

NORWOOD GREEN CC

The Early Years

OPENING UP

ORIGINS

Originally Norwood Green played in the Halifax Amateur Cricket League, which existed between 1892 and 1922.



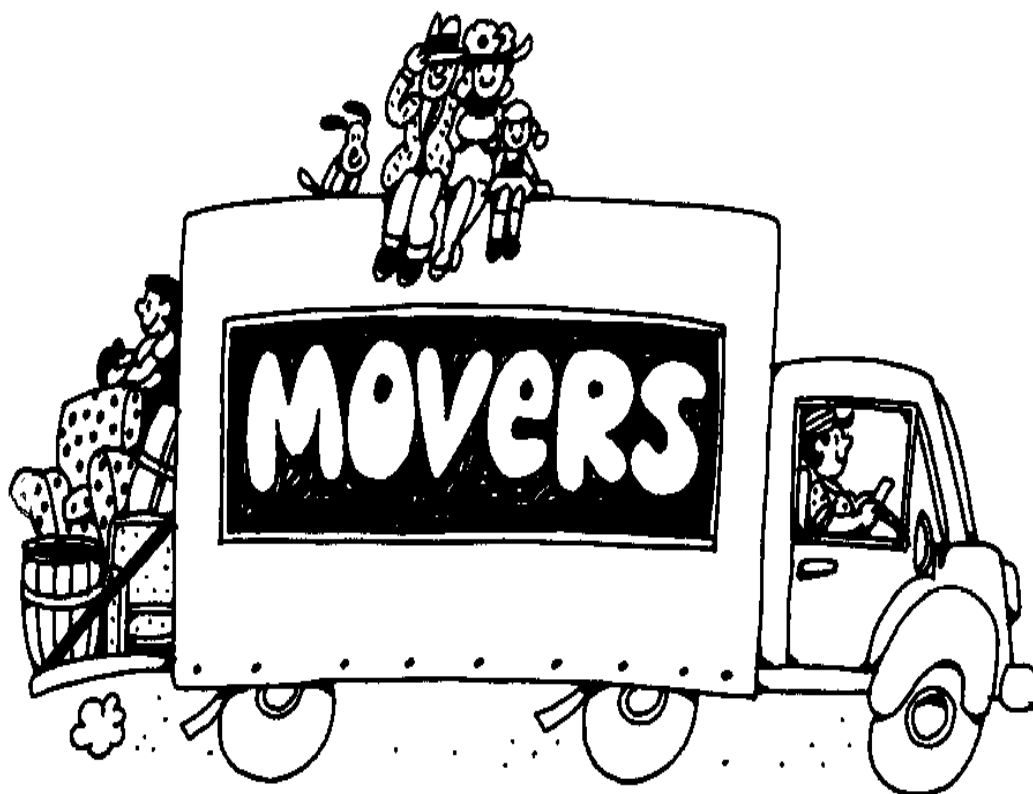
Suburban Wyke today

They played their home games at a ground in Wyke.

MOVING MOMENT

1907 – UPPER ROOKE FARM

In April 1907 Norwood Green jumped sticks – from Wyke to Upper Rooke Farm, Norwood Green.



They erected a new pavilion a year later, in 1908.

TOP OF THE TREE!

1908/11 – HALIFAX & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Norwood Green competed in the Halifax & District League between 1908 and 1913.

The League actually existed between 1894 and 1922.

Norwood Green won the championship in 1911.

Norwood Green first team won 14 matches, lost 1, and drew 3, scoring 1,800 runs and losing 120 wickets. Their opponents scored 1,267 runs and lost 160 wickets.

Lightcliffe first team won 12 matches, lost 3, drew 1. They scored 1,353 runs, lost 126 wickets. Opponents scored 940 runs and lost 134 wickets.

Siddal second team won 14 matches, lost 3, drew 1; scored 1,540 runs, lost 110 wickets. Opponents scored 1,108 runs, lost 156 wickets.

Elland Tradesmen second team won 10 matches, lost 2, drew 4; scored 756 runs, lost 86 wickets. Opponents scored 741 runs, lost 119 wickets.

LEAGUE TABLES.
FIRST DIVISION.
FIRST TEAMS.

