

SOUTHOWRAM CC

<u>ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS AT SOUTHOWRAM C.C.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENTS IN THE WORLD</u>
Cricketers enthusiasts who meet at the Cock and Bottle, Bank Top, decide to form a new club in Southowram.They apply to join the Halifax Association.	1977	Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.
New club admitted to Division 2 of the Halifax Association. It plays its 'home' games away from Southowram at Spring Hall and Roils Head. The new club finishes in third place.	1978	World's first 'test tube' baby.
Southowram C.C. is determined to have its own ground and facilities in the village and a number of possible sites are checked out. Eventually a former quarry that became a landfill site at Ashday Lane is identified as the best candidate.	1979	Thatcher becomes PM.
	1980	Lennon assassinated.
Local company Marshalls PLC grants the Club a lease on the Ashday Lane site. Support and funding for the project comes from Calderdale Council and the Sports Council.	1981	SDP launch. Charles and Di wed.
Work begins to turn a tip into a cricket field. Large amounts of hardcore from the major Woolshops redevelopment in Halifax are a major boon. Eventually the site is levelled and grassed. The former pavilion of the old Southowram St. Anne's club is purchased back from Barkisland C.C. and re-erected at Ashday Lane.	1982	Argentina invades Falklands.

	1983	Start of breakfast TV.
	1984	IRA bomb at Tory conference.
	1985	Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.
	1986	GLC abolished.
	1987	Zeebrugge tragedy.
After a succession of failed bids, Southowram are finally elected to the Halifax League. An application to join the Bradford Central League is consequently withdrawn. Improvements are made to the wicket and a new scoreboard and store are built, at a cost of £6,000.	1988	Lockerbie disaster.
First season in Division 2 of the Halifax League sees Southowram mount a credible promotion push, finishing fourth. A new Sunday team is formed.	1989	Berlin Wall torn down.
	1990	Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.
Planning permission gained to construct new pavilion and clubhouse. Grants cover more than half of the £30,000 cost. Methane gas is detected on site meaning special foundations have to be constructed.	1991	Maxwell drowns at sea.
Southowram CC are dubbed a 'Cinderella side' as they reach the final of the historic Halifax Parish Cup. But the team loses to Warley. 1 st XI is again pipped for promotion but 2 nd XI wins its league. Building work underway on new clubhouse.	1992	Coal industry privatised.
20 June - grand opening of new clubhouse, marked by special match between Southowram and a League President's XI. Sarah Williamson, aged 25, a former Yorkshire Ladies player and England trialist, is selected for Southowram 2 nd XI and becomes the first woman player in the Halifax Cricket League.	1993	Maastricht Treaty.
Promotion to Division I finally achieved.	1994	Channel Tunnel open.
Arrival in Division 1 is celebrated with an emphatic opening win over champions Triangle. The Rams finish in sixth place.	1995	Leeson brings down Barings.

A form slump means that relegation is only just staved off. Sunday XI lose in final of Rod Warhurst Trophy.	1996	BSE beef scare in UK.
Southowram again in a relegation dogfight but manage to stay up. Under-17 side wins play-off final, with a comfortable victory over Copley.	1997	Princess Diana killed in car crash.
	1998	Good Friday peace agreement.
	1999	World population hits 6 billion.
Day of glory as Southowram meet Outlane in Parish Cup final at Copley and come away with 13-run victory.	2000	Hatfield train disaster.
Drastic form slump means relegation back to Section 'B'. 2 nd XI wins Crossley Shield.	2001	9/11 terrorist attack.
£10,000 grant from Sport England enables construction of new nets with artificial turf. Playing in Section 'B' again, Southowram reach Parish Cup final for third time. The match is to be played at Ashday Lane but is postponed because of downpours. When it is played, the Rams lose to Triangle. In the League, promotion is narrowly missed.	2002	UK snubs Euro.
Promotion back to Premier Division of Halifax League.	2003	England win Rugby World Cup.
	2004	EU enlarged to 25 states.
Sunday XI wins Rod Warhurst Trophy. Southowram are victors in the Halifax League's first Twenty20 tournament. CRICKET HERITAGE EXHIBITION	2005	7/7 terrorist attack on London.