

BRADSHAW CC

The Early Years

OPENING UP

EARLY CRICKET IN BRADSHAW

Although the current club was not formed until 1923, local cricket historian Andrew Hardcastle has found a number of references to clubs playing cricket in Bradshaw before this time.



The earliest of these was in 1861 when a team called Bradshaw Golden Fleece played Queenshead United.

A Bradshaw-based church team called St. John's was also active in the 1860s.

By the 1890s Bradshaw Mills C.C. were playing in the Halifax Parish Cup competition and had joined the Ovenden & District League.

HALIFAX PARISH
CRICKET CHALLENGE CUP.

DRAW FOR SEASON 1895.

The matches to be played on the ground of the first named clubs, except semi-finals and final.

FIRST ROUND.—MAY 25th.

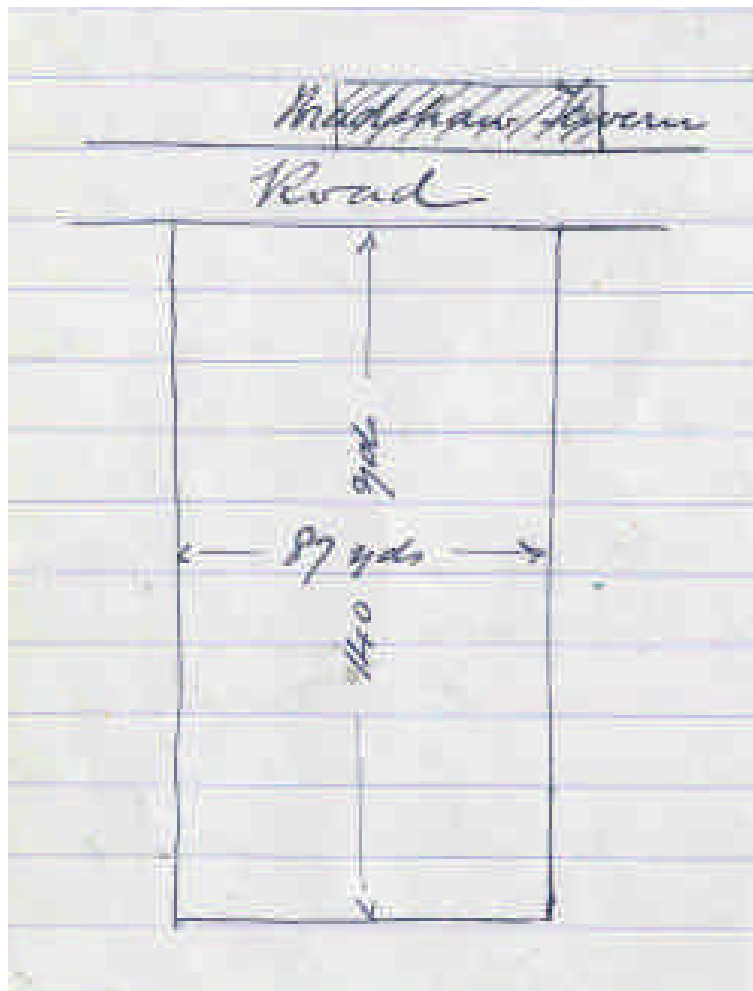
- A—Queensbury v. Illingworth St. Mary's
- B—Halifax v. St. Thomas's.
- C—Police v. Luddenden Foot St. Mary's.
- D—King Cross v. Holy Trinity.
- E—Southowram St. Anne's v. Lightcliffe.
- F—Sowerby Bridge v. Stainland.
- G—Mountain v. Bradshaw Mills.
- H—Elland v. Greetland.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

1891 - BRADSHAW MILLS C.C.

The Bradshaw Mills club were playing in the Halifax Parish Cup as early as 1891.

In that year the Cup committee also produced an inspection report on the grounds of its member clubs.





Bradshaw.

This field is situate near Bradshaw Mills. It measures about 140 x 87 yards, having a laid crease 37 yards x 14. There is seating accommodation for about 40 but no pavilion, the adjoining tavern acting in this capacity.

The crease is fair as far as it goes though badly too small, while the outfield is too narrow, in fact it can scarcely be said that this field is good enough to play an important match on.

MID-TABLE SECURITY!

1896 - OVENDEN & DISTRICT LEAGUE

OVENDEN AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
RESULTS UP TO DATE.
FIRST ELEVENS.

	Played.	W.	L.	D.	Points
Illingworth St. Mary's ...	10	9	1	0	18
Ovenden Albion	10	6	3	1	13
St. George's	10	4	5	1	9
*Bradshaw Mills	9	4	5	0	8
Mountain United,	10	3	7	0	6
*Lee Mount Baptist	9	2	7	0	6

* Two points awarded to Lee Mount Baptist, through Bradshaw Mills failing to raise a team.

OVENDEN ALBION v. MOUNTAIN UNITED.—At Forest House. Ovenden : J. Berry 15, H. Culpin 2, R. Calvert 5, W. E. Calvert 0, W. Hayes 18, C. Barker 30, B. Calvert 17, J.W. Greenwood 1, T. Hitchin 4, F. Whitaker 10, D. S. Greenwood (not out) 16, extras 10; total 123. Mountain : H. Dawson 18, J. Farrar 8, B. Rushworth 1, W. Tyler 3, M. Nowell 7, M. Wallace 3, J. Park 1, H. Barrett 3, H. Wood (not out) 3, T. Barrett 0, E. Thomas 0, extras 2, total 43.

