

# THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale & Kirklees

## SOWERBY BRIDGE CC

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A set of 'rules' was adopted by first Sowerby Bridge C.C.. Club subsequently disbands some time before 1877.

### DATE

### EVENTS IN SOWERBY BRIDGE & THE WORLD

1852	Cable laid under English Channel.
1853	America purchases Mexico.
1854	Crimean war begins.
1855	Livingstone discovers Victoria Falls.
1856	Hughes' Tom Brown's Schooldays.
1857	London postal districts introduced.
1858	First Atlantic cable laid.
1859	Darwin's <i>Origin of the Species</i> .
1860	2nd Maori War begins.
1861	Pasteur introduces Pasteurization.
1862	Composers push Russian music.
1863	Wharf House leased to West Riding Constabulary for use as a Police Station. Battle of Gettysburg.
1864	Birth of Red Cross.
1865	Rushbearing revived as local custom. Lewis Carol's <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> .
1866	Strauss's <i>Blue Danube Waltz</i> .
1867	Second Reform Bill passed.
1868	Friendly Band formed. Meiji Restoration in Japan.
1869	Suez Canal opened.
1870	Death of Charles Dickens.

Current Sowerby Bridge C.C. formed.  
First mention of SBCI cricket team in local press.

Christ Church C.C. formed by Young Men's Class of Christ Church.  
John Clegg engaged as professional.  
First Pavilion built at Walton Street.

Sowerby Bridge's first Halifax Parish Cup campaign.  
SBCI are Sowerby Division runners-up to Sowerby Bridge West End.

Sowerby Bridge reach Halifax Parish Cup final for first time, losing to Greetland in the final. SBCI playing in Sowerby Division League.  
Sowerby Bridge losing Halifax Parish Cup finalists.

SBCI are Sowerby Division runners-up, losing play-off to Sowerby Bridge West End.

- 1871 Chicago Fire kills 300 people.
- 1872 Second Carlist War in Spain.
- 1873 Verne's *Around the World...*
- 1874 Japan invades Taiwan.
- 1875 County Bridge widened. Civil Rights Act passed in America.
- 1876 Sowerby Bridge railway station opens. Bell invents telephone.
- 1877 Edison invents phonograph.
- 1878 Berlin Congress.
- 1879 Edison invents electric light bulb.
- 1880 Mosquito found to carry malaria.
- 1881 Cambridge Tripos open to women.
- 1882 Married Women's Property Act.
- 1883 French painter Manet dies.
- 1884 Greenwich made meridian of world.
- 1885 First electric tramcar in Blackpool.
- 1886 Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
- 1887 Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.
- 1888 First box camera.
- 1889 Eiffel Tower built.
- 1890 London's first electric Underground.
- 1891 Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.
- 1892 Electric oven invented.
- 1893 Invention of the Aspirin.
- 1894 Dreyfus Affair begins in France.
- 1895 Invention of the X-Ray.
- 1896 First modern Olympic Games held.
- 1897 Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
- 1898 Birth of Bertolt Brecht.
- 1899 First Hague Peace Conference.

New Sowerby Bridge pavilion built by Mr Benjamin Holroyd.  
Sowerby Bridge join Halifax League. Both senior XIs win leagues under leadership of Messrs Chas Horner (1<sup>st</sup> XI) and Basil W. Wood (2<sup>nd</sup> XI).

Sowerby Bridge 1<sup>st</sup> XI win Halifax Parish Cup for first time. Team captained by Chas Horner, they beat Booth in final.  
Sowerby Bridge make record score of 529, attained in 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Halifax Parish Cup against King Cross. Mr Eli Heliwell (Snr) scores 222 and Mr C.W. Thompson 125. They put on stand of 218 for 2nd wicket.

Sowerby Bridge 1<sup>st</sup> XI win Halifax Parish Cup.

SBCI playing in Halifax League. Halifax Free Press Cup winners.

Another new pavilion erected at Walton Street to house teas and club room with small billiard table - positioned opposite existing building which continued to be used by players.

Sowerby Bridge 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs win league titles.

Sowerby Bridge join Yorkshire Cricket Council.

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Deeds to The Astleys signed. £500 spent on perimeter fencing, laying pitch and erecting pavilion, an ex-army hut from Squires

**1900** Zeppelin invents the airship.  
**1901** Birth of Marlene Dietrich.  
**1902** Marie Curie discovers radioactivity.

**1903** Henry Ford sets up motor company.  
**1904** Britain and France sign Entente.

**1905** Revolution breaks out in Russia.

**1906** First radio programme broadcast.  
**1907** First Daily Comic Strip.  
**1908** Cubism founded in Paris.  
**1909** Synthetic plastic invented - Bakelite.  
**1910** Halley's comet reappears.  
**1911** Amundsen reaches South Pole.  
**1912** Titanic sinks. Scott's last expedition.

