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The Early Years

BROAD CHURCH

1894 - ORIGINS

The future Mytholmroyd Methodists C.C. was formed as Mytholmroyd Wesleyan Sunday School C.C. - a section of the local Sunday School.



They played on a ground at Bent and had two teams. Some of the opponents in this first year included Cragg Vale United, Booth, Salem, Lumbutts, Todmorden Church, Norland, Roomfield Baptists, Elland Wesleyans.



MYTHOLMROYD

Wesleyan Sunday School

Cricket Club.

LIST OF MATCHES

SEASON 1884.

MYTHOLMROYD:

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MYTHOLMROYD WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB.

FIRST ELEVEN				LIST OF OFFICERS.	SECOND ELEVEN.				
Date.	Ground.	NAME OF THE CLUB.	Result W.L.		Date.	Ground.	NAME OF THE CLUB.	Result W.L.	
April 7	Home	Orange Vale United	✓	<p>President REV. W. BOTHERDELL.</p> <p>Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Wainwright, E. Cress, R. F. Schmitt, J. Greenwood and E. HULLYVILLE.</p> <p>MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Messrs. A. J. Smith, Mr. Bowerman, H. Seaman, Messrs. J. Mason, L. Smith and J. MORGAN.</p> <p>TEAM CHOOSING COMMITTEE: Messrs. E. Smith, W. Hayes, T. Sains, D. Moore and E. PATERSON.</p> <p>Captains: First Eleven—Mr. G. BRIDGEMAN. Sub-Captain—Mr. S. GREENWOOD. Second Eleven—Mr. E. MOORE. Sub-Captain—Mr. R. TOWN.</p> <p>SECRETARIES: Secretary—Mr. R. GREENWOOD. Assistant Secretary—Mr. E. MOORE.</p> <p>Treasurers: Mr. J. K. HOLLIBROOK.</p>	April 14	Home	Hobbs Bridge St. James	✓	
21	Home	South	✓		21	Away	Hobbs Bridge St. James	✓	
27	Away	South	✓		28	Home	Cross Lanes	✓	
May 5	12	Away	Salon Wesleyans		✓	31	Home	Hobbs Bridge United Club	✓
19	Home	Littlehills	✓		31	Home	South	✓	
26	Home	Brighamsford	✓		31	Home	South	✓	
June 2	Away	Hobbs Bridge United Club	✓		31	Away	South	✓	
9	Home	Hobbs Bridge	✓		June 2	Away	Easton Church	✓	
16	Home	Orange Vale	✓		9	Home	Widewater Lanes	✓	
23	Away	Cross Lanes	✓		16	Away	Norham Baptist	✓	
30	Away	Crusafatta	✓		23	Home	James Hills, Lamberton St.	✓	
July 7	Away	Easton Church	✓		30	Home	Hobbs Bridge St. James	✓	
14	Home	Lamberton Foot U.M.F.C.	✓		July 7	Away	James Hills, Lamberton St.	✓	
21	Home	Edgell Wesleyans	✓		14	Away	James Hills, Lamberton St.	✓	
28	Away	Southfield Baptist	✓		21	Away	Widewater Lanes	✓	
Aug. 4	Away	Lamberton Foot U.M.F.C.	✓		Aug. 4	Home	Norham Baptist	✓	
11	Home	Lamberton Church	✓		11	Away	Horsfield Baptist	✓	
18	Home	Southfield Baptist	✓		18	Away	Widewater Lanes	✓	
Sept. 1	Away	Orange Vale United	✓		25	Away	Widewater Lanes	✓	
8	Away	Widewater Wesleyans	✓		25	Home	Crusafatta Baptist	✓	
15	Home	Salon Wesleyans	✓		25	Home	Crusafatta Baptist	✓	
22	Home	Easton Church	✓		22	Home	Crusafatta Baptist	✓	

Horsfield 14. The losers were quickly... by the Booth bowlers, Smith, Horsfield, Pickles and Pollard.

31. JAMES'S 67, v. MYTHOLMROYD WESLEYANS 11.
The local church second team played havoc with the Mytholmroyd Wesleyans on Saturday at Sand-... Going in first, St James's put together 67, of which J H Gibson was credited with 14, F Stead 17, G Dugdale and J H Helliwell 10 each. On entering to bat, the Wesleyans team proved as weak at wielding the willow as they had done in the trundling department, for their wickets fell like skittles before the bowling of J Moss and W Travis, who were both very destructive. The latter performed the hat trick, and got 4 wickets for 3 runs, and his partner had 6 wickets for 7 to his credit.

