

## KING CROSS CC

The Early Years

# METHODIST HERITAGE

## ORIGINS

Like many clubs that began life during the second half of the nineteenth century, King Cross are strongly linked to a religious organisation. In 1878 the Young Men's Class at King Cross Wesleyan School started a cricket team which played its early matches on Savile Park Moor.



John Wesley

According to the *Yorkshire Evening Post* in the 1930s, this club was known as King Cross Wesleyan C.C. But when a new ground was rented at West View, the Club was re-formed as King Cross Cricket Club.



*Looking at Photograph from Left to Right.*

C. CLEGG, W. THOMPSON, *Pres.* W. THURLEY, T. EASTWOOD,  
J. W. LECKENBY, W. HOULT, F. SPENCER, F. BRIER, J. SUTCLIFFE,  
J. A. SMITH, A. HAXBY. H. SPENCER, L. WHITELEY. W. H. SHAW,  
J. GEDHILL, J. T. BROWN, F. HAMER, A. WOOD, A. E. LEES,  
J. T. WOOD.

**Photo taken at West View, 1882**

# FAMILY AFFAIR

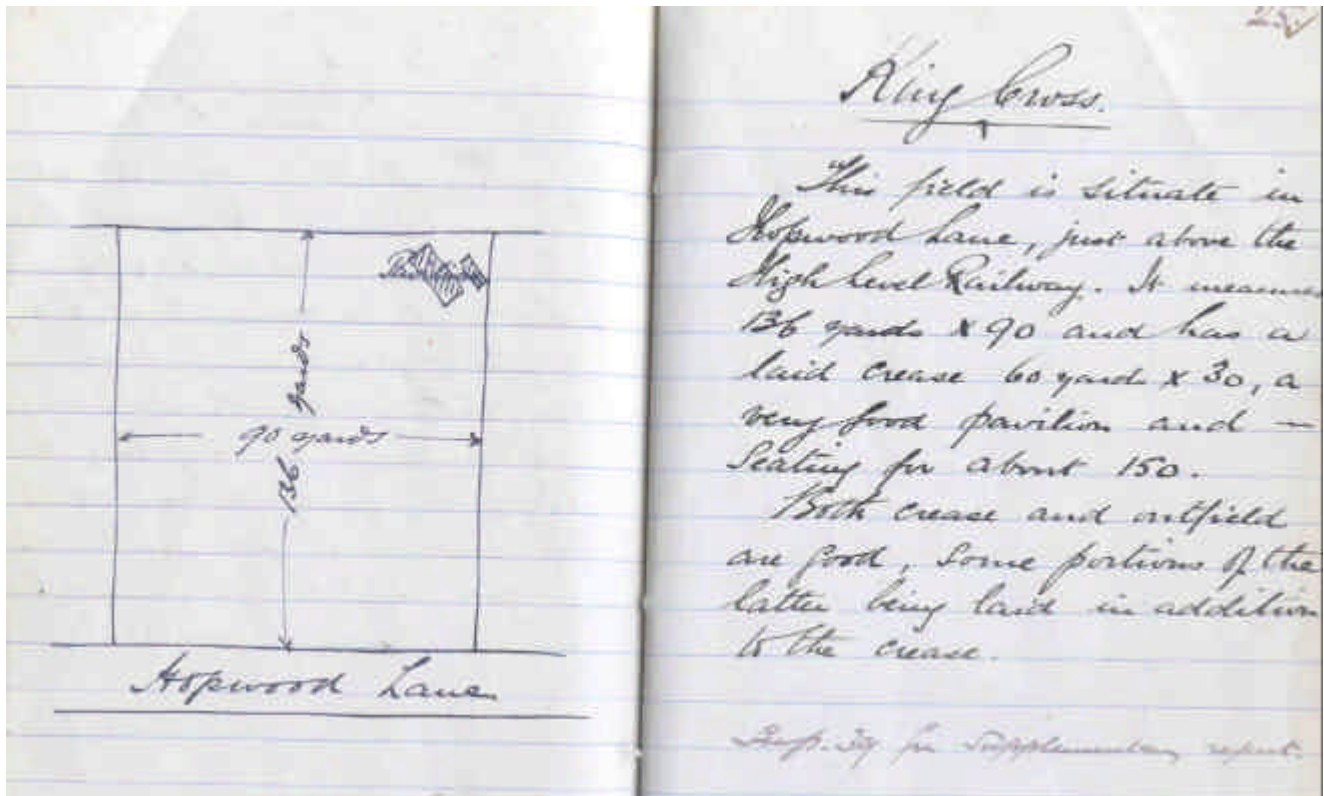
1880s/1890s - TIME OF PROGRESS

The birth of the new club coincided with the involvement of two families who would become synonymous with King Cross Cricket Club during its first 50 years.



