

NORTHOWRAM FIELDS CC

The Later Years

RESURRECTION!

1948 – CLUB RE-FORMED

The cricket club that played at Westercroft Lane before the War re-formed in 1948 – but instead of being known as Northowram Parish Church C.C. or St. Matthew's C.C., the new club came to be known simply as Northowram C.C..



New club, same ground

THE 14 COMMANDMENTS

1949 – CLUB RULES

Like all new organisations, Northowram Cricket Club marked its birth with a set of rules. Some of the points were more significant than others.



RULES FOR THE NORTHOWRAM CRICKET CLUB.

31/3/49.

NAME.

1. The name of the club shall be NORTHOWRAM CRICKET CLUB.

OBJECT.

3. The object of the Club being to provide facilities for the men and youths of the District of Northowram to play the game of Cricket.

COMMITTEE & MANAGEMENT.

3. The club shall be managed by a committee consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, the Captains of the 1st and 2nd Teams and other members of the Club (all of which persons are included in the term "The Committee" wherever used in these rules unless otherwise stated, and they shall also have the additional powers specifically vested in or given to them by these rules.

4. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum. Any member of the committee other than officials and captain absenting himself from three consecutive committee meetings without reasonable excuse or cause shall at the discretion of the committee vacate office, and any member of the committee ceasing to be a member of the club for any reason (and in the case of a captain ceasing such captaincy) shall forthwith vacate office. The committee shall have power to fill vacancies (including any captaincy) until the next annual general meeting. Any of the committee shall be removable from office at any time by a majority of two thirds of the members present and voting at a special general meeting called for that purpose.

5. FINANCIAL YEAR AND ACCOUNTS.

The Financial year of the club shall end on Sept. 30th in each year to which day the accounts of the club shall be made out and balanced.

The accounts shall as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year be audited by two persons appointed at the Annual general meeting.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the club shall be held in October of each year. Date, time and place to be fixed by the Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall be advertised in at least three Local shop windows, and the Pavilion at least 14 days prior to the meeting, also in any other way the committee shall decide. There shall be presented at such meeting, the annual report of the committee, the financial statement of accounts for the preceding year also a record of attendances of the committee.

The election of the committee shall take place at the annual general meeting also the fixing of the amounts of subscriptions for the ensuing year and such business shall be transacted as may be submitted by the committee or as may be dealt with at such meetings under the direction of the rules or otherwise.

15 members present and entitled to vote at such a meeting shall form a quorum.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

A special general meeting of the members of the club may be called on the direction of the committee at any time, and shall be called by the secretary when requested to do so by not less than 10 members of the club.

The object and business to be transacted at such meetings shall be stated in the notice and nothing else shall be brought forward at such meetings.

At least 7 days notice shall be given by the Secretary of any special general meeting and shall be posted in the pavilion and advertised as the committee shall direct.

CHAIRMAN AND CASTING VOTE.

At all committee and general meetings the President and in his absence a Vice-President present at and selected by the meeting shall take the chair and in case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall make a casting vote.

MEMBERSHIP.

The admission of playing members shall be by election by the committee, Prospective members shall be

proposed and seconded at a meeting of the committee and if accepted their name shall be added to the list of members posted in the pavilion.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The subscription will be non playing member minimum 2/6d. Playing member 7/6d. Junior playing member 2/6d. The subscription will not include admission to cup ties, or any other function organised on behalf of the club unless otherwise agreed upon by the Committee.

11. All subscriptions shall be due on July 1st each year, any member who shall fail to pay his annual subscriptions before July 1st shall render himself liable to be struck off the register of members at any time when and as the committee may decide. The committee upon receipt of a satisfactory explanation by a member who fails to pay his subscription can decide to allow a defaulter to continue or renew his membership as the case may require. No member whose subscription is in arrears for 3 months shall be entitled to vote or take any part of the proceedings of an Annual General or Special General Meeting.

12. EXPULSION.

If any member of the club shall be guilty of conduct (whether on or off the club premises) which in the opinion of the Committee would be likely to cause injury or cast discredit upon the club, the committee may call upon such member to give an explanation of his conduct and in default of such explanation or if the committee do not consider the explanation satisfactory the committee may by resolution (passed by not less than a two thirds majority of the members present entitled to vote and voting at such a meeting) direct his name to be struck off the register of members, and such member shall thereupon cease to be a member of the club.

13. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any member may resign his membership by notification to the secretary. Any member upon ceasing to be a member of the Club for any reason or from any cause shall forfeit all right and claim upon the club, its



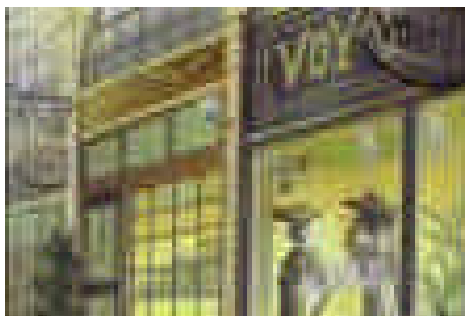
property and funds except in the case of a shareholder whose shares may be repaid to him by arrangement with the Committee.

4. ALTERATION ETC. OF RULES.

No new rules shall be made nor any existing rule amended or rescinded except by resolution of an annual General Meeting or a special general meeting by a two thirds majority of Members present and entitled to vote and voting at any such meeting.

Note in particular:

- The aim to provide 'facilities' for the 'men and youths' of the village (and no mention of women).
- The emphasis on good, disciplined behaviour (reflective of the immediate post-war period?).
- The fact that the details of the Club AGM had to be publicised in the windows of at least three local shops (implying that most players lived and shopped in the village).



UP FOR THE CUP! BUT WHICH CUP EXACTLY?

1950 – TEAM PHOTO



Can you help us identify the trophy that the skipper is showing off?

And how many players' faces do you recognise? And who are the two guys in suits?

'I TRUST THAT YOU WILL MAKE IT CONVENIENT TO BE PRESENT'

1957 - CLUB GATHERING

Northowram Cricket Club

23, NEWLANDS DRIVE,
NORTHOWRAM,
HALIFAX.

22nd October, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the above Club will be held in the Pavilion at 7-30 p.m. on **THURSDAY**, the 7th **NOVEMBER**, 1957, and trust that you will make it convenient to be present.

Yours sincerely,

A. LAMBERT,

Honorary Secretary.

AGENDA.

Minutes.
Secretary's Report.
Treasurer's Report.
Vote of thanks to retiring Officers and Committees.
Election of Officers.
Election of Management Committee.
Election of Captains and Vice-Captains.
Election of League Representatives.
Any other business.

SUBS, SCRAP, AND SUNDRY EXPENSES

1957 – CLUB BALANCE SHEET



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1957.

30/9/56.		1957.		30/9/50.		1957.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
8 19 3	To Rates and Taxes	12 15 2		34 6 0	By Donations and Subscriptions Received	31 8 0	
2 9 4	" Gas and Coal	3 4 5		5 4 1	" Match Collection	7 13 0	
32 17 1	" Expenditure on Ground and Pavilion	19 2 11		3 4 7	" Slate of Proceeds "Shaddin" Trophy		
23 10 11	" Expenditure on Playing Equipment	20 12 9		21 0 0	" Advertisements on Fixture Lists	25 10 0	
14 13 2	" Printing, Postages and Stationery	17 6 7		4 8 5	" Proceeds of Whist Drives and Dances		
2 6 0	" Talent Money	5 15 0		3 14 6	" York County Savings Bank Interest	5 16 7	
8 15 0	" League Fees and Official Guides	9 0 0		7 7 0	" Insurance Contributions from Players	10 0 0	
18 11 10	" Umpires' Fees and Expenses	20 19 9		26 4 2	" Proceeds of Christmas Cheer	15 18 7	
5 8 6	" Sundry Expenses, Petrol, etc.	8 10 5			" Loan of Mower	10 0 0	
3 0 0	" Insurance	3 0 0		16 0 3	" Profit on Sale of Refreshments	18 1 0	
4 0	" Bank Charges	4 0		12 6	" Sale of Scrap Iron		
17 19 6	" Loss on Dance	4 19 7		61 17 0	" Proceeds of Special Effort	95 13 0	
	" Depreciation written off	13 0 0					
	" Travelling Expenses	10 9 0					
39 4 4	" Profit for the Year	54 1 1					
176 18 11		£203 0 8		176 18 11		£203 0 8	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1957.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Accounts due to Loanholders		6	5	0
Provisions—				
Talent Money, 1957		5	15	0
Capital Fund Balance, 1/10/50		89	3	0
Add Profit for the Year		54	1	1
		645	4	10

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have audited the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet of the Northoverians Cricket Club, dated 30th September, 1957. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and in my opinion the Accounts show a true and correct state of the Club's affairs according to the information and explanations I have received and as shown by the books of the Club.