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | PTS |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Norwood Green | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 31 |
| Siddal | 18 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 24 |
| Stainland | 18 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 24 |
| Sowerby Bridge | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 19 |
| Greetland | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 18 |
| Triangle | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 15 |
| Clifton Britannia..... | 18 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Ovensden | 18 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 12 |
| Kilnand Edge | 18 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 12 |
| Mytholmroyd | 18 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 11 |

BREAKAWAY!

1914 – PARISH COMPETITION

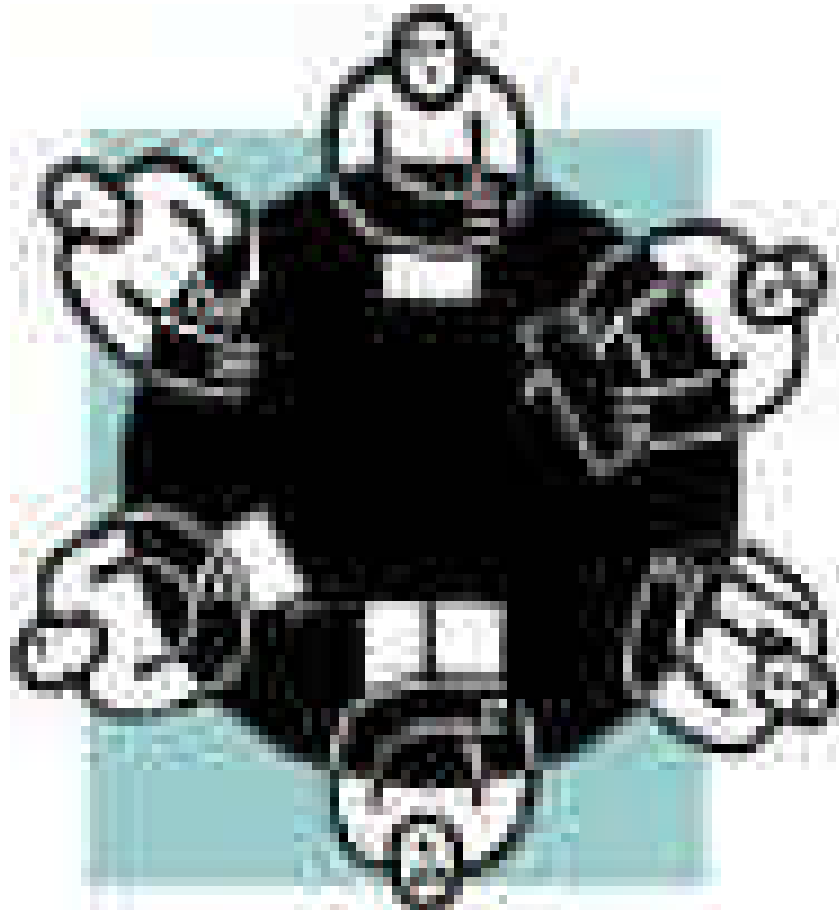
On the eve of the First World War, Norwood Green were founder members of the Halifax Parish League.

The Club were, actually, instrumental in the break-up of the old Halifax & District League.



Some Halifax & District League clubs feared that with an unequal fixture list they might miss out on the top division, and coupled with unease about the standard of pitches on which some clubs played, began to talk of a breakaway.

The initiative was taken by Siddal, who in August 1913 called a meeting with Sowerby Bridge, Stainland, Greetland, Illingworth, Triangle, Clifton Britannia, Lightcliffe. Ovenden - and Norwood Green.



Of those ten clubs, Clifton, Triangle, Stainland and Ovenden would have been in Division Two in 1914, with Pellon, Elland Edge, Mytholmroyd and Warley in Division One.

TOP FORM!

1914 – PARISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Norwood Green actually won the Halifax Parish League in 1914, the first year of the competition.

