

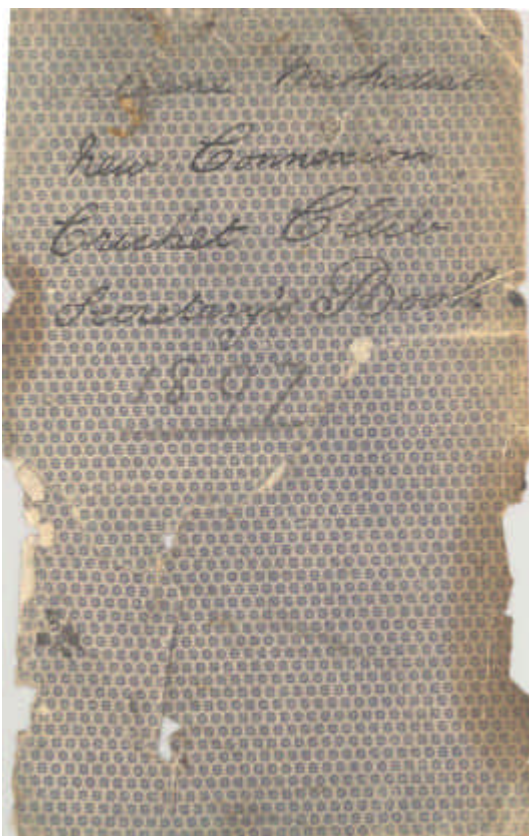
OUTLANE CC

The Early Years

Church link

IN THE BEGINNING

Outlane C.C. was formed in 1897 as Outlane Methodist New Connexion Cricket Club



Date	Description	Amount
1897	Receipts	5 0 0
April	Subscription	3 16 0
" 5	do	6 0 0
" 10	do	4 0 0
" 20	do	4 0 0
"	Gate Money	1 5 0
" 23	Subscription	1 2 0
22/99	Receipts	2 4 12 0
Aug 15	Subscription	8 0 0
" 17	do	11 8 0
" 24	do	11 0 0
" 27	do	0 0 0
" 5	do	6 0 0
"	Gate Money	5 9 0
"	Subscription	3 6 0
" 14	do	4 0 0
"	Gate Money	2 9 0
"	Sub	4 0 0
" 30	Cash Received	8 12 0
"	Exp	5 13 10
"	in Hand	2 11 2

The first page of the secretary's book, along with cash accounts for the opening season

Fees and appeals!

EARLY YEARS

There were some important early developments in the history of the Club:

1898 - League fees were 11/- and £5 was paid in rent. A tent (pavilion) was purchased for £2-10-0d.

c. 1900 - Gate money varied from 1/- to 5/- per match.



1903 - Pavilion was sold to F. Whitwam for £1-6-0d and a subscription appeal was launched to pay for a new one costing £18.

Wartime sacrifice...

FIRST WORLD WAR

Following the outbreak of war in 1914, Outlane Cricket Club managed to continue throughout 1915 and for most of 1916.



However, the 1917 season saw the cricket ground requisitioned for food production and, although the Committee continued to monitor the ground situation, the Club effectively ceased to function.



....and post war optimism

IMPORTANT MOVES

With the end of hostilities in November 1918, the Club could look towards a brighter future. Four months later, in April 1919, a momentous meeting took place at which the following decisions were taken:

- Club decided to 'take hold' of the field at the end of 1919.
- The name of Club changed to 'Outlane Cricket Club'.



- The Church trustees asked to renounce all claim to the Club.
- It was decided to join the Huddersfield Cricket Association League.

General Meeting
April 28/19. Chairman Mr Ed. Boothroy
No present "

This meeting was held to arrange or decide, when we should take over, full control of the field.

We had an interesting account, from Mr. Loun: Pilling, of the interviews he had, with Mr. Loun: Robson on the question of taking the Cricket Field for allotments. He gave a brief history of how the field was broken up for the purpose of food production.

It was passed that we take hold of the field at the end of this year 1919

Passed that the Sec: write the Trustees of the U. N. F. Church asking permission to change the name of the Cricket Club, from U. N. F. Church Cricket Club to that of Outlane Cricket Club, and the Trustees to renounce all claim on the Club.

Amended by [signature]

The minutes from that pivotal meeting in 1919

FULL HOUSE...