S. SUTCLIFFE,
Chartered Accountant,
Halifax.

2nd October, 1957.

£655 4 10

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Ground at Cost		250	0	0
Pavilion at cost, with additions		229	9	6
Less Depreciation written off to date		235	9	6
		44	0	0
Ground Equipment, Playing Equipment, Field Water Service, etc., at cost with additions		215	13	1
Less Depreciation written off to date		197	13	1
		18	0	0
Expenses paid in advance		3	19	0
Balance at York County Savings Bank		219	15	4
Balance at York County Savings Bank, "Building Fund"		110	10	11
Balance at Lloyds Bank Ltd.		4	14	2
Cash in Hand		4	4	8

£655 4 10

NEW FACILITY

1959 – PAVILION BUILT



The original pavilion at Westercroft Lane was built in 1959.

A special photograph of the pavilion was taken in 1989 to celebrate its 30th year – and this now hangs in the clubhouse today.

COAL, COLLECTIONS & CHRISTMAS CHEER

1960 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS



<u>NORTHOWRAM</u>			<u>CRICKET</u>			<u>CLUB</u>			
						<u>INCOME & EXPENDITURE</u>			
<u>30 Sep. 1959.</u>									
11	16	9	To Rates & Taxes			11	12	1	
3	15	9	" Gas & Coal			3	15	11	
75	15	6	" Expenditure on Ground & Pavillion			12	3	6	
28	11	3	" Expenditure on Playing Equipment			37	3	4	
-	-	-	" Repairs to Motor Mowers			62	1	4	
15	19	3	" Printing, Postages & Stationery			14	15	3	
6	7	0	" Talent Money			4	0	0	
10	0	0	" League Fees and Official Guides			12	0	0	
31	16	7	" Umpires Fees & Expenses			30	12	10	
12	4	5	" Sundry Expenses, Petrol, etc.			8	18	8	
3	0	0	" Insurance			3	0	0	
4	0		" Bank Charges			-	-	-	
12	2	0	" Travelling Expenses			12	11	6	
8	0	0	" Depreciation			7	0	0	
4	2	10	" Profit for the year			-	-	-	
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£	223	15	4			£	219	14	5
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YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1960.

RECEIPTS ACCOUNT

30 Sep. 1959.

38	9	6	By Donations & Subscriptions Received	31	12	6	✓
12	5	0	" Match Collections	5	17	11	✓
23	0	0	" Advertisements on Fixture Lists	27	0	0	✓
1	10	10	" Proceeds of "Sladdin Trophy"	-	-	-	
20	0	8	" Profit on "Christmas Cheer"	10	17	5	✓
99	5	0	" Proceeds of "Special Effort"	98	17	0	✓
20	13	7	" Profit on sale of Refreshments	16	9	3	✓
8	10	9	" York County Savings Bank Interest	9	4	8	✓
-	-	-	" Sale of Blazer Badges	2	10	0	✓
-	-	-	" Wayleave	1	0		✓
-	-	-	" Loss for the year	17	4	8	✓

£ 223 15 4

£ 219 14 5



GIVE ME FIVE!

1980 – COMPETITION WINNERS

In 1980 Northowram scooped the Sam Catton Trophy – a new five-a-side tournament organised by the Bradford Central League.

SAM CATTON TROPHY - 5 A SIDE COMPETITION RULES

1. This is a Knock-Out Competition. Clubs must pay £5 to enter the competition, refundable when they attend. All players must be registered players of the Club for whom they play.



SAM CATTON TROPHY WINNERS

1978	Buttershaw	1989	Bingley
1979	Cross Roads	1991	Buttershaw
1980	Northowram	1992	Oxenhope
1981	Adwalton	1993	Bingley Congs
1982	Denholme	1994	Jer Lane
1983	Jer Lane	1995	Shelf
1984	Dudley Hill	1996	Denholme
1985	Cullingworth	1997	Buttershaw
1986	Denholme	1998	No play rain
1988	Northowram	1999	Thornton

MASTER BLASTER

1988 – AMAZING BATTING FEATS

Batsman P. Crossland appeared to personify the rising status and ambition of Fields C.C. – the Bradford club that Northowram C.C. would eventually merge with. In 1988 he smashed almost 1,000 runs in the Bradford Central League.