Cricket.
HALIFAX PARISH LEAGUE.
FIRST TEAMS

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | PTS |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Norwood Green | 18 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| Sowerby Bridge | 17 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Clifton Britannia | 15 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| Illingworth St Mary's ... | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 10 |
| Lightcliffe | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 10 |
| Stainland | 17 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 7 |
| Triangle | 18 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 5 |
| Greetland | 18 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 4 |
| Siddal | 18 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 4 |
| Elland Edge | 18 | 5 | 13 | 2 | 5 |

SECOND TEAMS

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|--------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|
| Sowerby Bridge | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 13 |
| Siddal | 18 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| Norwood Green | 18 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Stainland | 18 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 11 |
| Greetland | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 10 |
| Lightcliffe | 18 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 8 |
| Illingworth St Mary's... | 18 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 8 |
| Triangle | 18 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 7 |
| Elland Edge | 18 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 5 |
| Clifton Britannia..... | 18 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 3 |

All Saturday's matches abandoned owing to rain.

MATCHES & UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY NEXT
 Rearranged Matches (First Teams)
 Stainland v. Sowerby Bridge—Umpires from Illingworth and Siddal.
 Lightcliffe v. Illingworth—Sowerby Bridge and Elland Edge.

A League meeting will be held at the Upper George Hotel, Halifax, to-morrow (Tuesday), at 7.30 p.m.

KINGS OF HALIFAX

1921 – PARISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AGAIN

| Cricket. | | | | | | |
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| HALIFAX PARISH LEAGUE | | | | | | |
| Final Tables— | | | | | | |
| First Teams | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pls | |
| Norwood Green | 18 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 27 | |
| Mytholmroyd | 18 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 26 | |
| Groetland | 18 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 24 | |
| Baptists | 18 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 22 | |
| Elland "A" | 18 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 19 | |
| Triangle | 18 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 19 | |
| Stainland | 18 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 14 | |
| Northowram | 10 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 11 | |
| St. Peter's | 18 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 10 | |
| Norland | 18 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 8 | |
| Results of Saturday's matches— | | | | | | |
| St. Peter's 152, Groetland 67 | | | | | | |
| Norland 28, Norwood Green 30 for one. | | | | | | |
| Baptists 117, Elland "A" 73. | | | | | | |
| Mytholmroyd 124, Triangle 48. | | | | | | |
| Second Teams | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pls | |
| Groetland | 16 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 28 | |
| Stainland | 16 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 26 | |
| Mytholmroyd | 16 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 20 | |
| Norwood Green | 16 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 18 | |
| Northowram | 16 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 17 | |
| Baptists | 16 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 15 | |
| St. Peter's | 16 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 11 | |
| Triangle | 16 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 7 | |
| Norland | 16 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 2 | |
| Results of Saturday's matches— | | | | | | |
| Groetland 208 (or 6 (dec.)), St. Peter's — | | | | | | |
| Norland 22, Norwood Green 24 for 3. | | | | | | |
| Triangle 36, Mytholmroyd 38 for 1. | | | | | | |

BRIGHT OUTLOOK

1930 – PRESS OPINION

Norwood Green.

The Norwood Green club is looking forward to a successful season tomorrow (Saturday) they will open a new pavilion. With respect to the personnel of the team, one of the players of the club (A. Dendry) retiring after 30 years' service, has got the promise of assistance Albert Barber and Alfred Sykes from Hartshead Moor, while A. L. Richard (the old Elland prod) has been asked to coach the young players. The team will be under the captaincy of John Sharp, and A. L. Richards will act as deputy. The second team have as leader H. Collinson and the first will be T. Tiplady. The club will play in the Halifax League, and meet Clifton away in the first of the Halifax Charity Cup.

