

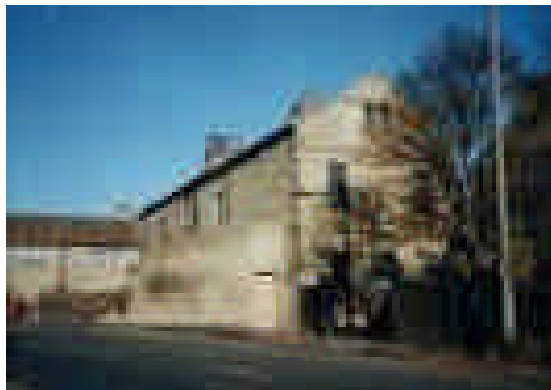
## SOUTHOWRAM CC

# DOWN YOUR WAY

### 3 FACTS ABOUT SOUTHOWRAM (THE VILLAGE)

1. Southowram lies halfway between Halifax and Brighouse, just to the north of Elland and only a few hundred yards from the eastern stretch of the Calderdale Way (on the Halifax side).

**2. In days of old, Southowram was the name of a township within the ancient parish of Halifax, and the area was, and remains, the centre of the local quarrying industry (at one point in time, nearly every man in the village was employed in quarrying).**



3. In 1807, a Wesleyan chapel was built in Southowram, at a cost of £1,040.

# **Almost 200 years old!**

## KEY DATES IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF CRICKET IN CALDERDALE

**June 1834: Halifax Clarence play Bradford on Skircoat Moor.**

1836: Halifax Alliance take on Huddersfield Britannia.

**Monday 20 August 1838: Todmorden CC stages its first recorded match.**

1860s: Inter-town matches staged involving Halifax, Elland and Brighouse. Smaller teams emerge, too.



**1870: 'Cricket Battery' (an early 'bowling machine) invented by Mr Swaine, a Halifax cricket pro.**

1877: Halifax's Thrum Hall ground leveled.

**1887: Founding of the Halifax Parish Cup**

July 1888: First county match at Thrum Hall - Yorkshire v Gloucestershire (and WG. Grace).

**1897: Joe Nicholl opens the first 'sports shop' in Halifax on Cheapside.**

10 June 1897: Yorkshire visit Thrum Hall for last time.

# Cricket country

## OTHER VENUES NEARBY



**Brighouse**



**Elland**



**Lightcliffe**



**Northowram Fields**



**Northowram Hedge Top**



**Rastrick**



**Siddal**