

THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale & Kirklees

BRIGHOUSE CC

ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS

Athletics Festival held for first time at Clifton Road.

Year of formation and move to Clifton Road. First game played by the re-formed Club was against Clifton on Saturday 13 May. Clifton scored 30 all out and Brighouse New Alexandra 32. Other matches included a fixture against the touring 'Clown Cricketers' which was played on Rushbearing Friday and Saturday, 16 and 17 August.

First professional engaged, William Shotton from Lascelles Hall. Shotton played two first-class matches for Yorkshire, including the famous occasion when six players from Lascelles Hall represented the County in a match against Gloucestershire at Clifton College. His association with Brighouse proved to be long and successful. He played 12 seasons for the club as both professional and amateur, scoring 3,011 runs and taking 318 wickets.

J. S. Barraclough becomes first player to score a century

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EVENTS IN BRIGHOUSE & THE WORLD

Death of Charles Dickens.

Chicago Fire kills 300 people.

Second Carlist War in Spain.

Verne's *Around the World...*

Japan invades Taiwan.

Civil Rights Act passed in America.

Bell invents telephone.

Edison invents phonograph.

for Club - 103 against Holmfirth at Brighouse on 23 June. Luke Greenwood, from Lascelles Hall, is engaged as professional. He was a regular for the County side from 1861 until 1875. He was instrumental in the Club's first victory over Rastrick, scoring 39 not out and taking 5 wickets.

In his first year as professional at the Club, John Tye becomes the first man to take 100 wickets in a season for Brighouse. In his debut season with Brighouse he took 112 wickets in 25 matches, 93 victims being clean bowled.

Tye takes all ten wickets in a match against Lockwood on 25 June 1881. He takes 118 wickets during the season.

Following negotiations, new pieces of land are secured for the extension of the ground and a new pavilion building is proposed. According to the Club: 'The alterations were carried out by the untiring efforts of many of the willing workers of the club and at considerable expense. The work being done under the supervision of James Cheetham Esq. whose services and support for the club has been almost invaluable.' Mr Cooper laid the flooring of the pavilion and Mr Sam Dyson was Clerk of Works for the alterations to the field and pavilion.

Ground is re-opened.

Brighouse Cricket Club listed in *Athletic News Cricket*

1878 J. Horsfall Turner publishes *Independency at Brighouse*. Berlin Congress.

1879 Edison invents electric light bulb.

1880 Mosquito found to carry malaria.

1881 Founding of Brighouse Brass Band. Cambridge Tripos open to women.

1882 Married Women's Property Act.

1883 French painter Manet dies.

1884 Greenwich made meridian of world.

1885 First electric tramcar in Blackpool.

1886 Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

Supplement and Club Directory. J.J. Schofield of Dale Street, Brighouse, was the secretary with J. Steele and J. Tye listed as professionals.

On 16 August the 1st XI scores a Club record 462 all out against Lascelles Hall. Both openers are dismissed for nought before two of the remaining batsmen, G.A. Fryer (125), and R. Kershaw (101) score centuries, and three more, F. Watmough (68), P. Pullan (54) and J. Tye (51) score half centuries. Lascelles Hall reach 55 for 2 at close of play.

Yorkshire and future England batsman J.T. Brown is one of two professionals engaged for the season. A renowned practitioner of the late cut, B.C.C. records describe the shot as 'a revelation to see'. Mention also of matches against Honley, Leeds and Huddersfield being cancelled during the season due to an epidemic of smallpox which was said to be 'raging in Brighouse at the time'.

Become founder members of the West Riding League, along with Leeds, Huddersfield, Bradford, Sheffield, Dewsbury, Keighley, Barnsley, Brighouse and Halifax.

Embankments built around the field so it could be flooded

- 1887** Brighouse Town Hall built. Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

- 1888** First box camera.
- 1889** Eiffel Tower built.
- 1890** Brighouse receives its borough charter. London's first electric Underground.
- 1891** Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.

- 1892** Electric oven invented.

- 1893** J. Horsfall Turner publishes *The History of Brighouse, Rastrick and Hipperholme*. Invention of the Aspirin.
- 1894** Dreyfus Affair begins in France.
- 1895** Invention of the X-Ray.
- 1896** First modern Olympic Games held.

in the winter for skating.

