own glands.



In 1953 Booth lost to Copley by 40 runs, with six Booth players failing to score.





J. Corboy, B. Midgley, F. Wade, W. Thomas, J. Wade, R. Banham
G. Woodhead, J. Bedford, H. V. Boardall, L. Summerscales, A. Briggs.
PARISH CUP FINAL v COPLEY 1953

DECKCHAIR LOYALISTS

1954 – CLUB WOMEN



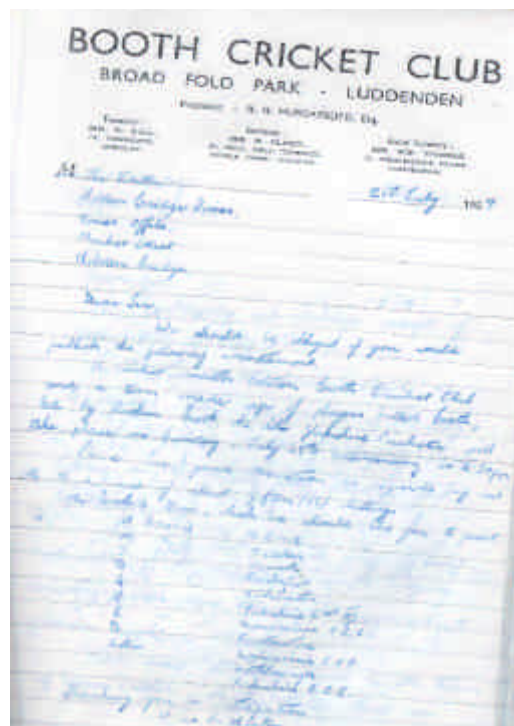
But this Annual Dinner photo from the 1950s is full of men!

BOOTH V BOOTHS!

1957 – BIZARRE FIXTURE

In 1957 the League held a Booth v Booths special fundraising match. One team comprised players with the surname, 'Booth'.

Players even came from as far afield as Lancashire in order to take part in this one- off event. Via the match, a sum of £19 was donated to the Collinson Memorial Trophy competition. These letters tell the story of the fixture.



BOOTH CRICKET CLUB

BROAD FOLD PARK - LUDDENDEN

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M. N. A. Collins, 2nd Sept 1957

Haz & District representative,
Tahome C.C.

Dear Sir,

It gives me very great pleasure to send you this cheque for £19.00 as our contribution to J. H. Warrell's Benefit fund. As you no doubt know, it is the result of a collection at our match between our club and a team of Booths and much credit is due to Mr. Arthur Booth for his part in getting his team together.

We should be obliged if Colin Booth of Halifax could be contacted for his generosity in giving his collection (for a fine half-century!) to the fund.

Yours sincerely

N. Butterworth.

(enc. see)

CHAMPIONS!

1958 – PARISH LEAGUE SUCCESS

BOOTH CRICKET CLUB. HALIFAX CRICKET LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1958



L. Patrick, R. Hillwall, T. Driver, J. L. Small, N. Botterworth, J. B. Casboy, P. Matzella, J. Wade,
D. Thomas, R. Parker, E. Wade, R. Walters, H. Gaukroger.
CAPTAIN
G. A. Woodhead, K. Tomlinson.

HUGH EDGEMAN
HALIFAX

ANYONE FOR GUINNESS?

VICTORY DRINK

Booth sure know how to have a good time post-match. One stalwart remembers: *'The licensee of The Sportsman filled the Parish Cup on victory night with Guinness, beer and the contents of "lots of little bottles from the back of the bar that nobody asked for."*



TWICE AS NICE!

1960 – CROSSLEY SHIELD & PARISH CUP DOUBLE



R. H. Murgatroyd, J. B. Corboy, F. Wade, D. Livesey, D. Thomas, W. Thomas (unrelated)
R. Walters, F. Twemlow, T. Driver, L. Patrick, J. Hartley (scorer), J. Nuttall, R. Sadler.
PARISH CUP 1960

TALE OF BOB'S BOX

SENSITIVE ISSUE

One post-war match at Northowram was abandoned due to thunder and lightening. The umpire was wearing metal glasses and said he '*didn't want them welding to his face*'. Robert Midgley, who was batting, agreed. He was wearing a metal box!