1932 – DOUBLE VICTORY

In 1932 the Outlane 1st XI won the Section 'A' Championship, while the 2nd XI claimed the Section 'B' title.

OUTLANE'S SUCCESS

Almondbury Wes. Beaten in Vital Game

Outlane became champions of the Association on Saturday when they beat Almondbury Wesleyan at Outlane by the big margin of 101 runs. The position before the match was that the winning side also won the championship. In the case of a draw there would have been a tie between the two clubs and Blackley.

The Outlane batsmen showed championship form, and made a total of 151. The chief contributors were R. Pearson (40), R. Hargreaves (22), R. Blackburn (22), C. Heap (19), and E. Lumb (18). Almondbury failed badly, and made only 50. H. Crawshaw, who scored 19, was the only player to reach double figures. Outlane's principal bowlers were J. W. Dyson, who captured six for 16, and E. Lumb, who had three for 11.

Outlane	151	Almondbury Wes.	50
Y.M.C.A.	94	Cowcliffe Church	51

(Each side had only ten men.)

SECOND ELEVENS

Almondbury W.	54	Outlane (for 5 d.)	157
Cowcliffe Church (for 5)	47	Britannia Works (for 7 dec.)	154
Rowley H. (for 5)	46	D.B.S. Ath. Club	43

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

First Elevens.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outlane	16	9	1	6	24
Blackley	16	10	3	3	23
Almondbury Wes.	16	8	2	6	22
Brit. Dyestuffs Cor., Ltd.	16	8	4	3	21
Rowley Hill	16	8	4	3	21
Kastrick New Road	16	7	8	1	15
Birchenscliffe Church	16	4	7	5	13
Britannia Works	16	6	8	2	15
Cowcliffe Church	16	4	10	2	10
Y.M.C.A.	16	3	9	4	10
D.B.S. Athletic Club	16	1	13	2	4

Second Elevens.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outlane	16	15	1	2	28
Kastrick New Road	16	12	1	3	27
Cowcliffe Church	16	8	4	4	20
Birchenscliffe Church	16	6	6	4	15
Almondbury Wesleyan	16	5	6	5	15
Blackley	16	6	8	2	14
R. D. C. Ltd.	16	5	7	4	14
Britannia Works	16	4	9	3	11
D. B. S. Athletic Club	16	3	11	2	8
Rowley Hill	16	2	12	2	6

BOWLING

J. M. Dyson, Outlane (v. Almondbury Wesleyan)	6 for 16
- Stancliffe, Cowcliffe Church (v. Y.M.C.A.)	5 for 20

...and then a double

1933 – PAIR OF TROPHIES

In 1933 Outlane won the Section 'A' Championship and the Lumb Cup.

OUTLANE'S DOUBLE

Outlane, who have won the Association League Cup, got Beatrice New Road on Saturday for the first match of the season. New Road played only nine men, and only Albert Rothmeyer (90) could stand up to the bowling of D. Shaw (15) for 10, and G. Beaumont (35) for 30. Their total was 80. Outlane also (good runs hard to get, and lost six wickets before victory was gained. H. Lumb played a steady innings for 30 not out.

During the interval the presentation of the Association Cup took place. Mr. J. H. Owen, the League secretary, presided. He mentioned that at the present time the Association was in a fairly strong position. In another three years, it will have been in existence half a century. During that time nearly 2500 had been handed over to the Royal Infirmary as proceeds from the Lumb Cup, and from that fact alone the League had justified its existence. It was only right that the champions should get a trophy as their reward, but there was something else that both winners and losers could get from the game—enjoyment and fellowship. He complimented Outlane upon the season's performance, and appealed to all members of the clubs forming the League to take a larger interest in the "crick" work, so, in the more serious affairs of life, the more one put in the more one could get out.

Mr. J. Knight, the League president, who presented the Cup, said he always liked to visit Outlane, whether it was to presentations, demonstrations, or to "stand in the middle." When "in the middle" he often heard remarks that were anything but complimentary. These never affected him, he ignored them entirely, and he would advise all umpires to do the same. He had seen Outlane play on several occasions, and could see they were worthy winners of the League Cup. He then handed over the Cup to the captain, George Casson, who expressed his pleasure at receiving the trophy, and mentioned the happy summer in which his son had backed him up, also the way the vice-captain (G. Hargreaves) had taken on the duties of captain when he (the speaker) was absent on business.