HOPE BAPTISTS 52 v. CRIMSWORTH 2nd 48.
Played at Crimsworth. The visitors batted first... together 52. Mitchell (15), Mason (14), and...

An early match from the 1894 season

Today, a Club spokesman explains:

In the early days, the connection with the church was very strong - all the players used to be regular chapel-goers. Now, however, the link is weaker, but a lot of people from the church still come to watch and help out in the tea room.



John Wesley, founder of Methodism

WANDERING NOMADS

GROUND MOVES

Mytholmroyd Methodists played at Scout Road continuously once they had settled at the ground.



However, when the Club was first formed in 1894 it did not have a ground and early fixture cards show that it played at several different venues, including:

**1894-95; 1897-1901; 1906-07; 1909 onwards -
White House Holme (Scout Road)**

**1896 - Redacre, Mytholmroyd, where the sewage
works were later built**



1894 (occasionally) - New House, a field adjacent to Mssrs Thornber Bros.

1895 - Buckley (occasionally)

1902, 1908 - Bent

1904-05 - Banksfield, on the hilltops above Hall Bank Lane.

VINTAGE SUMMER

1910 - 2nd XI CHAMPIONS

After finishing top of the Hebden Bridge League table, the 1st XI were runners-up to Birchcliffe in the play-offs. Meantime, the 2nd XI scooped their championship title.

CRICKET.					
HEBDEN BRIDGE LEAGUE, Division I.					
	F.	W.	L.	D.	Pla.
Hylkemarked Westergate	14	1	2	4	10
Hopton Hall Black	11	1	2	4	18
Birchcliffe	11	1	2	4	18
Salon	14	1	2	4	18
Old Town	14	1	2	4	14
Crow Lane	14	1	2	4	12
Drag Vale	13	1	2	4	8
St. James's	12	1	2	4	8

FIRST DIVISION BATTING.			
	Inns.	Not out.	Total Runs.
G. B. Smith, Westergate	12	6	242
W. Crabtree, Salon	12	1	231
W. T. Crabtree, Drag Vale	11	2	215
A. T. Kershaw, Old Town	14	0	180
J. Towns, Westergate	11	1	163
K. Greenwood, Birchcliffe	12	1	152

FIRST DIVISION BOWLING.				
	O.	M.	R.	Average.
F. A. Greenwood, Slack	116	17	279	16.0
M. Ashroyd, Crow Lane	140	23	316	13.8
H. Greenwood, H'cliffe	100	14	201	14.3

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH BIRCHCLIFFE WIN AFTER A HARD TEST.

On the ground of the Mytholmroyd club last Saturday, in beautiful weather, Mytholmroyd Wesleyans and Birchcliffe played for possession of the Senior Division cup. There was a good attendance, the gate receipts amounting to nearly £4.

The performances of each club in the league matches this season are given in the table at the head of this report. We may add that each of the finalists had beaten the other, and

THE CHAMPIONS' AVERAGES.						
Batting.						
		Ings.	Not out.	Total.	Avg.	
E. Greenwood	14	1	52	940	19.15	
Hd. Greenwood	10	1	53	154	17.11	
P. Greenwood	14	1	54	177	15.81	
Hbt. Greenwood	12	2	31	113	11.3	
W. Cockcroft	15	3	33	117	8.0	
J. Sutcliffe	12	0	25	106	8.83	
J. Greenwood	15	0	34	127	8.46	
W. Eastwood	11	2	35	75	6.33	
Hbt. Greenwood	12	3	9	88	7.55	
V. Fielding	12	1	32	69	6.81	
A. Wilcock	4	1	17	15	6.0	
G. Sutcliffe	6	2	6	21	5.25	
E. Wilkinson	11	3	15	42	4.66	
Played 18, won 9, lost 5, drawn 2.						
Bowling.						
	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wts.	Avg.	
Hbt. Greenwood	119.1	37	328	45	7.28	
A. Wilcock	15.4	3	37	5	7.40	
W. Cockcroft	89.1	15	177	20	6.85	
P. Greenwood	59	9	164	15	10.93	
J. Sutcliffe	45.1	7	139	11	12.54	
Hd. Greenwood	89.2	20	239	18	13.27	
MYTHOLMROYD WESLEYANS.						
Batting.						
	Ings.	Not out.	Total.	Avg.		
G. R. Smith	14	4	65*	367	32.7	home
J. Towers	15	1	78*	197	16.41	only
P. Bager	13	2	50*	162	14.72	score
S. Greenwood	12	2	25	122	12.2	Booth
D. Nockliffe	14	2	33*	102	8.5	were
L. Drake	9	2	20	56	6.0	absol
J. E. Carter	5	0	28	39	7.8	tra be
W. A. Hopkinson	8	2	11	42	7.0	Booth
B. L. Foster	5	0	15	33	6.6	after
B. Hopkinson	4	0	11	25	6.5	Ree
P. Brown	5	1	8*	18	4.5	
* Denotes not out.						
Matches played 18, won 9, lost 3, drawn 4.						
Bowling.						
	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wts.	Avg.	
D. Nockliffe	100.5	30	251	39	6.59	PLA
P. Bager	49.1	9	150	22	6.81	ers v
S. Greenwood	25	8	54	6	8.0	Scot
G. R. Smith	62.2	12	163	21	8.71	Akin
J. Towers	80.5	8	207	21	9.85	Ackre
J. E. Carter	12	4	42	4	10.5	Scot
P. Brown	12.1	1	69	3	11.5	Sutcl