BOYS OF '68

1968 – THE TEAM OF THE 60S?

Although no trophies were won in 1968, since the start of the 1960s the Parish Cup had been in residence at Broadfold 5 times and the Halifax League title on two occasion. Surely this meant that Booth were the team of the decade in local cricket. But how many players from the 1960 team are in this photo?



How many can you name?

2ND xi SUPERSTARS!

1973 – DIVISION 2 TRIUMPH



MAKEOVER TIME!

1980s – GROUND REDEVELOPMENT

The 1980s saw the Booth pavilion get a makeover. Bar and toilet facilities were improved in 1983, and in 1986 a car park was built, which has proved to be a huge asset to the Club and its supporters.





A selection of 1980s fixture cards

SOWERBY SETBACK

1983 – PARISH CUP FINAL DEFEAT

P A R I S H C U P F I N A L

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST 1983

T E A M S

FOR:

SOWERBY ST. PETERS

BOOTH 1st XI

CLUB EMBROIDERED SWEATERS:

R. ALLOTT (CAPT.)

F. METCALFE

ACRYLIC, LAMBSWOOL &
BOXTON WOOL.

J. CLEGG

J. LISTER

P. CLARKE

I. SHARKEY

S. CASARU

M. THOMAS

PRINTED SWEATSHIRTS

J. COOK

N. THOMAS

AND "T" SHIRTS.

S. CROSSLEY (WK)

M. GRIMLEY

YOU CAN'T BEAT:

G. LAYCOCK

K. PUGH

JACK LEES SPORTS,
15/19 GEDDGE STREET,
HALIFAX

J. HOYLE

R. WARDHURST

FOR VALUE IN PRICE
AND QUALITY.

A. LEACH

R. COLLINGS

P. SWAINE

T. CONWAY

B. ROWELL

G. NEWSOME

EMBROIDERED SWEATERS

12th Man - R. HAWER

12th Man - J. SYKES

CAN NOW BE PRODUCED

WITHOUT A JAGUARD COST.

UMPIRES - C.R. PRIESTLEY : E. ROGERS

PLEASE ASK FOR DETAILS.

16 FINE MEN!

1990 – CHAMPIONS AGAIN



Back Row:

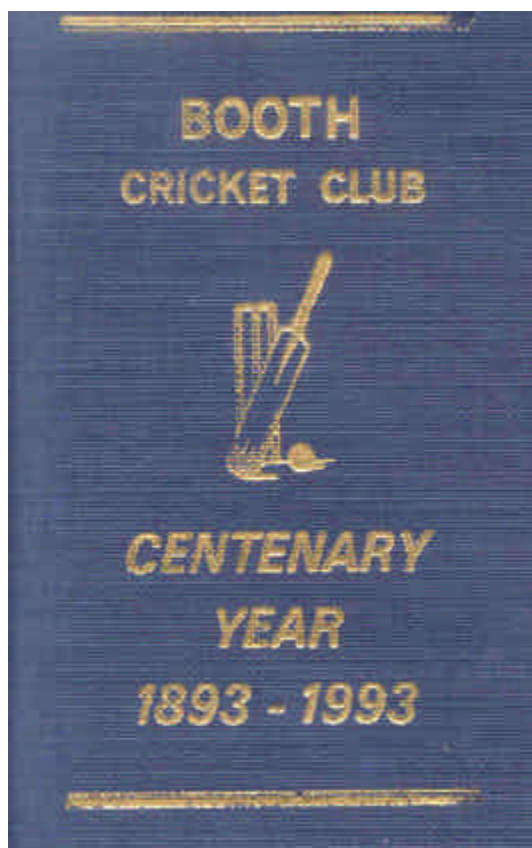
P. Swain, A. Holmes, G. Newsome, D. Horsfall, J. Cockroft, A. Horsfall, G. Laycock,
H. Sykes, R. Annison (Chairman)

Front Row:

I. Sharkey, R. Collinge, S. Charnley, M. Thomas (Captain), J. Sutcliffe, T. Conway, N. Thomas.

100 NOT OUT!

1993 – CLUB CENTENARY



COURIER SPORT CRICKET

Halifax League Centenary Spotlight: Ian Rushworth.