## The Ramsdens today

The Alderman A. Ramsden was a joint president of the Club in 1883 and his family were pivotal as King Cross C.C. proceeded to grow rapidly. The legacy of their greatest contribution remains today - as the current King Cross ground was acquired and levelled with their considerable help and still bears the family name.



## 1891 inspectors' report on the West View ground

Alongside the generosity of the Ramsdens ran the zeal of the Clarkson family. Their involvement stimulated great interest in the Club and, as the *Yorkshire Evening Post* recounted in 1931, ***'in 1883, when James Clarkson along with a few influential persons from West View, joined the club, things began to hum and real progress was made.'***



**The Clarkson family**

❖ THE CLUB'S ASSETS. ❖		£	s.	d.
Stable .....		5	10	0
Cricket Pavilions, Outbuildings and Fencing .....		51	10	0
Horse Mowing Machine .....		10	0	0
Hand ditto, .....		3	0	0
Rollers .....		20	12	6
Horse .....		5	10	0
Field Implements .....		1	0	0
Ladder .....		0	3	0
Lamps .....		0	18	0
Seating and Scoring Board .....		4	0	0
Tent Furniture .....		4	3	6
Cricket Material .....		7	16	0
		£114	10	0

NOTE.—A General Meeting will be held on Wednesday Evening next, April 24th. at 7-30 o'clock, in the Pavilion, at which all Members are particularly requested to be present.

**This is what the Club owned in the 1890s**

# SILVERWARE JOY

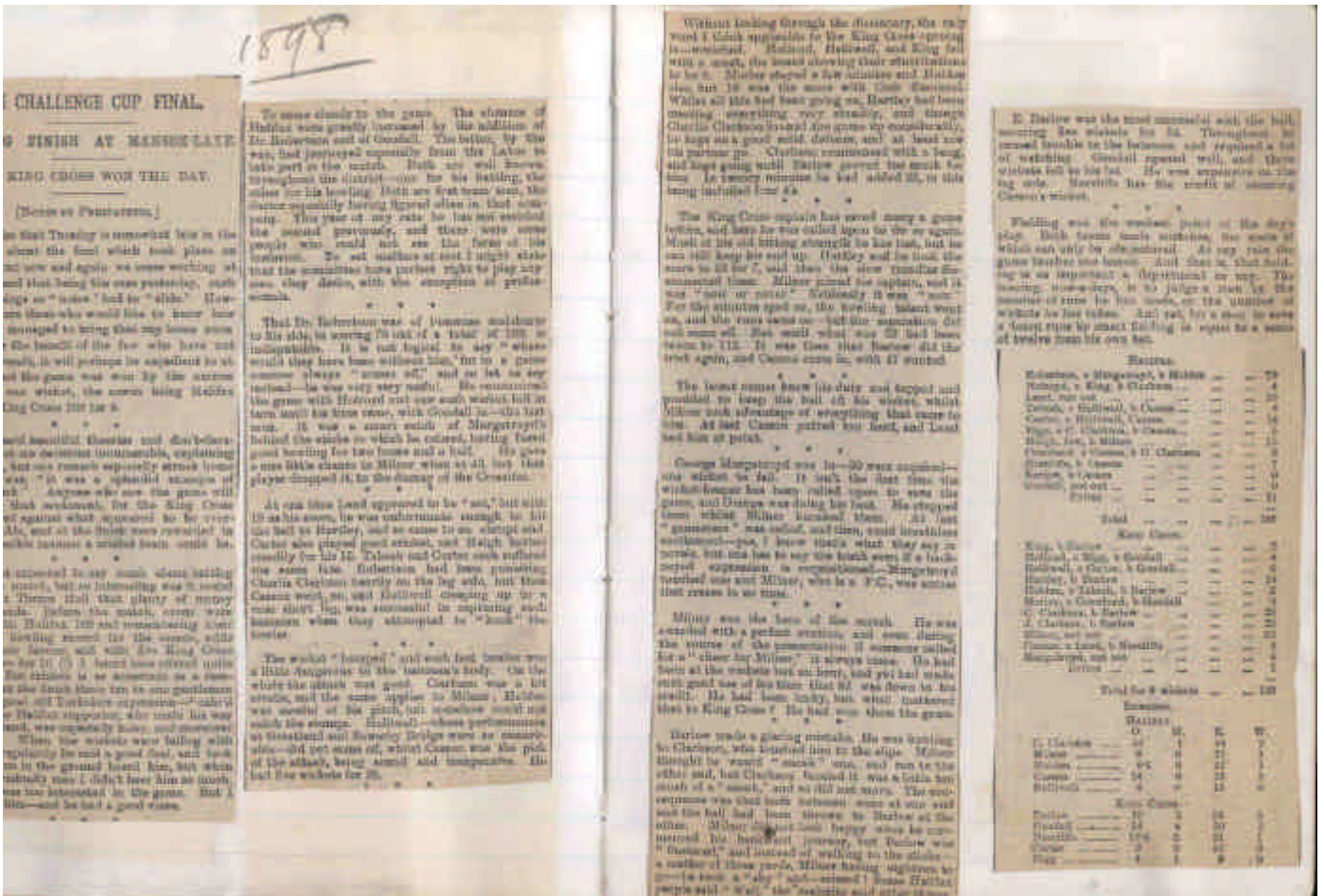
1896 - HALIFAX PARISH CUP WON FOR FIRST TIME.