DIVISION TWO BATTING		Runs	Average
1979	K. Sutcliffe (Sandy Lane)	446	44.60
1980	B. Redfearn (Crofts)	258	43.00
1981	A. Norde (Crofts)	598	33.22
1982	V. Roe (Thornton)	703	43.93
1983	D. Fortey (Grattan)	658	59.82
1984	D. Fortey (Grattan)	945	52.50
1985	M. Birts (Idle Upper Chapel)	563	56.30
1986	J. Parker (Ingrow)	704	44.00
1987	R. Wilson (Thornbury)	509	46.27
1988	P. Crossland (Fields)	940	
1989	P. Ellison (Oxenhope)	1147	95.58
1990	R. Burston (Shelf)	488	69.71
1991	C. Foster (Northowram)	387	77.40
1992	M. Thacker (Sandy Lane)	706	64.18
1993	S. Thiara (Shelf)	520	52.00
1994	R. Clark (Eldwick & Gilstead)	429	42.90
1995	B. Terry (Thornbury)		



NORMAN BASTOW MEMORIAL TROPHY		Runs
1984	D. Fortey (Grattan)	945
1985	C. Priestley (Yews Green)	683
1986	J. Parker (Ingrow)	704
1987	R. Cull (Buttershaw)	938
1988	P. Crossland (Fields)	959
1989	P. Ellison (Oxenhope)	1147
1990	P. Ellison (Oxenhope)	876
1991	G. Kingett (Laisterdyke)	776
1992	A. Clinton (Hepworth/Idle)	792
1993	L. Montgomery (Jer Lane)	840
1994	L. Montgomery (Fields)	786

BLAZE HORROR

1990 – CLUBHOUSE FIRE



EVE OF SEASON BLAZE HITS CRICKET CLUB

Arsonists blamed for clubhouse fire

By MARTIN HEMINWAY

ARSONISTS are being blamed for a fire which caused more than £2,500 damage to the clubhouse at Northowram Cricket Club.

The blaze is thought to have been started by vandals who broke into the building in Westwood Lane yesterday and set fire to a pile of rubbish.

Firemen from Halifax and Orkney put out the fire but much of the stone and timber bedding was badly damaged by smoke.

The fire caused a massive blow to club members who have spent the last six months rebuilding the clubhouse and who were working on the finishing touches.

Club treasurer Mr. Brian Fletcher, of Willow Park Drive, Skelth, described the attack as "very sickening" and said the club might have to appeal for funds to repair the damage.

Work had started on building the new clubhouse last October when club members travelled to Filly in May where they bought stone from the former Bullin holiday camp which was being demolished.

Two months' work was put into cleaning the stone and building work began at the end of last year ready to be completed

on the start of the new season.

The club is due to start its fixtures in the Bradford Central League next week and a pre-season friendly match yesterday had to be abandoned.

"We would love to put our hands on the people that did this. We are just stunned that so much damage can be caused by what was really a not very big fire," Mr. Fletcher said.

"It is very irritating that after six months work this has happened and as we were putting the finishing touches to the building.

"The whole place will have to be re-floored, part of the floor has been damaged and some structural fittings have melted.

"We will just have to hope that we can get it ready for the start of the season but our main problem is that we have run out of money.

"We have already borrowed heavily from club members to build it and we will just have to go back and see if we can borrow more money but we may have to have an appeal if it can't be arranged.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire which was opened by a man walking his dog in the early hours of yesterday morning.

members of Northowram cricket club picking up after the fire in their clubhouse

A CD...
Mr. To...
Mr. and...
at the...

FIELDS OF GOLD

1990s – CENTRAL LEAGUE SUCCESS

Throughout the 1990s Fields C.C. bagged their fair share of Bradford Central League silverware.