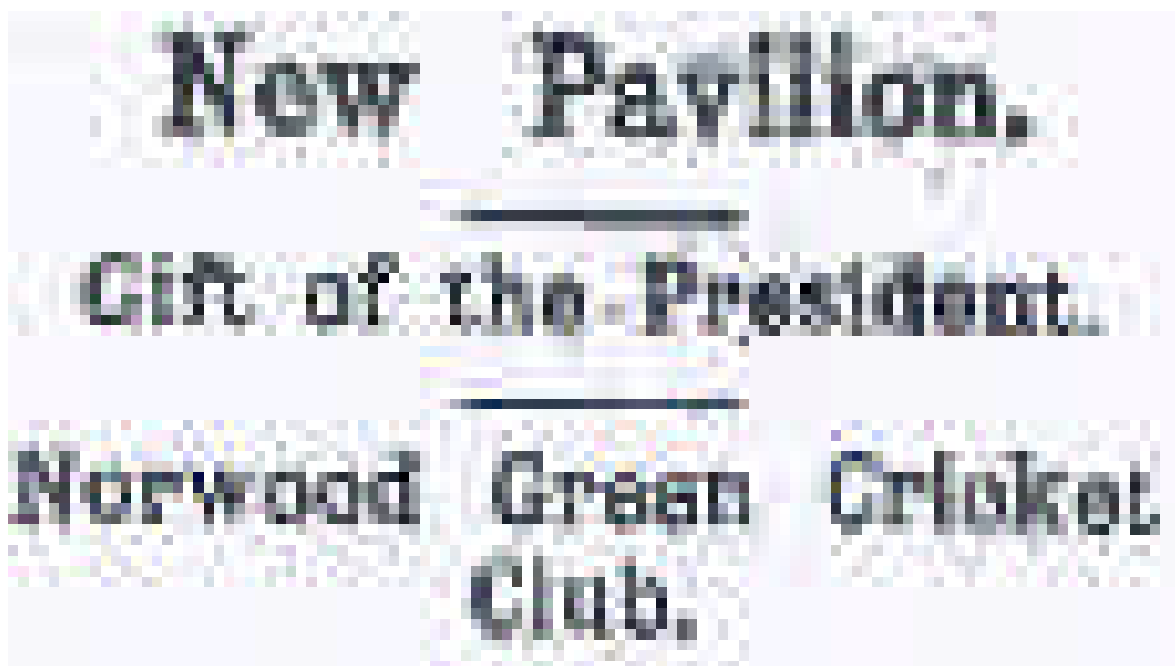
April 23—Sowerby St. Peter's
 May 3—Crestland
 " 10—Smith Burners
 " 17—Siddal
 " 24—Sowerby St. Peter's
 " 31—Clifton (Candle)
 June 7—Mytholmroyd
 " 9—W.M. Clifton
 " 10—(W.L.) Smith Burners
 " 14—Turner and Wainwright
 " 17 and 18—Siddal
 " 21—Triangle
 " 22—Turner and Wainwright
 July 1 and 2—Clifton
 " 5—Halifax
 " 12—Staliland
 " 19—Triangle
 " 20—Copley
 Aug. 7—Crestland
 " 9—
 " 16—Halifax
 " 23—Mytholmroyd
 " 29—Staliland
 Sept. 6—Copley
 Second League vice versa with
 exception of Halifax and the addn
 Heath Old Boys.

BRICKS & MORTAR

1930 – NEW PAVILION



‘Norwood Green cricket club’s opening match of the season last Saturday signaled also the formal opening of the new pavilion.’ So recorded the *Brighouse and Elland Echo*.



Advised Glass Pavilion Club's opening party at the museum and Saturday travelled through the formal opening of the new pavilion. The weather was by no means ideal, but the ground was dry and, nevertheless, the match was played before a good number of spectators. The visit of Lord, Governor, Mr. Pater, came first, and in the afternoon the club, in their attempt that the first anniversary will take.

The new pavilion is a substantial structure built of brick, containing some very attractive. The main room in the centre may be used as a bar, and all other rooms, and this is finished in a pleasing taste of white wood. There is the dining room with a bar, and a kitchen. The rooms are well furnished—perhaps, if any be found, the well furnished when a formal dinner is being the best is furnished and admirably fitted and equipped. A small billiard table and a pool table are also, apparently, there. The pavilion is built of brick, and the main entrance is through a double door, and is entered by the main entrance to the Pavilion at the end of the building.



The pavilion today

NEW PAVILION, NORWOOD GREEN CRICKET CLUB.



OPENING OF NEW PAVILION. — Top: The new cricket pavilion, which was opened last Saturday. A game at the opening ceremony, with Mr. James Sharp, the president, will occur, on the same night. Bottom: The Norwood Green cricket team.

END OF AN ERA

1939/40 – CLUB FOLDS



The Club folded soon after the outbreak of the Second World War, their picturesque ground in Rookes Lane being taken over for a time by an occasional group of cricketers known as the Craven Gentlemen.