Cross Lanes										
J.	Horsfall	b	Stansfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
A.	Dearden	b	Stansfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
S.	Jackson	b	Stansfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
G.	S. Hartley	b	Clark	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
C.	Beswick	b	Clark	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
J.	Spencer	b	Greenwood	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
F.	Horsfall	c	Sutcliffe	b	Stansfield	...	...	...	...	4
J.	F. Greenwood	c	Sutcliffe	b	Stansfield	...	...	...	...	6
E.	Wadsworth	b	Clark	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
J.	Barrett	not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
H.	Midgley	b	Stansfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras 6									Total	62
Fall of wickets—										
	14	20	25	26	48	50	58	61	61	62
Mytholmroyd Wesleyans.										
W.	Sutcliffe	b	Spencer	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
E.	Hopkinson	c	F. Horsfall	b	Jackson	...	...	...	...	1
L.	M. Nichol	b	Barrett	b	Jackson	...	...	...	...	5
M.	Wild	c	Midgley	b	Dearden	...	...	...	...	1
T.	Carter	c	F. Horsfall	b	Spencer	...	...	...	...	16
W.	Greenwood	c	Barrett	b	Spencer	...	...	...	...	0
E.	Stansfield	not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
H.	Clark	c	Midgley	b	Hartley	...	...	...	...	7
W.	Smith	not out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
F.	Baume	and	F. Wilcock	to bat	...	...	...	...	...	...
Extras 7									Total for 7 wickets	67
Fall of wickets—										
	2	15	24	51	51	53	60			
Bowling: Wesleyans—F. Wilcock 6 2 8 0, E. Stansfield 10.5 1 19 6, H. Clark 7 2 20 3, W. Greenwood 5.1 9 1, Cross Lanes—E. Wadsworth 7.1 15 0, S. Jackson 5 2 6 2, G. Hartley 5 0 16 1, A. Dearden 1 0 9 1, J. Spencer 3 0 10 3, J. Horsfall 0.1 0 4 0.										

W. D. GAGOR, PECKER WALL 87 16 222 45 4.8

THE SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. CUP GOES TO MYTHOLMROYD.

Before a good attendance Cross Lanes and Mytholmroyd Wesleyans (second team) met on the Birchcliffe ground at Carrs last Saturday to decide the junior division championship. In the semi-finals Cross Lanes had beaten Old Town and the Wesleyans had put Birchcliffe out of the running, whilst in the league games the Wesleyans had twice beaten the team they were now opposed to.

Cross Lanes batted first, and the first couple made 14. In the twentieth



A team photograph from 1910

THAT WINNING FEELING

1911 - 2nd XI CHAMPIONS AGAIN

SECOND DIVISION FINAL
 MYTHOLMROYD WESLEYANS v. LUDDEN
 DEN UNITED.
 CUP HOLDERS RETAIN POSSESSION

Ludden United and Mytholmroyd Wesleyans met in the Second Division final at Carr, Birchcliffe's ground, last Saturday. The weather was more suitable for football than cricket, but a fair number attended, each side having its band of supporters following. Play was keen interest. In the league table Lud-
 denden finished at the head, having won 12,
 lost 4, and drawn 2. The Wesleyans were third
 with 10 wins, 5 lost, and 3 drawn, or 3 points
 behind Luddden. In their league games
 each side had won at home.