WADDILOVE TROPHY WINNERS

1933	Butterfields S.C.	1968	Dudley Hill
1934	Healey	1969	Wilsden
1935	Dudley Hill	1970	Jer Lane
1936	Butterfields S.C.	1971	Shelf
1937	Thornbury	1972	Grattan Warehouses
1938	Butterfields S.C.	1973	Manningham Mills
1939	Shelf	1974	Dudley Hill
1940-3	No Competitions	1975	Bingley Congs
1944	Woodlands	1976	Shelf
1945	Adwalton	1977	Oxenhope
1946	Woodlands	1978	Jer Lane
1947	Thornton	1979	Buttershaw St. Pauls
1948	Manningham Mills	1980	Bolton Villas
1949	Jer Lane Congs	1981	Buttershaw St. Pauls
1950	Woodlands	1982	Woodlands
1951	Dudley Hill	1983	Woodlands
1952	Dudley Hill	1984	Denholme
1953	Dudley Hill	1985	Woodlands
1954	Thornton	1986	Bolton Villas
1955	Wibsey Congs	1987	Bolton Villas
1956	Wibsey Congs	1988	Bingley Congs
1957	Dudley Hill	1989	Shelf
1958	Dudley Hill	1990	Eldwick & Gilstead
1959	Wibsey Congs	1991	Bingley Congs
1960	Jer Lane Congs	1992	Thornton
1961	Adwalton	1993	Fields
1962	Hepolite	1994	Fields
1963	Woodlands	1995	Fields
1964	Dudley Hill	1996	Harden



Division One

1960	Manningham Mills
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1962	Manningham Mills
1963	Jer Lane Congs

Division Two

Hepolite/Thornbury
Adwalton
Hepolite

1990	Bingley Congs
1991	Harden
1992	Harden
1993	Bolton Villas
1994	Fields
1995	Fields
1996	Harden
1997	Harden
1998	Harden
1999	Northowram/Fields

Laisterdyke
Shelf
Northowram
Sandy Lane
Bingley Congs
Ingrow
Laisterdyke
Thackley
Northowram/Fields
Cullingworth
Oxenhope

2 BECOMES 1

1997 - MERGER

In 1997 Northowram C.C. merged with Fields C.C. (originally Field Son & Co.), a club based in the early days around a Lidget Green printing company (and who up till that point had been playing their home games at Bradford Park Avenue).



Bradford Park Avenue

Both clubs had been competing in the Bradford Central Cricket League up until this point.

Common sense dictated that 'Northowram' add 'Fields' to their official title, and this is what happened. Hence the birth of Northowram Fields C.C..

Club spokesman Peter Atkinson says the merger has been a success: ***'Fields lost their ground when Yorkshire CCC installed their Academy at Bradford Park Avenue. At the time, we at Northowram were struggling, and in very quick time merger was agreed. The new "joint" side has progressed through the Bradford Central League, and we're now thriving in the Central Yorkshire League.'***

A NICE HALF-CENTURY!