HALIFAX PARISH CHALLENGE CUP  
FINAL.  
KING CROSS VICTORIOUS.  
[By "ROCKET."]  
As reported in the Cricket Edition of last night's *Evening Courier*, King Cross succeeded in getting down the five remaining Halifax wickets for the addition of only 17 runs, and thus secured the cup and gold medals by the fine and large margin of 136 runs. Casson and Paul bowled unchanged, and both were dead on, Casson taking four of the wickets for eight runs. Fox and Lane were both dangerous men if once set, but they were each sent back for a cypher, a fate which also befel both T. Crossley and Hayes. Chapman and Morley each made a splendid catch, and Aske was very quick behind the sticks. The utter collapse of the Halifax "tail" was matter for much surprise, but the excellent bowling of Casson and Paul allowed of no liberties, and the fielding was steady and keen. The complete scores and analysis are as follows :—

King Cross.				
J. Eastwood, b Barlow	...	...	13	
W. Aske, c and b E. Haigh	...	...	17	
A. Holland, c J. Crossley, b Lane	...	...	27	
T. Chapman, run out	...	...	17	
J. Clarkson (captain), b Kershaw	...	...	13	
P. King, c Hayes, b T. Haigh	...	...	78	
J. K. Mansson, b E. Haigh	...	...	7	
W. H. Marley, b T. Haigh	...	...	20	
J. Casson, not out	...	...	11	
D. Paul, b T. Haigh	...	...	9	
C. Clarkson, c Fearnley, b T. Haigh	...	...	2	
Extras	...	...	22	
Total	...	...	235	
HALIFAX "A."				
E. Haigh, c J. Clarkson, b Casson	...	...	25	
W. Fearnley, c Paul, b Casson	...	...	20	
J. Crossley, c Aske, b Paul	...	...	9	
T. Haigh, not out	...	...	27	
S. Barlow, c Holland, b Paul	...	...	9	
E. Hanson, b Casson	...	...	19	
G. E. Fox, c Chapman, b Casson	...	...	9	
A. C. Lane, c Marley, b Paul	...	...	9	
T. Crossley, c Aske, b Casson	...	...	9	
J. B. Kershaw (capt.), b Casson	...	...	4	
T. Hayes, b Casson	...	...	9	
Extras	...	...	10	
Total	...	...	99	
BOWLING.				
Halifax.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. Crossley	15	4	40	0
E. Haigh	17	4	45	2
S. Barlow	14	0	24	1
T. Crossley	9	2	20	0
J. B. Kershaw	10	1	30	1
T. Haigh	7	2	16	4
A. C. Lane	10	5	26	1
King Cross.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. Clarkson	3	0	22	0
A. Paul	17	4	35	3
J. E. Casson	16.2	5	32	1

# HALIFAX VANQUISHED

1898 - PARISH CUP WINNERS



## CHALLENGE CUP FINAL.

### KING CROSS WON THE DAY.

[Notes of Post-Game.]

On that Thursday a somewhat late in the season the final which took place on the 11th was well attended, and the weather was very good, and that being the case yesterday, each day as "being" had to "slide." There are those who would like to hear how managed to bring that my home from the hands of the few who have not read, it will perhaps be expedient to do so. The game was won by the former was victor, the score being Halifax King Cross 110 to 4.

and beautiful weather and the before-mentioned (Halifax) captaining and was much especially struck home was "It was a splendid example of it." Anyone who saw the game will think what a game for the King Cross against what appeared to be over-able, and at the time was recorded in which neither a single death could be.

It appeared to my some extent calling a match, but an interesting was it noted. There had that plenty of happy ends. Before the match, every one in Halifax had been remembering over "having" around for the season, and my having said with the King Cross on the 11th (5) I heard some things in the match that to my gentleman and the Yorkshire expression "Halifax" of Halifax supporter who made his way and, was especially busy, and moreover. When the visitors were falling with rapidly he and a good deal, and back on to the ground heard him, but when finally was I didn't hear him as much, was not attended to the game. That I like—and he had a good view.

To those already to the game. The chance of Halifax was greatly increased by the addition of the batsman and of Goodall. The latter, by the way, had journeyed especially from the LAWS to take part in the match. Both are well known to regulars the Halifax side for his holding, the sides for his leading. Both are first team men, the latter especially having figured often in that connection. This year at any rate, he has not received the usual gratitude, and there were some people who could not see the form of his captain. To set matters at rest I might state that the committee have further right to play any man they desire, with the exception of professional.