The Wesleyans batted first, and did badly
 for a start, Sharp severing the first partner-
 ship at 4. When a dozen had been

ceremony, which is mentioned below. Scores
 and bowling, etc.:-

Cross Lanes		Score
J. Horsfall	b Stansfield	7
A. Dearden	b Stansfield	4
S. Jackson	b Stansfield	5
G. S. Hartley	b Clark	4
C. Beswick	b Clark	22
J. Spencer	b Greenwood	2
F. Horsfall	c Sutcliffe b Stansfield	4
L. F. Greenwood	c Sutcliffe b Stansfield	6
E. Wadsworth	b Clark	1
J. Barrett	not out	1
H. Midgley	b Stansfield	0
Extras	6	62
Total		62

Fall of wickets—
 14 20 25 26 48 50 58 61 61 62

Mytholmroyd Wesleyans		Score
W. Sutcliffe	b Spencer	23
E. Hopkinson	c F. Horsfall b Jackson	1
L. M. Nichol	b Barrett b Jackson	5
M. Wild	c Midgley b Dearden	1
T. Carter	c F. Horsfall b Spencer	16
W. Greenwood	b Barrett b Spencer	0
E. Stansfield	not out	2
H. Clark	c Midgley b Hartley	7
W. Smith	not out	5
F. Baume and F. Wilcock	to bat	
Extras	7	67
Total for 7 wickets		67

Fall of wickets—
 2 15 24 51 51 53 60

Bowling: Wesleyans—F. Wilcock 6 2 8 0; E. Stansfield 10 5 1 19 6; H. Clark 7 2 20 3; W. Greenwood 5 1 9 1. Cross Lanes—E. Wadsworth 7 1 15 0; S. Jackson 5 2 6 2; G. Hartley 5 0 16 1; A. Dearden 1 0 9 1; J. Spencer 3 0 10 3; J. Horsfall 0 1 0 4 0.

REST IN PEACE

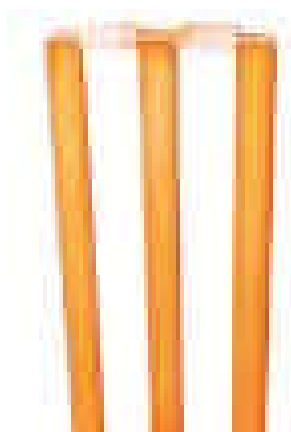
1914/18 – GREAT WAR

Mytholmroyd Wesleyan Sunday School C.C. kept on playing during the war, but only one team could be raised.



WESLEYANS AND WESLEYANS - NECK AND NECK!

1916 - HEBDEN BRIDGE LEAGUE



Hebden Bridge and District League

Bottom Division

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Salmon Wesleyans	17	11	6	0	17
Kilchoy Wesleyans	18	12	6	0	18
Elgin Baptists	19	11	8	2	19
Salmon	15	1	14	0	15
Elgin Wesleyan Club	17	1	16	0	17
Salmon	17	10	7	0	17
Old Town	18	8	10	0	18
Chapel Hill	18	8	10	0	18
Crucible	17	8	9	0	17
St. Mary's	18	5	13	0	18
Leeds Bridge	17	4	13	0	17
Frodoe Hill	18	3	15	0	18

PRIDE OF THE CLUB

1920s/30s – CAN YOU HELP US?



A trophy-winning team from the 1930s. But what is the year and what is the trophy?