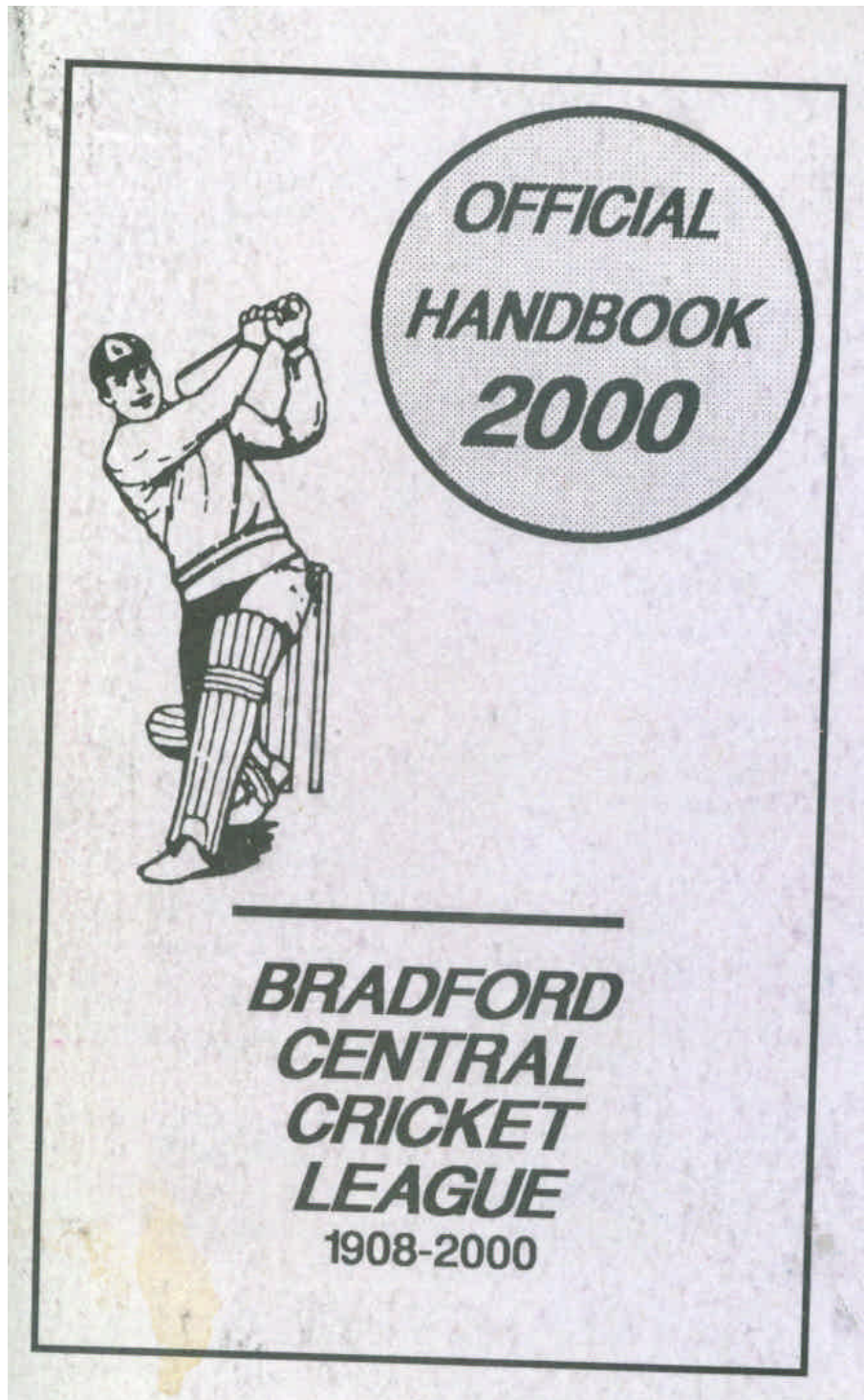
1998 – BIG ANNIVERSARY

In 1998 a special match was staged to celebrate the Club's 50th birthday.



DOUBLE DOUBLE!