That Dr. Robinson was of immense assistance to his side, in saving the out of a total of 110, is indisputable. It is not likely to say "where would they have been without him," but in a game where "always" "misses off," and so let us say instead "he was very very useful." He commenced the game with Howard and was much struck off in turn until he was gone, with Goodall in—the last man. It was a smart catch of Marjot's behind the stumps in which he failed, having failed good handling for the James and a ball. His game was his chance in Miller when at all, but that play was dropped in to the favour of the Green.

As one line land appeared to be "and," but with it as his own, he was unfortunate enough to hit his ball to Howard, and so came to an abrupt end. Goodall also played good cricket, but it might better be said for his D. Talbot and Carter each suffered the same fate. Robinson had been promising Charlie Clifton heavily on the leg side, but then Clifton went on, and Goodall coming up to a man short he was successful in registering such business when they attempted to "hook" the bowler.

The wicket "bumped" and each had better see a little sympathy to the batsman's body. On the whole the attack was good. Clifton was a bit erratic, and the same applies to Miller; Clifton was mostly of the right ball, and was well served with the stump. Goodall—whose performance as batsman and bowler were so numerous—did not seem at all what Clifton was the pick of the attack, being slow and temperate. All had five wickets for 25.

Without looking through the distance, the very first I think applicable to the King Cross opening batsman, Robinson, Howard, and King fell with a speed, the team showing their determination to lose. Miller played a few innings and Halifax also hit to see the score with their dismissal. While all this had been going on, Barty had been making everything very strange, and though Charlie Clifton played the game in considerably, he kept a good mind, and at last got his partner up. Clifton, commencing with a long, and long going well, Halifax gained the much he time. In many innings he had added 25 in this long innings for 44.

The King Cross captain has given many a game before, and has been called upon to do so again. Most at the old hitting strength he has lost, but he can still keep his cool. Hearty said he liked the score to all for 7, and then the King Cross for a moment. Miller played the captain, and it was "not or not." Certainly it was "not." For the minute and so, the bowler, James went on, and the runs were on—but the batsman did not seem off. The result, which was 20 had been taken by 115. It was then that Howard did the trick again, and Clifton came in with it wanted.

The lower order knew its duty and tapped and prodded to keep the ball off the wicket, while Miller took advantage of everything that came to him. As yet Clifton pulled out hard, and had had his at pitch.

George Marjot's was in—20 were accounted for within an hour. It was the first time the wicket-keeper has been called upon to save the game, and Clifton was doing his best. He stopped them when Miller himself them. All out "game" was called, and then, would have been "not-out"—but, I know that's what they say in cricket, but it is not to say the least, it is a fact. Clifton's expression is unexpressed. Marjot's partner was not Miller, who is a P.C., was another that came in to time.

Miller was the hero of the match. He was awarded with a perfect century, and some during the course of the connection, it seemed called for a cheer for Miller. It was a fine. He had been at the wicket for an hour, and yet had made with great ease of his time that he was down to his result. He had been lucky, but what matters that to King Cross? He had won them the game.

Halifax made a glaring mistake. He was handing to Clifton, who delivered him to the stumps. Miller thought he would "miss" and, and ran to the other end, but Clifton's hand it was within ten yards of a "miss," and so did not score. The performance was that both Robinson and Barty at the same. Miller thought both happy when he was out, but the ball had been shown to Barty at the same. Miller thought both happy when he was out, but the ball had been shown to Barty at the same. Miller thought both happy when he was out, but the ball had been shown to Barty at the same.

It Halifax was the most unusual with the ball, scoring two wickets for 12. Throughout he proved himself to be the best, and required a lot of watching. Goodall played well, and there visitors fell to his lot. He was especially on the 11th day. Halifax has the credit of securing Clifton's wicket.

Halifax was the weaker point of the day's play. Both teams were victorious, but none of which can only be observed. As very rain the game further on, and that is what said, for it is important a Department to say. The meeting, however, it is judged that by the meeting is time in his score, as the number of wickets he has taken. And yet, for a man to score a century by means of being in equal to a score of twelve runs in one day.

