

NORTHOWRAM HEDGE TOP CC

The Later Years

SO NEAR BUT YET SO FAR

1946 – CUP RUNNERS-UP

Northowram Methodists were off the mark pretty quickly after the War. In 1946 they fell at the final hurdle in the Collinson Cup – as this table in the Halifax Association handbook indicates.

COLLINSON CUP COMPETITION SINCE 1946

Winners

1946	Churchill Redmans
1947	S.B.C.I.
1948	S.B.C.I.
1949	Heywood
1950	Websters
1951	Warley
1952	Warley
1953	Warley
1954	R.A.F.A.
1955	S.B.C.I.
1956	S.B.C.I.
1957	D. of Wellington R.

Runners - Up

(Rawson Shaw Shield)

Northowram Meths
Churchill Redmans
Mytholmroyd Meths
S.B.C.I.
Warley
Bradshaw
S.B.C.I.
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Churchhill Redmans
Wainstalls
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PARISH PERFORMERS

1947 – HALIFAX LEAGUE

Northowram were successful in their post-war application to join the Halifax Parish League – and 1947 was their first summer in the new competition.

First Teams.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Mytholmroyd ..	8	7	0	1	22
Triangle	8	5	1	2*	18
Barkisland	8	5	1	2	17
Greetland	8	5	2	1	16
Northowram ...	8	4	3	1*	14
Stones	9	4	3	2	14
Booth	8	1	4	3*	7
Copley	8	2	5	1	7
Sowerby	7	1	4	2*	6
Stainland	8	1	5	2	5
Dean Clough	8	0	7	1	1

Second Teams					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Greetland	9	7	1	1	22
Stainland	8	5	2	1	16
Barkisland ...	8	4	2	2*	15
Mytholmroyd ..	8	5	3	0	15
Booth	8	4	3	1	13
Stones	9	4	4	1	13
Triangle	8	4	3	1	13
Northowram ..	8	2	5	1	7
Sowerby	8	2	5	1	7
Dean Clough	8	1	5	2*	6
Copley	8	1	6	1	4

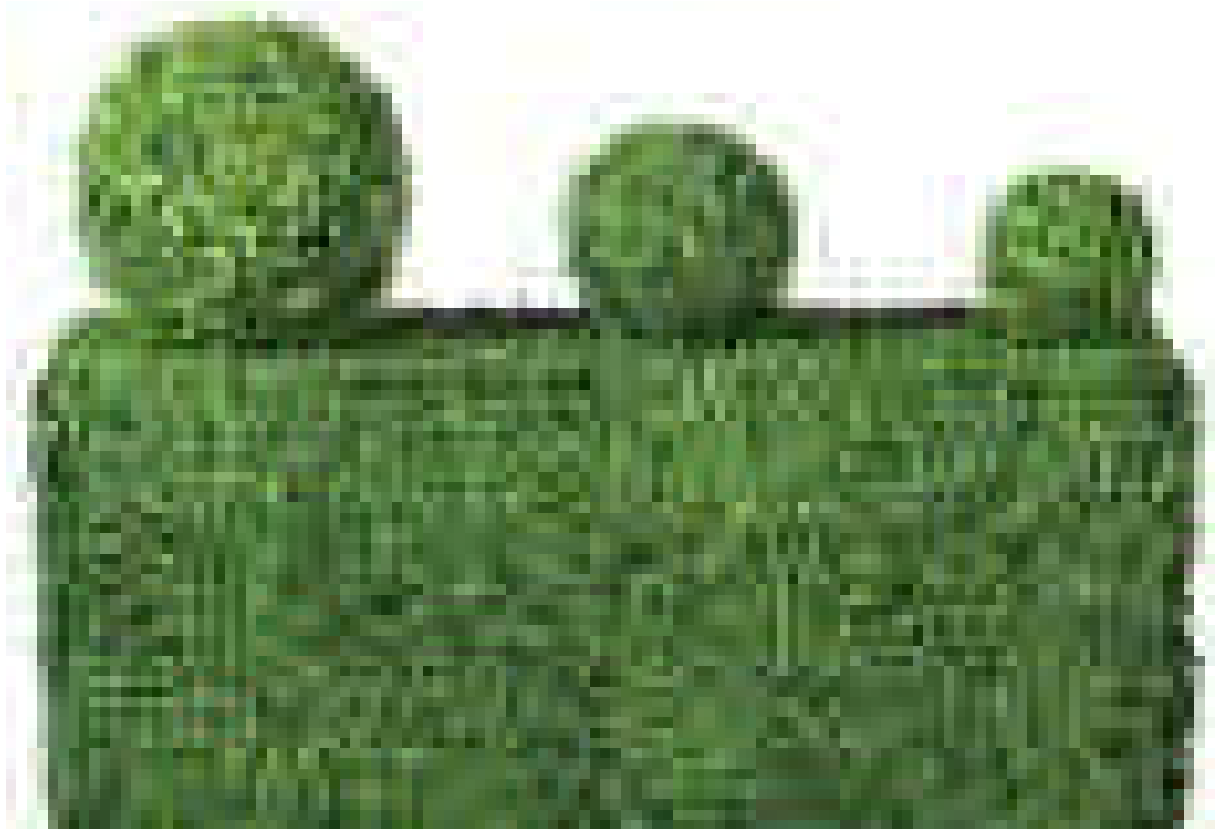
* Denotes tie.