1999/2000 – CENTRAL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE SWITCH



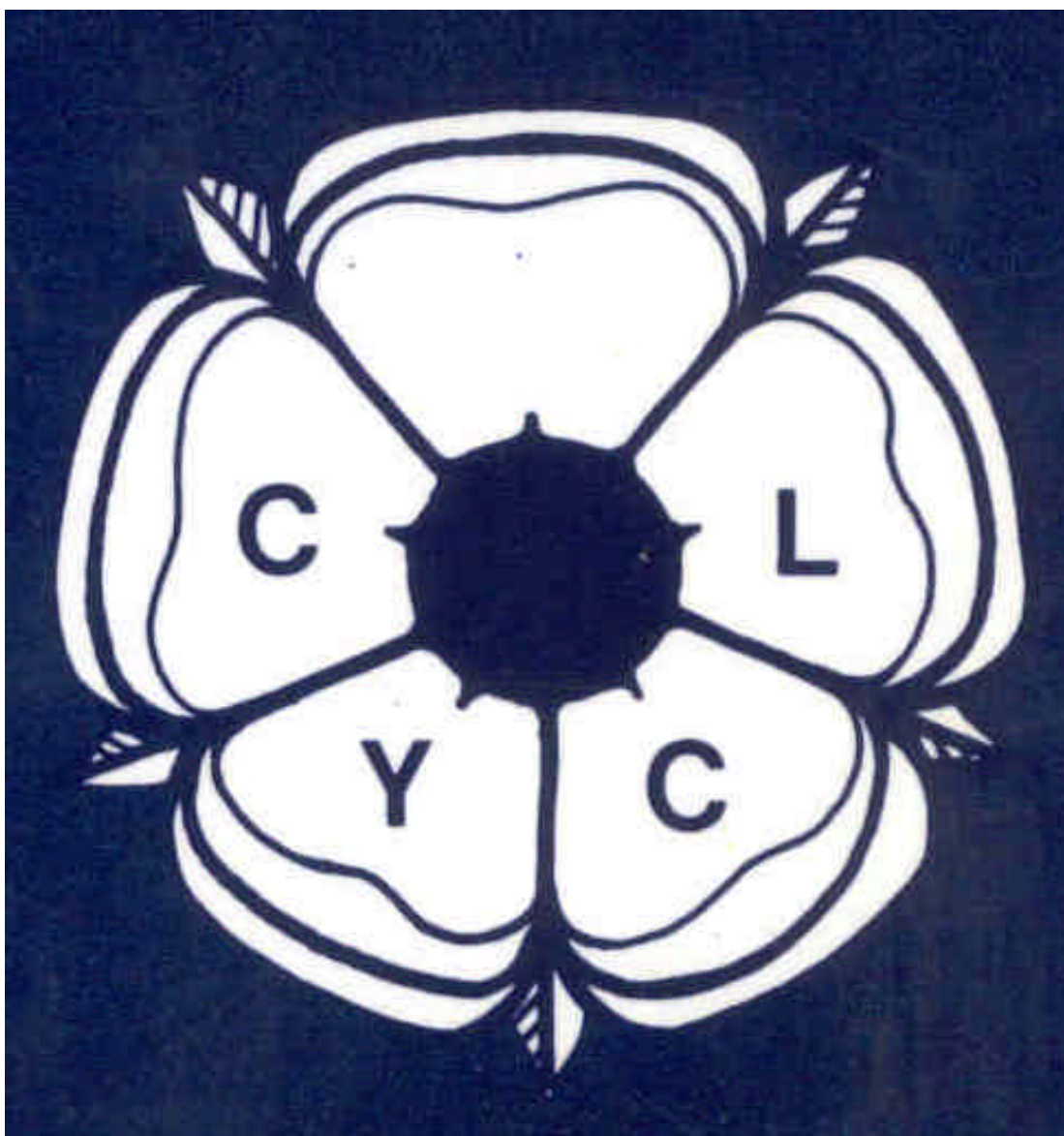
DIVISION ONE FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

1st Teams	P	W	L	4	1	3	Pts.
Northowram/Fields	22	18	3	0	1	0	109
Thornton	22	14	4	3	1	0	97
Harden	22	11	6	4	1	0	83
Thackley	22	11	7	1	3	0	73
Laisterdyke	22	9	10	2	1	0	63
Bolton Villas	22	8	8	3	3	0	63
Jer Lane	22	7	7	3	5	0	59
Cullingworth	22	8	11	1	2	0	54
Haworth Rd	22	7	12	1	2	0	48
Buttershaw SP	22	6	9	0	7	0	43
Crossflatts	22	4	14	0	4	0	28
Bingley Congs	22	3	15	2	2	0	28

2nd Teams	P	W	L	4	1	3	Pts.
Northowram/Fields	22	18	3	1	0	0	112
Jer Lane	22	15	5	1	1	0	95
Harden	22	15	5	0	2	0	92
Bolton Villas	22	12	8	1	1	0	77
Laisterdyke	22	12	9	0	1	0	73
Thornton	22	10	11	0	1	0	61
Buttershaw SP	22	8	7	1	5	1	60
Haworth Road	22	8	11	1	1	1	56
Cullingworth	22	5	12	3	2	0	44
Thackley	22	6	13	0	3	0	39
Crossflatts	22	4	15	2	1	0	33
Bingley Congs	22	3	16	0	3	0	21

In 1999 Northowram Fields, competing in the Bradford Central League, won the 1st XI Division 1 and 2nd XI Division 1 titles.

The ambition of the new merged club heralded a move into the Central Yorkshire League for the 2000 season – and the Club currently resides in this League.



And in their first season, Millennium Year, the 1st XI scooped the Central Yorkshire League Division 2 title, while the 2nd XI netted the Division 4 Championship.

BLACK BEAUTY

2001 – NEW SCOREBOX



The Club's impressive scoreboard was erected in 2001.

BRIGHT FUTURE

2005 – CLUB TODAY