He then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Owen and Mr. Knight for their services, and this was supported by Mr. W. Ainslie, the Outlane president, who said he was delighted to be connected with the club. The team spirit was very strong, and besides winning the League Cup again they had also won the Lumb Cup and thus brought off the "double." Mr. Owen kindly replied.

ASSOCIATION

Outlane (for 1)	44	Beatrice New R.	40
Kirkstall	123	Rowley Hill	71

League Tables
First Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outlane	28	13	1	1	28
Beaumont's Church	28	11	1	1	20
Rowley Hill	28	8	1	1	17
Beatrice New Road	28	8	1	1	17
S. B. C. Ltd.	28	8	1	1	17
J. B. Huddersfield Ltd.	28	8	1	1	17
House Street Wm.	28	8	1	1	17
Concise Church	28	7	1	1	14
Blackley	28	7	1	1	14
S. B. C. Athletic Club	28	7	1	1	14
Britannia Works	28	7	1	1	14

Grounds for despair & hope

1920s/1930s – BIG CHANGES

1927 - Club purchased its own mower – a 14” Ransome for £12.

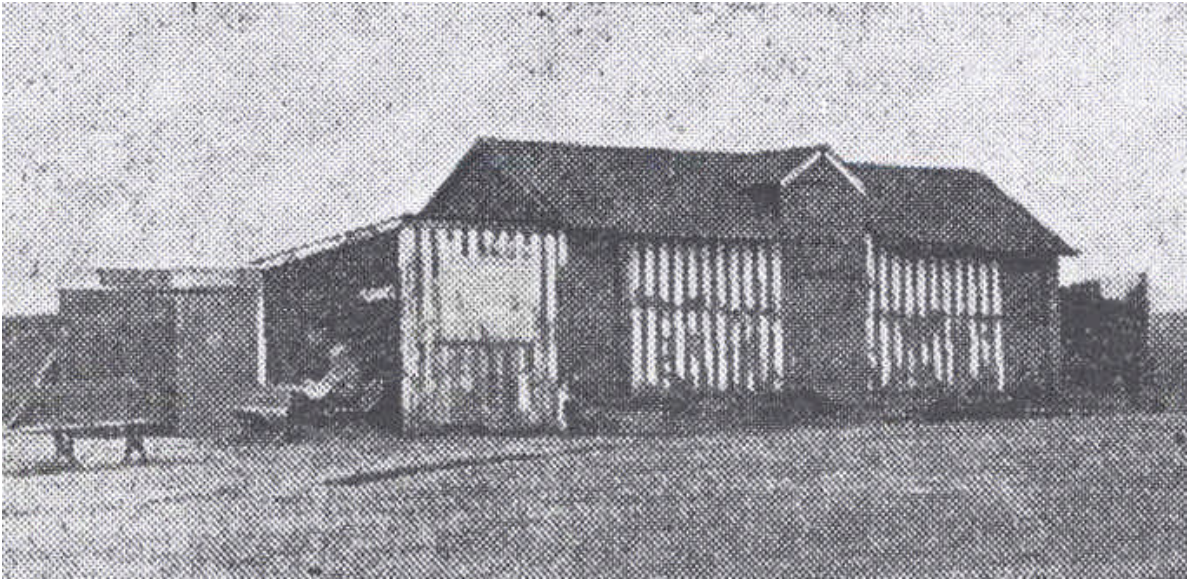
1928 - At the Annual General Meeting on 6 November, the Board of Guardians informed the meeting that the field had been sold to Outlane Golf Club.



But on the 12 December 1928, a Mr Noble had negotiated with a Mr Saxton that the Club could rent a field from him for £10 per year and though the Club asked for a 10-year lease, this was not granted.

During February and March of 1929, Mr Pugh was asked to lay a wicket. A quarter of a mile of class-28 wire was purchased.

1929 – Club moved to a new ground at Cote Farm. The new field was situated at the rear of where Saxton's Garage came to be located. Golf would no longer be tolerated on this field.