By 1896 the Bradshaw Mills club was competing in the Ovenden & District League, with Illingworth St. Mary's top of the table.



YEAR ZERO

1923 – FORMATION OF CLUB

Bradshaw Cricket Club was born in 1923.



The Club was formed during a meeting at the Bradshaw Tavern, the pub that still overlooks the ground today.



FIRST YEAR... FIRST PIECE OF SILVERWARE

1923 – COLLINSON CUP VICTORY



Not only did 1923 see the formation of the Club.

It also witnessed Bradshaw's first taste of trophy success, with the Club bagging the Collinson Cup.

LOCAL COMBAT

1926 – HALIFAX ASSOCIATION LEAGUE

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AMATEUR LEAGUE.					
FIRST DIVISION.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Stones Wes.	6	5	0	1	11
Barkisland	6	4	1	1	9
Northwram	6	3	2	1	7
Hillingworth Wes.	6	2	2	2	6
Norland	6	2	2	2	6
Smith Bulmers	6	2	2	2	6
Heywood	6	2	3	1	5
Skircoat	6	1	3	2	4
Halifax Bap.	6	1	4	1	3
Providence	6	1	4	1	3
Second Teams.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Hillingworth W.	6	4	1	1	9
Skircoat	6	4	1	1	9
Providence	6	3	1	2	8
Barkisland	6	3	2	1	7
Heywood	6	3	2	1	7
Stones Wes.	6	2	2	2	6
Halifax Baptist	6	2	3	1	5
Smith Bulmers	6	1	2	3	5
Northwram	6	1	4	1	3
Norland	6	0	5	1	1
SECOND DIVISION.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Dempster's	7	4	2	1	9
Mackintosh's	6	4	1	1	9
St. Anne's	6	4	1	1	9
Luddenden	6	3	1	2	8
St. Paul's	6	3	2	1	7
Rishworth	5	2	1	2	8
Elland Wes.	6	2	3	1	6
S.B.C.L.	6	1	4	1	3
St. Michael's	7	1	5	1	3
Ripponden	6	0	4	1	1
Second Teams.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
St. Anne's	5	4	0	1	9
Luddenden	6	4	1	1	9
Mackintosh's	6	4	1	1	9
Elland Wes.	6	3	2	1	7
Rishworth	5	3	1	1	7
Dempster's	5	2	2	1	6
Ripponden	5	1	3	2	4
S.B.C.L.	6	1	4	1	3
St. Paul's	6	0	4	2	2
St. Michael's	6	0	5	1	1
THIRD DIVISION.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Railway	6	4	0	2	10
Bethel	6	3	1	2	8
Brighouse Fring.	6	3	2	1	7
Electricity Works	6	3	2	1	7
Northwram Wes.	6	3	2	1	7
Trinity Wes.	6	3	2	1	7
Webster's	6	3	2	1	7
Southwram U.M.	6	3	2	1	7
Bradshaw	6	2	3	1	5
Stoll Bros.	6	2	3	1	5
Calvert's	6	1	3	2	4
Parish Church	6	1	3	2	4
Westfield	6	1	4	1	3
Fyo Nest	6	1	4	1	3

CAN YOU NAME THE TROPHY?

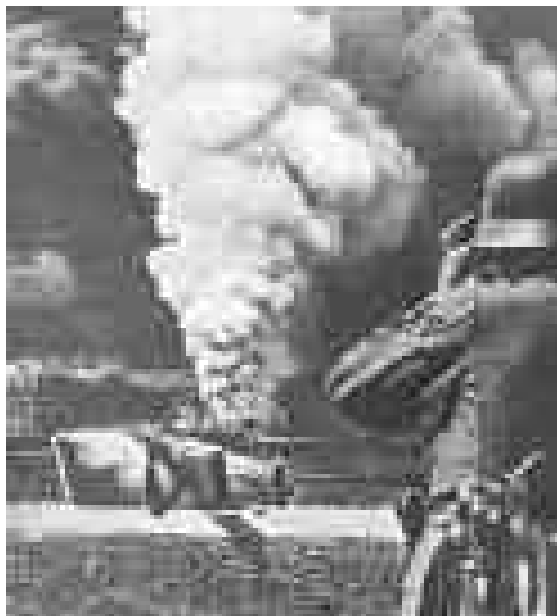
1930s CUP TRIUMPH



F WARD (scorer), R BARKER, S RILEY, P J HOLDEN, L WADDINGTON, T B LEES, C SUTCLIFFE, L CRAITREE (Umpire)
NF CROSSLEY, MARSHALL, DR KERSHAW, W ILLINGWORTH, F BROOKS, TS TETLEY (President).

WARTIME HEROES

1940 – TEAM PHOTO



L. WADDINGTON, JH HORNER, RH BARKER, NE CROSSLEY, R. SUTCLIFFE, H HARTLEY, A HOPKINSON, DR KERSEAW, J WILSON,
W SHARP, A COLE, L. SUTCLIFFE, W KING, JC THORPE, E INGRAM, J QUINN,
H SCALES, J BUTTERFIELD, L NORMINGTON, T RAMFORTH, W TWEEDY, A BATES.