Booth blossom despite start

BOOTH were all out for eight in their earliest recorded match against Lud-denden Foot.

Fellow Halifax League players might unkindly suggest the club's batting hasn't improved much since - but Booth's record over their 100 years in existence suggests otherwise.

Six Parish Cup triumphs - five of them in the 1960s - and several Halifax League titles, the most recent in 1987 and 1990, suggests the club has come a long way since the first days when Booth Congregational Church organised the occasional game.

According to the club's centenary pamphlet, the first matches were played at Tommy Lane along Jerusalem Lane. However, a dispute with the farmer resulted in a new ground being found near Brackens Mill which was described as "a murderous place for flies."

Booth's nomadic existence continued and grazing cows necessitated the use of a wheelbarrow and slippery shovel at some venues.

Broad Field Park eventually became their adopted home in 1948 and much work has taken place over the years in bringing it up to standard. Former player George Woodhead recalls the efforts of the ground committee in mid-century when they decided to level the field. Stones from Pepper Hill, flags from Slade Barn Floor on Warley Moor near Fly Flatts and soil from the quarries at Moor End were brought in to complete the job.

Booth's first success came in 1900 when they won the Sowerby Division Championship. They reached the semi-final of the Parish Cup in 1904 and won one step further two years later,

going down by seven wickets to Iltingworth.

After being disbanded for the first World War, Booth regrouped and joined the Hadden Bridge League in 1924, moving on to the Halifax League in 1938.

Several major trophy successes following culminating in the most success-

ful season in the club's history, in 1967, when they did the Halifax League - Parish Cup double.

Booth have also had their share of star players, Sam Patrick averaged 390 in the 1920 season before turning professional for Tong Park. Jack Corboy was a very useful batsman after joining the club in 1938, and Billy Thomas,

father of current players Morgan and Neil, is widely regarded as the best all-rounder and captain to play for the club.

Booth have already marked their centenary in fitting fashion by lifting the Crowley Shield. They are hoping the glow will not be taken off the celebrations by relegation for the first.



1960 PARISH CUP WINNERS Booth's victorious team was (from left to right): R.H. Murgatroyd, J.B. Corboy, F. Wade, D. Livesey, D. Thomas, W. Thomas, R. Walters, F. Twemlow, T. Driver, L. Patrick, J. Hartley (captain), J. Nuttall, R. Sadler.

Halifax League

BOOTH CRICKET CLUB



CENTENARY YEAR

1993

SOUVENIR BOOKLET

£3

BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

CLUB TODAY



On the Club website, president Adrian Greenwood says: ***'We are hoping to encourage new membership and volunteers to the club, where our bar and playing facilities are excellent. The clubhouse can be hired for private functions.'***

Everyone is welcome whether you are a player or a spectator.'

And the self-proclaimed 'Broad Fold Bard' opines:

Some have come and some have gone, and some it
seems to me,
Have gone to sleep forever, or at best they'll sleep 'til
tea,
The ladies in the clubhouse still wear the sweetest
smiles,
And the teas and cakes you will agree, are the best in
t'league by miles.



It's true the trophy cabinet isn't bursting at the seams,
And the Parish Cup and Crossley Shield may still be in
our dreams,
Success upon the wicket hasn't been what it might have
been,
But there's silver in the cabinet from the 12's and 3rds
(sorry) Sunday Team.

Each cloud has a silver lining and the future looks quite
bright,
'Cos the boys, nay men, of the under-12's are beating
everyone in sight,
It's clear to me as I sit here and watch the shadows
grow long,
The Broadfold club's intended to prosper and grown
strong.



The pictures on the clubhouse wall, if by chance they
chose to speak,
Would still prefer to beat Triangle on any given day in
t'week
And though they may not see eye to eye with all the
things they've seen,
Every bleeding one of them would still turn out for the
team.