Halifax	
Robinson, a Marjot, & Miller	79
Howard, a King & Clifton	4
Goodall, a Miller, & James	10
Clifton, a Robinson, & James	14
King, a Clifton, & Clifton	1
Miller, a King, & Miller	11
Clifton, a James, & Clifton	7
James, a King, & Clifton	9
Goodall, a King, & Clifton	11
Total	110

King Cross	
King, a James	4
Howard, a King, & Goodall	4
Howard, a Clifton, & Goodall	4
Howard, a Clifton	24
Howard, a Clifton, & Miller	2
Miller, a Clifton, & Goodall	4
C. Clifton, a Miller	4
J. Clifton, a Miller	10
Miller, a King, & Goodall	21
James, a King, & Goodall	1
Marjot, a King, & Goodall	4
Total	110

Halifax			
	O	M	R
J. Clifton	24	1	49
Miller	9	0	21
James	9	0	21
Clifton	24	0	21
Howard	4	0	11

King Cross			
	O	M	R
Howard	24	0	21
Miller	10	0	21
Clifton	2	0	11
King	4	1	9

# REAL AMBITION

1900s - BIG MOVES

In 1900 the Club moved to Upper Kingston – and in 1905 joined the Yorkshire Council, a prestigious county-wide cricket competition.

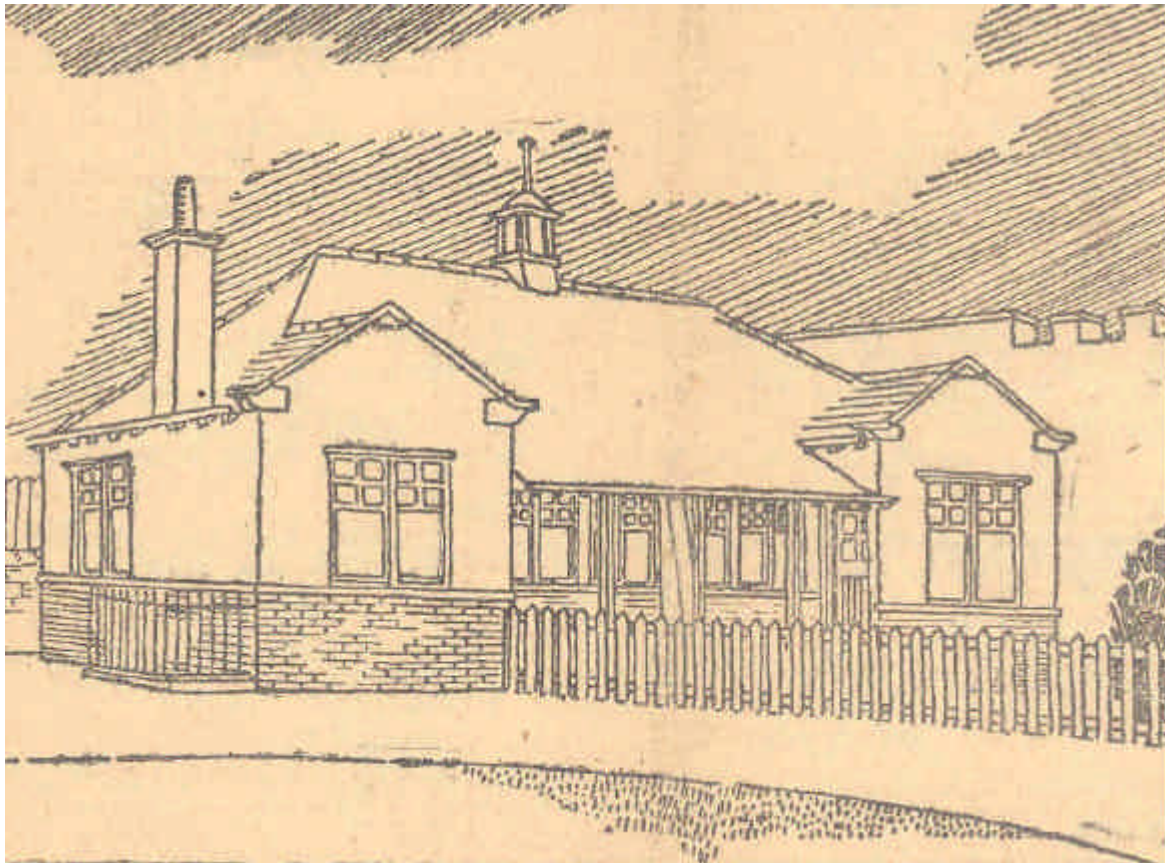


**King Cross cricketers c.1900**

# BRICKS AND MORTAR

1908 – CLUBHOUSE BUILT

In 1908 a clubhouse was built at a cost of £300.