The Cote Farm pavilion

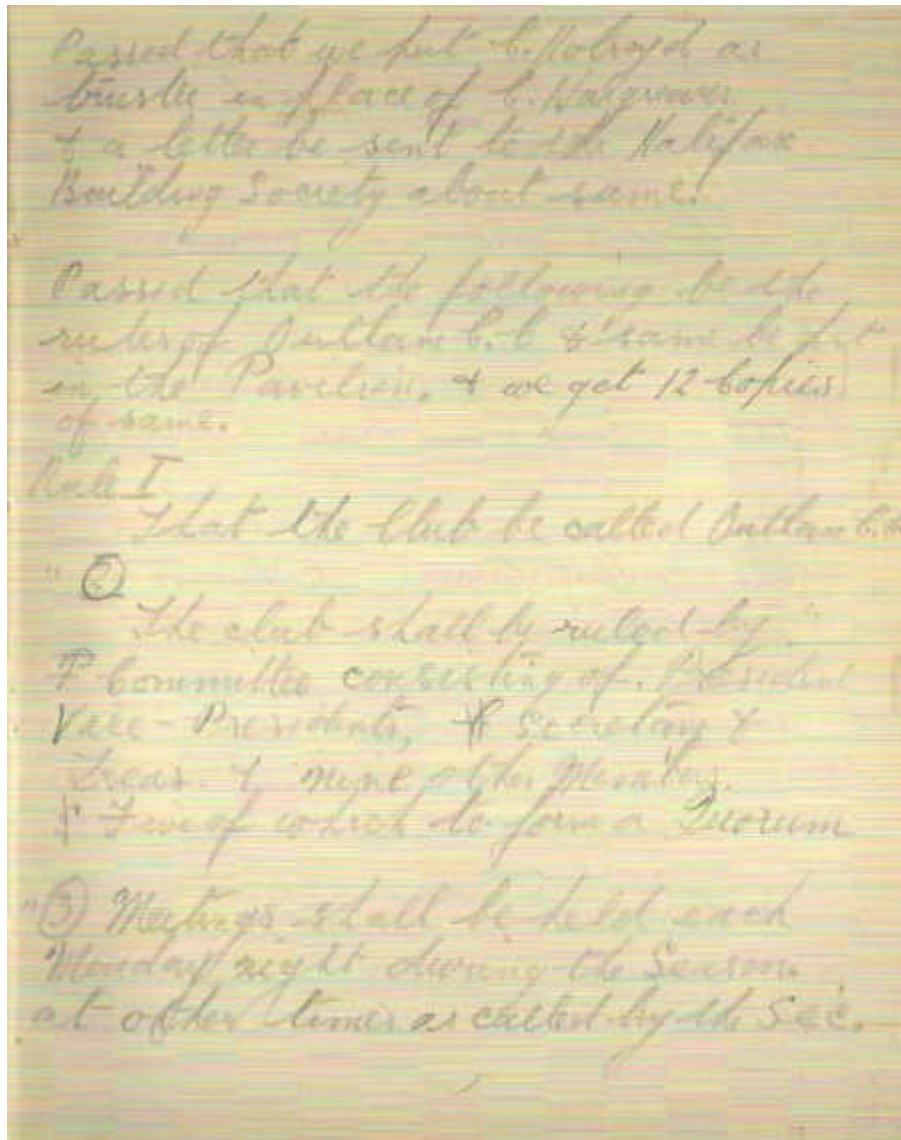
1934 - Club drew up its own rules. It was resolved that the Club leave Cote Farm for Lindley Moor – its present home, and on 15 December 1934 a meeting was arranged at Lindley Moor to view the proposal.

1935 - On 9 December 1935 the old pavilion at Cote Farm was pulled down and rebuilt at Lindley Moor and in May 1935 a concrete practice wicket was laid at the new ground.

On the agenda!

1934 – AGM MINUTES

These documents from 1934 tell us that meetings were held on Monday nights, and that the 1st XI skipper was a Mr Pearson.



1st Eleven Captain, C.W. Pearson.
Vice — C. Hobroyd.

2nd Eleven Captain, A.M. Harrison
Vice — Captain C. Heap.

Umpires L. Newsome & W. Spright
reserve Umpire J. Heap

Passed that we instruct ^{our} League
representation to ask at League
General Meeting that Outlane &
Blackley 1st Eleven be arranged
to get across some matches.

Passed that C. Hobroyd go with
R.W. Moore as secret representative
to League General Meeting.

Passed that a letter be sent to
Ladies Comr thanking them for
the good work they have done.

Can anyone enlighten us about the Outlane/Blackley minute above?