Ladies team founded.

Following a series of alterations, major work is begun to improve the Club's facilities. A new extension is constructed, which includes a large billiards room with two tables and an upstairs concert room. Various other furnishings, such as two 'slipper baths', a new heating system, a piano and chairs, are also added at a total cost of over £700.

The Club workshops competition is first staged. The B.C.C. 'Record Book' describes how, despite early opposition and the failure to fulfil its initial intentions, the competition became a success: 'The idea of the competition was to see if there were any young cricketers

1897 Brighthouse Library built. Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
1898 Birth of Bertolt Brecht.
1899 First Hague Peace Conference.
1900 Zeppelin invents the airship.
1901 Birth of Marlene Dietrich.
1902 Marie Curie discovers radioactivity.
1903 Henry Ford sets up motor company.
1904 Britain and France sign Entente.
1905 Revolution breaks out in Russia.
1906 First radio programme broadcast.
1907 First Daily Comic Strip.
1908 Cubism founded in Paris.

1909 Synthetic plastic invented - Bakelite.
1910 Halley's comet reappears.
1911 Amundsen reaches South Pole.
1912 Titanic sinks. Scott's last expedition.
1913 Suffragette demonstrations.
1914 Start of First World War.

in the workshops who would prove of any value to the Club. As far as this went, the venture was a failure but financially it proved a great success, resulting in a profit of over £750 in the 13 years which the competition was held. There was a lot of grumbling by the members of the 1st and 2nd XIs re. practice, but the Committee got out of that difficulty by purchasing a covered net from a firm at Manchester, at which J.T. Tyldesley, the famous Lancashire cricketer, was a partner.' **The Club continue to play matches during the War as part of the Halifax Section of the Yorkshire Council.**

Decide to play friendly fixtures only due to the War. This decision was reversed for the following season.

Win Section A of Yorkshire Council.

Win both the Yorkshire Council competition and the Halifax Parish Cup for the first and only times.

Various pieces of land adjacent to the ground are purchased at a combined cost of £3,433.

Apply to join Bradford League; accepted as members for the following season.

New turnstiles erected.

- 1915** Einstein's *Theory of Relativity*.
- 1916** Battle of Verdun. Easter Rising.
- 1917** Russian Revolution.
- 1918** World-wide flu epidemic.
- 1919** Treaty of Versailles.
- 1920** First roadside petrol station in UK.
- 1921** First birth control clinic.
- 1922** Mussolini's March on Rome.
- 1923** First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924** Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Death of Lenin.
- 1925** Charleston dance becomes fashion.
- 1926** General Strike. Adoption legalised.
- 1927** Lindbergh's solo flight over Atlantic.
- 1928** Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.

New scoreboard opened on 29 July by J.J. Booth Esq., President of the Bradford League.

1st XI win Bradford League championship for first of three successive seasons and 2nd XI also win League title. A women's knockout competition is held at Brighouse. It is won by Brighouse Secondary School Old Girls who beat Brighouse Central School Old Girls in the final. The other participating teams are Nahums Ltd., New Road Rastrick, Carr Green, and Huddersfield Rovers. Following the competition, a Brighouse C.C. women's team play a series of fixtures against Rastrick, Lascelles Hall, Sowerby Bridge, Bradford, Huddersfield and Keighley.

County 2nd XI match is played at Brighouse for first time when Yorkshire meet Denbighshire on the 26/27 July. Yorkshire win match by 10 wickets.

Ladies team win Yorkshire Championship.

- 1929** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band win Manchester competition 'Double'. [Wall Street Crash.](#)
- 1930** [Planet Pluto discovered.](#)
- 1931** [Empire State Building built.](#)

- 1932** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band win British Open competition. [British Union of Fascists founded.](#)
- 1933** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band win British Open competition. [Hitler becomes German Chancellor.](#)

- 1934** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band win British Open competition. [Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.](#)
- 1935** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band barred from British Open competition. [Pedestrian crossings introduced.](#)

- 1936** [Edward VIII abdicates.](#)
- 1937** [Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.](#)
- 1938** [Paid holidays start. Biro invented.](#)
- 1939** [Beginning of Second World War.](#)
- 1940** [National Government formed.](#)
- 1941** Arthur Mee describes Brighouse as 'an industrial town bristling with chimneys'. [Germany invade](#)

Lose in final of Priestley Cup to Pudsey St Lawrence.