# KINGS OF KING CROSS

1911 – TEAM PHOTOS



# RAILWAYS & REFUNDS

## 1916 - PARISH CUP WINNERS

### EXPENCES—Semi-Finals and Finals.

#### LIGHTCLIFFE v. HALIFAX, at Lightcliffe.

	1915			1916		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Umpires .....	0	5	10	0	6	1
Gate Men .....				0	4	0
Printing .....				0	6	6
Halifax Fares .....	1	7	0	0	5	5
Ground .....	0	15	0	0	10	0
Tax Stamps .....				0	14	2
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	£2	7	10	£2	6	2

#### ELLAND v. KING CROSS, at Elland.

	1915			1916		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Umpires .....	0	5	4	0	6	4
Gate Men .....				0	5	0
Printing .....				0	2	0
King Cross Fares .....	0	19	0	0	6	0
Ground .....	0	15	6	0	10	0
Tax Stamps .....				0	13	4½
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	£1	19	10	£2	2	8½

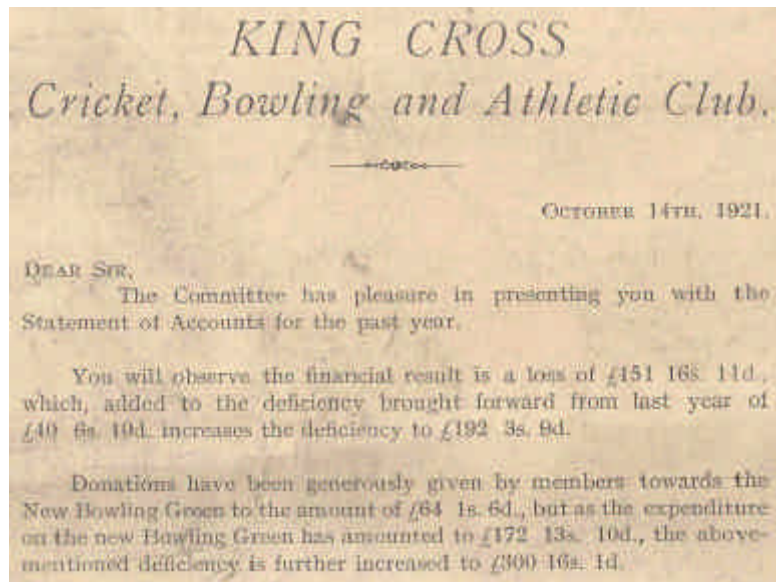
#### FINAL KING CROSS v. HALIFAX, at Halifax.

	1915			1916		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Umpires .....	0	5	0	0	6	0
Ground .....	2	2	0	2	2	0
Gate Men .....	0	10	0	0	5	0
Cup Filling .....	0	5	0	0	5	0
Printing and Posting .....	1	3	0	1	6	0
Printing Tickets .....				0	8	6
Advertising in Local Papers .....				0	9	0
Tax Stamps .....				4	19	6
Players Entrance refunded .....				0	1	4
Railway Fares .....	1	1	8			
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	£5	6	8	£10	2	4

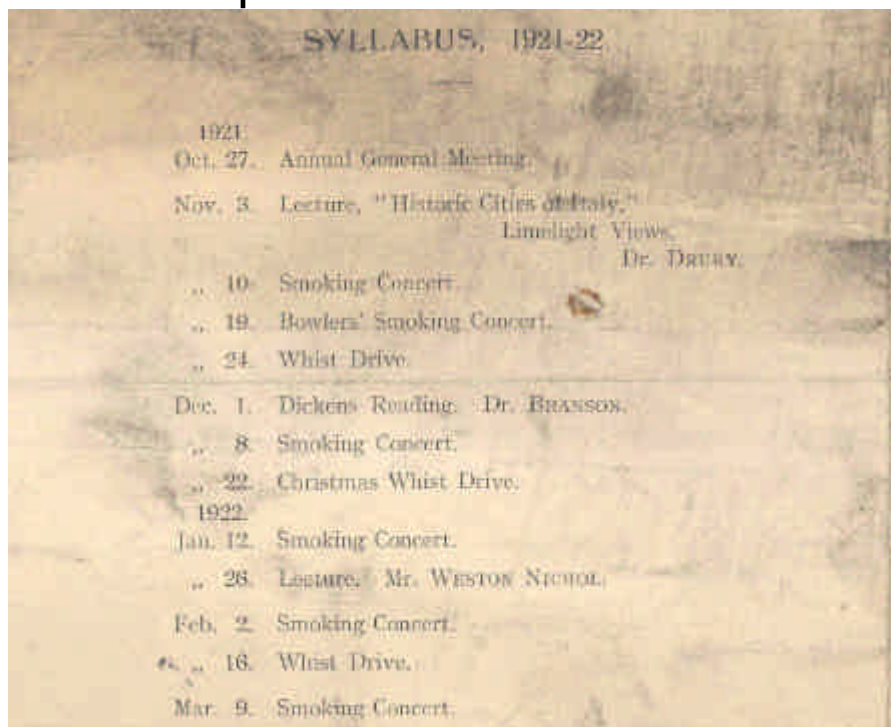
# INTO THE BLACK

## 1921 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

A second bowling green was laid in 1921 at a cost of £400. The Club was left in some financial trouble – with an overall deficit of £300 16s 1d.



It was hoped that members would help rectify this by attending the programme of lectures, whist drives and 'smokers' that was planned for the winter months.