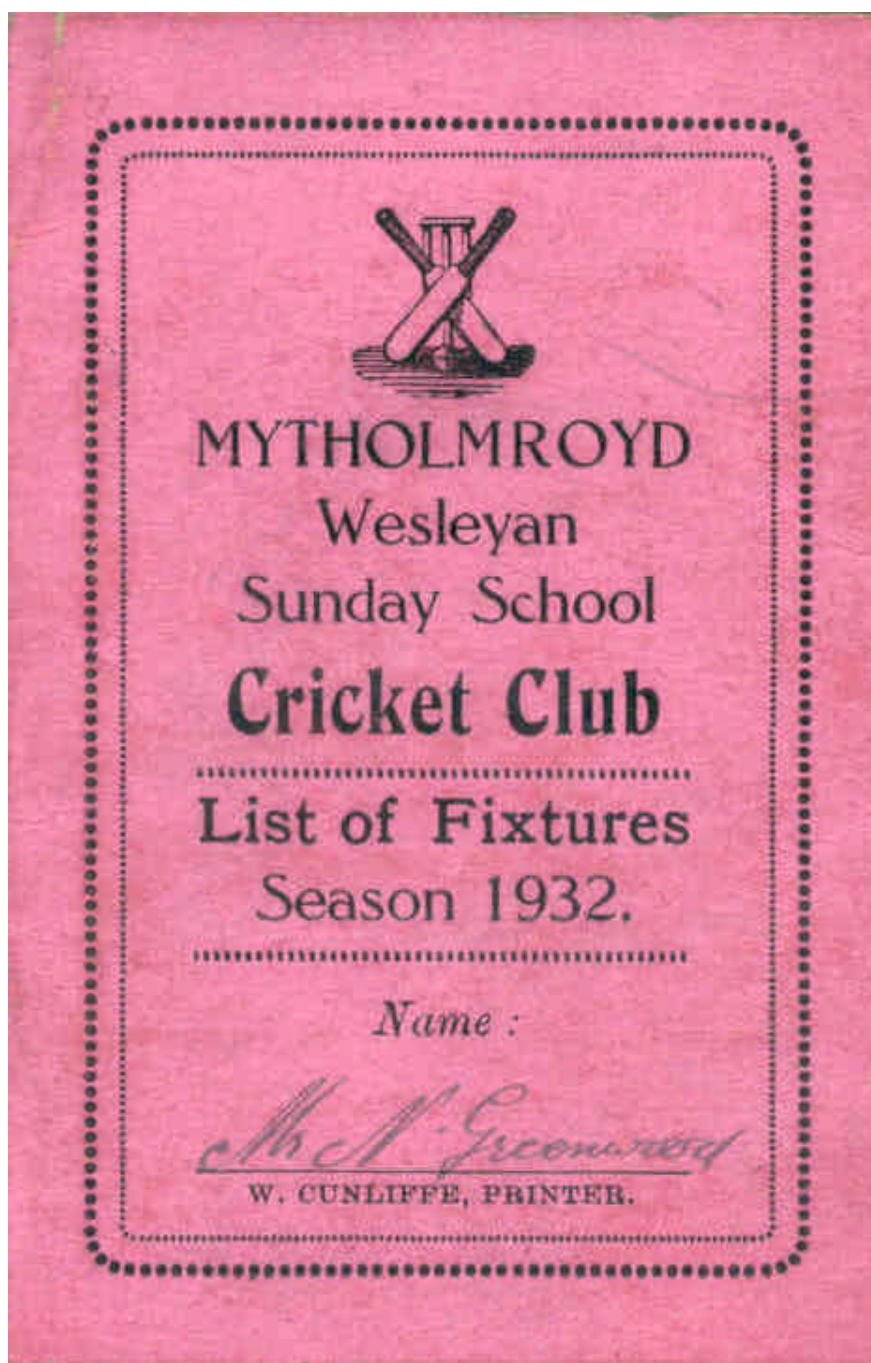
Note the presence of the local Methodist minister (we assume) on the back row, far left.

But who do you think the other two individuals in suits are?

NEW MONIKER

1933/4 - NAME CHANGE

Mytholmroyd Wesleyan Sunday School C.C. evolved into Mytholmroyd Methodists Sunday School C.C. in 1933.





WYTHOLMINGTON
METHODIST
(SCOUT ROAD)
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CRICKET CLUB
1933.

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WARTIME SWITCH

1941 - HALIFAX AMATEUR LEAGUE

Mytholmroyd Wesleyans joined the Halifax and District Amateur League when the Hebden Bridge League was suspended due to the war.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AMATEUR LEAGUE.	
MYTHOLMROYD METHODISTS v. PATON AND BALDWINS. — At the Holmes.	
Mytholmroyd.	
H. Fleetwood b Varley	12
J. Crossley c Jordan b Varley	5
T. E. Nicholl c Milnes b Varley	1
J. Stocks b Varley	8
C. Greenwood c Stall b Varley	16
B. Parker b Varley	7
E. R. Eccles c Keighley b Thompson ..	4
H. D. Wilcock b Varley	5
K. Lord c Jordan b Varley	6
K. G. Greenwood lbw. b Varley	1
P. Wilcock not out	0
Extras 7 .. Total ..	72
17 17 18 27 52 57 57 67 72 72	
Paton and Baldwins.	
E. Thompson c Stocks b Greenwood ..	30
C. Keighley lbw. b Stocks	2
J. Milner c and b Greenwood	5
L. Dickinson c Crossley b Greenwood	8
A. Stall b Greenwood	0
J. Midgley b Greenwood	5
C. Fawthorpe lbw. b Greenwood	7
H. Booth c Eccles b Nicholl	10
H. Jordan b Nicholl	1
W. Webster not out	1
S. Varley b Nicholl	1
Extras 3 .. Total ..	73
18 34 43 43 49 58 67 67 71 73	
Paton and Baldwins bowling: G. Fawthorpe 0 for 13. S. Varley 9 for 31. H. Booth 0 for 17. E. Thompson 1 for 4. Mytholmroyd: C. Greenwood 6 for 36. J. Stocks 1 for 21. T. E. Nicholl 3 for 13.	