

The Sunday Cricket Debate

Sunday sport was a contentious issue in the late 1950s. Sowerby Bridge District Council had emphatically refused to open its bowling greens for Sunday use, yet leisure was beginning to encroach the Sabbath both here and on the continent and beginning an unstoppable momentum.

The Halifax League was one of the first to experiment with Sunday play and it was a success. At the Mytholmroyd CC Annual General Meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Mytholmroyd, on Monday 28 October 1957, secretary ND Turner commented:

‘During the past season Sunday cricket has been introduced and the new venture has made a substantial increase in the club’s income.’

By the end of that season the club had a credit balance of £133 19s 8d.