# PRIDE OF THE CLUB

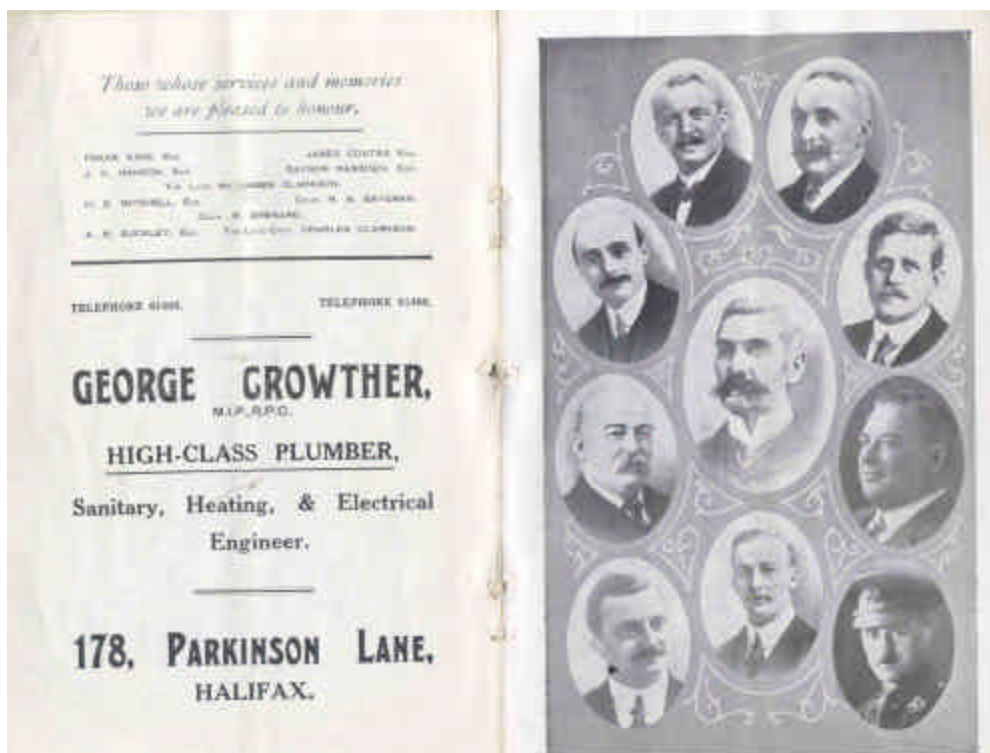
1920s – TEAM PHOTOS



# NICE HALF-CENTURY!

## 1928 – SPECIAL EVENTS

The Club held a Jubilee Bazaar to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1928. They also staged concerts on four separate nights to raise money for a new tea pavilion.



# NUMBERS GAME

1933 – NEW SCOREBOX

A new scoreboard, dedicated to Mr James Clarkson, was opened in 1933.

