

# THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale & Kirklees

## COPLEY CC

### ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS

Club formed.  
Current ground inspected with respect to its suitability for cricket.

Club competing in Parish Cup.

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### EVENTS IN COPLEY & THE WORLD

Mosquito found to carry malaria.

Cambridge Tripos open to women.

Married Women's Property Act.

French painter Manet dies.

Greenwich made meridian.

First electric tramcar in Blackpool.

*The Mayor of Casterbridge.*

Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

First box camera.

Eiffel Tower built.

London's first Underground.

Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.

Electric oven invented.

Invention of the Aspirin.

Dreyfus Affair begins in France.

Invention of the X-Ray.

First modern Olympic Games held.

Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Birth of Bertolt Brecht.

First Hague Peace Conference.

1st XI win West Vale Baptists League.  
Join Ackroyden League. 1st XI win Ackroyden  
League championship  
Joins Halifax & District League.

New pavilion built costing £60. Remains in use until  
1969.

1st XI win Halifax & District League.

Ground bought from Bentleys Yorkshire Brewery at  
cost of £200.

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Zeppelin invents the airship.  
Birth of Marlene Dietrich.  
Marie Curie discovers radioactivity.

Henry Ford sets up company.  
Britain and France sign Entente.  
Revolution breaks out in Russia.  
First radio programme broadcast.  
First Daily Comic Strip.  
Cubism founded in Paris.  
Synthetic plastic invented.

Halley's comet reappears.  
Amundsen reaches South Pole.  
Titanic sinks.  
Suffragette demonstrations.  
Start of First World War.  
Old building on site of Volunteers Arms demolished.  
Einstein's *Theory of Relativity*.  
Battle of Verdun. Easter Rising.  
Explosion at Copley ammunition factory. Russian  
Revolution.  
World-wide flu epidemic.  
Treaty of Versailles.  
First roadside petrol station in UK.  
  
First birth control clinic.  
Mussolini's March on Rome.  
First Wembley FA Cup final.

Reach Parish Cup final, losing to Halifax 'A'.

Reach Parish Cup final, losing to Greetland. 1st XI win Halifax League Division 1. 2nd XI win Division 1.

Club cease to play on ground for duration of War. However, ground used as cricket field by Army.

Club resumed its activities following War. According to Jim Briggs, a group of 8 people, including himself, are instrumental in re-forming Club. Major flood sees ground engulfed by water. Council

**1924** Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

**1925** Charleston dance.

**1926** General Strike. Adoption legalised.

**1927** Lindbergh's solo flight.

**1928** *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.

**1929** Wall Street Crash.

**1930** Planet Pluto discovered.

**1931** Copley railway station closed. Empire State Building built.

**1932** British Union of Fascists founded.

**1933** Hitler becomes Chancellor.

**1934** Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.

**1935** 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** Germany invade USSR.

**1942** British victorious at El Alamein.

**1943** Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

**1944** D-Day. Paris liberated.

**1945** Auschwitz liberated.

**1946** Iron Curtain descends on Europe.

**1947** Truman Doctrine unveiled.

responds by building flood prevention scheme, enabling former marshy area to dry out where pavilion is now situated, making this land suitable for building on.

Club records first Parish Cup success, beating Booth in final; also win Halifax League Division 1.

1st XI win Division 2.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Crossley Shield.  
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1st XI win Halifax League Div 2.

1st XI win Halifax Parish Cup.  
New pavilion built on site of current structure. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Crossley Shield.

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State of Israel founded.

NATO established.

Petrol rationing ends in Britain.

Festival of Britain opens.

Elizabeth II crowned. Pill invented.

Everest conquered.

Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*.

Commercial TV starts in Britain.

Elvis releases *All Shook Up*.

Queen's first Christmas broadcast.

Munich air disaster.

Postcodes introduced in Britain.

Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.

First oral contraceptive.

Beatles release *Love Me Do*.

Kennedy assassinated.

*Sun* founded.

First US raids against Vietnam.

England win World Cup.

First heart transplant. Six Day War.

Copley Industrial Society closes. BST introduced.

First men land on moon.

Heath becomes PM.

1st XI win Halifax Parish Cup.  
1st XI win Parish Cup and Halifax League Division 1.

1st XI win Halifax League Division 1.

2nd XI win Crossley Shield.  
Wooden structure on site of current pavilion replaced by current building.

1st XI win Halifax Parish Cup.

**1971** Failed proposal to merge Copley Parish Church with Lower Skircoat Green Methodist Church. Decimalisation of coinage.

**1972** Britain begins direct rule in NI.

**1973** Britain enters EEC.

**1974** Nixon resigns over Watergate.

**1975** First North Sea oil. Equal Pay Act.

**1976** Drought Act during hot summer.

**1977** Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.

**1978** World's first 'test tube' baby.

**1979** Thatcher becomes PM.

**1980** Lennon assassinated.

**1981** SDP launch. Charles and Di wed.

**1982** Argentina invades Falklands.

**1983** Start of breakfast TV.

**1984** IRA bomb at Tory conference.

**1985** Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.

**1986** GLC abolished.

**1988** Zeebrugge tragedy.

**1988** Lockerbie disaster.

**1989** Halifax Building Society construct £25m data centre at Copley. Berlin Wall torn down.

**1990** Rev. John Poolman leaves Copley Parish Church and is not replaced. Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.

**1991** Robert Maxwell drowns at sea.

**1992** Coal industry privatised.

**1993** Copley Parish Church closes down. Maastricht Treaty.

1st XI win Halifax League Division 2.

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Club celebrate 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. CRICKET  
HERITAGE EXHIBITION

**1994**

Channel Tunnel open.

**1995**

Nick Leeson brings down Barings.

**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.

**2001**

9/11 terrorist attack. Foot & Mouth.

**2002**

UK snubs Euro.

**2003**

England win Rugby World Cup.

**2004**

EU enlarged to 25 states.

**2005**

Tsunami hits Asia.