The home of 1947 League Champions, Mytholmroyd

HELLO HEDGE TOP!

1952 – A CHANGE OF NAME



The Club's second name-change took place in 1952.

In an attempt to raise funds, Club members decided to organise a Christmas Raffle.

Unfortunately for the Club, the Methodist Church took a dim view of gambling (and also alcohol) on church premises.

GONE SHOPPING!

1952 – GROUND PURCHASE

In the same year as the Club gained a new moniker, its ground, which had hitherto been rented, was purchased from the Coley Hall Estate.



Coley Hall

SILVERWARE JOY

1965 – PARISH CUP SUCCESS

Hedge Top reached the final of the Parish Cup in 1965.



Cup final preview in the *Courier & Guardian*

And caused an upset when they defeated red-hot 'certs' Triangle at King Cross.

LOO-MING SUCCESS!

1968 – NEW CONSTRUCTION

In 1968, as the Club was able to erect a new, covered 'flush' toilet as it continued in its efforts to improve facilities at Hedge Top Lane.



BRICKS AND MORTAR

1980 – NEW PAVILION

The construction of a new brick pavilion followed in 1980. This was later extended to include showering, toilet and bar facilities.



GROUND FORCE

1992/3 – NEW TRACKS



Five wickets were re-laid in 1992/3 as the Club's groundsmen set to work on improving the square – and five new grass practice wickets were also laid.

NUMBERS GAME

1998 – CONSTRUCTION OF SCOREOX

A new purpose-built scoring unit was erected in 1998 – to keep scorers and statisticians up and down the Halifax League happy!



SEEING IS BELIEVING

1999 – NEW SIGHTSCREENS

A set of fixed, sliding sightcreens arrived in 1999, to make Hedge Top Lane one of the best ‘seeing’ grounds in the Halifax area.



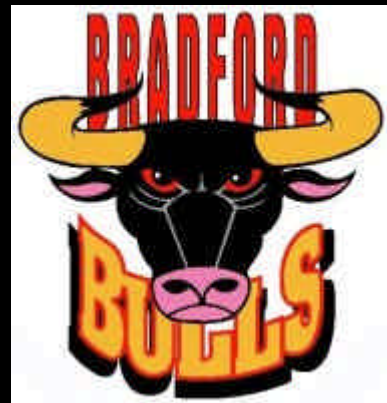
BRING ON THE BULLS!

2002 – EXTENSION TO PREMISES

A further extension to the Hedge Top Lane pavilion and social facilities came in July 2002 – to make the venue one of the best-appointed in the Halifax League. The grand opening was supported by the Bradford Bulls rugby league team – and publicised on the Bulls' website.

Bulls Support Cricket Funday

The Bradford Bulls 1st team squad are set to take on local cricket club Northowram Hedge Top in a 'cricket spectacular & family funday' on Sunday 28th July 2002 between 1pm & 7pm, in association with the Brian McDermott's testimonial year.



"The day is to celebrate the opening of the new Pavilion, and Northowram Hedge Top Cricket Club are delighted to announce that the Bulls will be helping the club mark this event in style", said spokesman Andrew Gardner.

The game will take place at the Northowram Hedge Top Ground and promises to be a fun packed day for the whole family.

The ground, and its upkeep, remains an important concern for Club members. Stalwart Dave Torney explains: ***'Every Monday at 11am a group of volunteers meet up to see to the playing area - it certainly gets a lot of love and affection.'***



HAPPY AND HEALTHY

CLUB TODAY



The Club has come a long way since its early days as Northowram Wesleyans C.C., its break with Methodism, and its search for a permanent home.