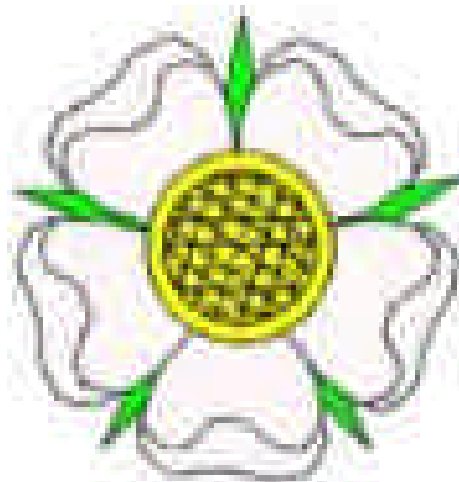
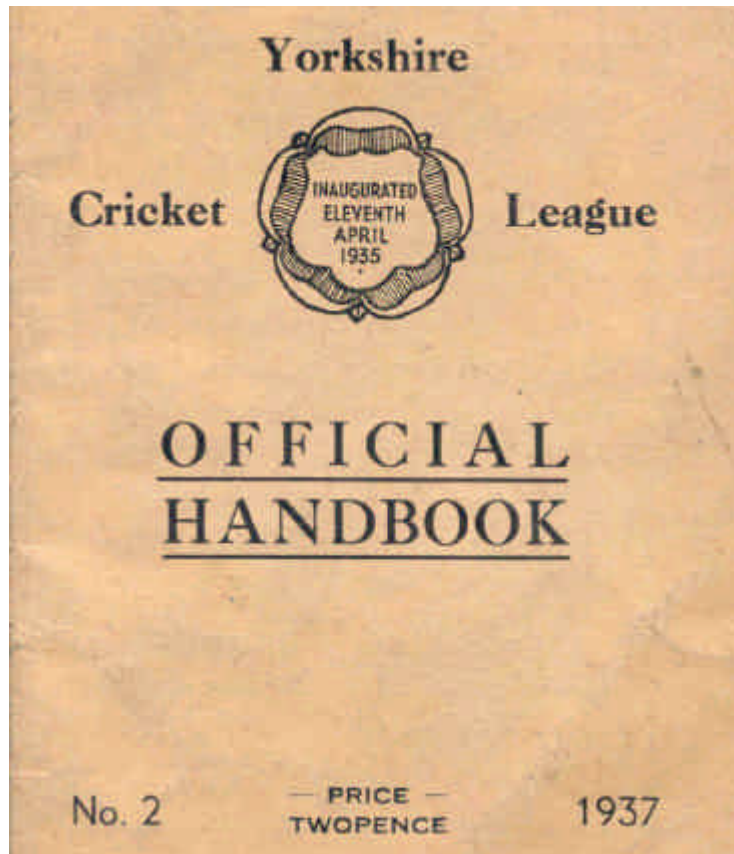
**K**ING CROSS CRICKET CLUB.  
UPPER KINGSTON, HALIFAX.  
TIME LIMIT MATCH.  
CRICKET CHALLENGE CUP.  
**K**ING CROSS v. **W**HITWOOD.  
(Past & Present:  
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY).  
Wickets Pitched 2.35.  
Admission 4d. Tickets before day 3d.  
All Members are requested to pay.  
OPENING OF NEW SCORING BOX  
To The Memory of The Late  
Mr. JAMES CLARKSON and FAMILY.  
The Memorial Plate will be Unveiled at 2.25 by  
Mr. ARTHUR CLARKSON (who will also  
Captain the King Cross XI).  
AFTER THE MATCH, MEMBERS' SMOKING  
CONCERT, 8 to 11. Artistes:  
Mr. C. P. DAVEY (Tenor),  
Mr. J. L. CLAYTON (Bass),  
Mr. F. HEALEY (Entertainer),  
Mr. G. HARGER (Pianist).  
Chairman: Mr. C. BAIRSTOW (President).  
PRELIMINARY NOTICES:  
PRIZE PRESENTATION, OCT. 5th.  
A. Brian Sellers, Esq. (Yorks. C.C. Capt.),  
H. B. NASH, Esq. (Yorks. C.C. Secretary).  
ANNUAL MEETING, OCT. 25th.  
All Officers retire Sept. 30th, but are eligible  
for re-election. Nominations in accordance with  
rules must be sent not later than Oct. 18th.  
C. BAIRSTOW, President.  
WILFRID SENIOR, Secretary.



# FOUNDING FATHERS

1935 – NEW COMPETITION

In 1935 King Cross became founder members of the Yorkshire League.



And this group of players represented the Club in the Yorkshire Cricket League in 1936.



# BEST OF ENEMIES!

1937 – HEYDAY OF LOCAL DERBY v HALIFAX

## KING CROSS TROUNCE HALIFAX RIVALS.

**First Win Since 1928**

**Gained Brilliantly by Ten Wickets.**

**Attendance of Over 2,000.**

**RESULTS AT A GLANCE.**

King Cross beat Halifax by 10 wickets.  
Illingworth beat Menston by 9 wickets.  
Edland beat Thongsbridge by 6 wickets.  
Barnsley beat Armitage Bridge by 5 wickets.

Halifax can only attribute their defeat to the failure of their batsmen, most of whom lost their wickets through injudicious hitting. Both Ratcliffe and Speak were caught after making forcing shots, but Taylor showed more restraint, and Halifax at 61 for two wickets were beginning to pull the game round when Bain, who had previously caught and bowled Ratcliffe, sent back Gledhill, Symons and Helliwell in an over which was packed with drama. He clean bowled Gledhill, had Symon's snapped at the wicket, two balls later dismissed Helliwell, first ball, with the aid of a good catch by Jowitt at slip. With the last ball of the over Bain almost performed the hat-trick, for Woodhead survived a general appeal for l.b.w.

Durkin and Woodhead batted courageously to take the score from 61 to 98 for the seventh wicket but fell to glorious out-field catches by Jowitt and Kippax respectively, and Halifax's final total of 138 was paltry, indeed, for such an easy-paced wicket.

Jackson Sutcliffe, the King Cross captain, used his bowlers cleverly, and the attack was supported by first-class fielding. Bain took four wickets for 27 runs, Crossley two for 15, while Briggs, Sutcliffe, Haigh and Jowitt had on

# RIDING HIGH!

1938 – EARLY-SEASON FORM



# UP FOR THE CUP!

1940 - PARISH CUP WINNERS AGAIN



THE MAYOR (Ald. G. Barker) made one of his last public appearances, before his sudden death on Tuesday, when he presented the Halifax Parish Cup to D. E. Jowitt, the King Cross captain, on Monday evening, at "The Ramsdens."