1st XI win Bradford League Division 2 Championship.

Sign Frank Lawson, former Yorkshire and England batsman as professional for the following season.

1st XI win Bradford League Division 2 Championship.

1st XI win Bradford League Division 1 Championship.

1st XI win Bradford League Division 2 Championship.

- USSR.
- 1942** British victorious at El Alamein.
- 1943** Warsaw Ghetto uprising.
- 1944** D-Day. Paris liberated.
- 1945** Auschwitz liberated.
- 1946** Brighthouse & Rastrick Brass Band win National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. Iron Curtain descends on Europe.
- 1947** Truman Doctrine unveiled.
- 1948** State of Israel founded.
- 1949** NATO established.
- 1950** Petrol rationing ends in Britain.
- 1951** Festival of Britain opens.
- 1952** Elizabeth II crowned. Pill invented.
- 1953** Everest conquered.
- 1954** Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*.
- 1955** Commercial TV starts in Britain.
- 1956** Elvis releases *All Shook Up*.
- 1957** Queen's first Christmas broadcast.
- 1958** Munich air disaster. Beatles formed.
- 1959** Postcodes introduced in Britain.
- 1960** Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.
- 1961** First oral contraceptive.
- 1962** Beatles release *Love Me Do*.
- 1963** Brighthouse Town Football Club formed. Kennedy assassinated.
- 1964** *Sun* founded. First *Top of the Pops*.
- 1965** First US raids against Vietnam.

2nd XI win Division 2 Championship.

A. Gilliver wins W.H. Foster Jubilee Trophy, Bradford League Batting Prize.
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- 1966** England win World Cup.
- 1967** First heart transplant. Six Day War.
- 1968** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band win World Championship. BST introduced. Riots in Paris.
- 1969** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band win World Championship. First men land on moon.
- 1970** Junction 25 of the M62 opened. Brighouse becomes part of Calderdale. Heath becomes PM.
- 1971** Decimalisation of coinage.
- 1972** Britain begins direct rule in NI.
- 1973** Britain enters EEC. VAT introduced.
- 1974** Nixon resigns over Watergate.
- 1975** First North Sea oil. Equal Pay Act.
- 1976** Lunderscheild Link opened. Drought Act during hot summer.
- 1977** Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band release *Floral Dance*. Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.
- 1978** World's first 'test tube' baby.
- 1979** Thatcher becomes PM.
- 1980** Lennon assassinated.
- 1981** Centenary of Brighouse Brass Band. SDP launch. Charles and Di wed.
- 1982** Argentina invades Falklands.
- 1983** Start of breakfast TV. Seat belt law.
- 1984** IRA bomb at Tory conference.
- 1985** Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.
- 1986** GLC abolished. Chernobyl accident.

R. Talwar wins Margaret E. Mallinson Trophy, Bradford League Second Division Batting Prize.

1987

Zeebrugge disaster.

1st XI win Bradford League Division 2 Championship.

1988

Brighouse Town FC born. Lockerbie disaster.

1989

Berlin Wall torn down.

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Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.

1991

Robert Maxwell drowns at sea.

1992

Coal industry privatised.

1993

Maastricht Treaty.

1994

Channel Tunnel open.

I. Khan wins Margaret E. Mallinson Trophy, Bradford League Second Division Batting Prize.

1995

Nick Leeson brings down Barings.

I. Khan retains Margaret E. Mallinson Trophy, Bradford League Second Division Batting Prize.

1996

BSE beef scare in UK.

1997

Princess Diana killed in car crash.

1998

Good Friday peace agreement.

1999

World population hits 6 billion.

2000

Hatfield train disaster. Dome opens.

2001

9/11 terrorist attack. Foot & Mouth.

Play last match at Clifton Road ground.

2002

UK snubs Euro. Queen Mother dies.

Move to Bradford Park Avenue while new ground is being built.

2003

England win Rugby World Cup.

Play first season at new ground.

2004

EU enlarged to 25 states.

2005

Tsunami hits Asia.