**1913** Suffragette demonstrations.  
**1914** Start of First World War.  
**1915** Einstein's *Theory of Relativity*.  
**1916** Battle of Verdun. Easter Rising.  
**1917** Russian Revolution.  
**1918** World-wide flu epidemic.  
**1919** Treaty of Versailles.  
**1920** First roadside petrol station in UK.  
**1921** First birth control clinic.

**1922** Mussolini's March on Rome.

Gate.

Sowerby Bridge win Bradford Section of Yorkshire Council.  
New Scorebox erected at Walton Street, paid for by public subscription. SBCI told they can no longer be mainly subsidised by the Institute and must pay its own way.

Sowerby Bridge win Bradford Section of Yorkshire Council and reach play-off final, losing to Castleford.

Walton Street ground purchased for £1,000. Money raised over 12-month period largely through subscription list.

Ground requisitioned for use as Prisoner of War Camp. (Matches played at Sowerby St. Peters' ground). SBCI disbands due to loss of players to forces.

SBCI re-forms. Halifax Association Champions. Collinson Cup winners.

Campaign to get Walton Street back as a cricket venue after the War. SBCI are Halifax Association Champions. Collinson Cup

- 1923 First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924 Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Death of Lenin.
- 1925 Charleston dance becomes fashion.
- 1926 General Strike. Adoption legalised.
- 1928 Lindbergh's solo flight over the Atlantic.
- 1928 Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.
- 1929 Wall Street Crash.
- 1930 Planet Pluto discovered.
- 1931 Empire State Building built.
- 1932 British Union of Fascists founded.
- 1933 Hitler becomes German Chancellor.
- 1934 Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.
  
- 1935 Pedestrian crossings introduced.
  
- 1936 Edward VIII abdicates.
  
- 1937 Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.
- 1938 Paid holidays start. Biro invented.
- 1939 Cinema opens. Beginning of Second World War.
- 1940 National Government formed.
- 1941 Germany invade USSR.
  
- 1942 Canal closed. British victorious at El Alamein.
- 1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising.
- 1944 D-Day. Paris liberated.
- 1945 Auschwitz liberated.
- 1946 Iron Curtain descends on Europe.
  
- 1947 Truman Doctrine unveiled.

winner, beating Churchill Redmans in final.  
SBCI are Collinson Cup winners, beating Mytholmroyd Methodists in final.

SBCI are Halifax Association Joint-Champions with Warley and Wesley.

Collinson Cup runners-up, losing to Heywood in final.

Walton Street ground finally released back to Club by War Office.

SBCI are Halifax Association Champions and Collinson Cup runners-up, losing to Warley in final. G. Seymour wins Halifax Association Bowling Award, averaging 3.3.

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SBCI are Collinson Cup runners-up, losing to R.A.F.A. in final. G. Seymour wins Halifax Association Bowling Award, averaging 4.0. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Halifax Association Division 2 Championship. T.

Whittaker of 2<sup>nd</sup> XI wins Halifax Association Division 2 Bowling Award, averaging 3.8.

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Fielding Award. G. Seymour wins Halifax Association Bowling Award, averaging 3.8. A. Jowett wins Halifax Association Batting Award, averaging 25.7.

SBCI join Halifax Cricket League, playing in Division 2.

Ground leveling completed at The Astleys.

**1948** State of Israel founded.

**1949** NATO established.

**1950** Petrol rationing ends in Britain.

**1951** Festival of Britain opens.

**1952** Elizabeth II crowned. Pill invented.

**1953** Everest conquered.

**1954** Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*.

**1955** Commercial TV starts in Britain.

**1956** Elvis releases *All Shook Up*.

**1957** Queen's first Christmas broadcast.

**1958** Munich air disaster. Beatles formed.

**1959** Postcodes introduced in Britain.

**1960** Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.

**1961** First oral contraceptive.

**1962** Local Government Commission proposes that built-up area of Sowerby Bridge merge with Halifax and rest of Sowerby Bridge with Hebden-Hepton RDC. Beatles release *Love Me*

New pavilion at top of SBCI ground completed.  
Sowerby Bridge 2nd XI win Central Yorkshire League Maurice  
Pollard Cup. SBCI Ladies Committee formed.

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Mains water supply installed at The Astleys.  
Sowerby Bridge pavilion destroyed by fire. Extension to SBCI  
pavilion; two changing rooms and integral scoreboard completed.

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**1963** Kennedy assassinated.  
**1964** *Sun* founded. First *Top of the Pops*.  
**1965** First US raids against Vietnam.  
**1966** England win World Cup.  
**1967** Cinema closes. First heart transplant. Six Day War.  
**1968** BST introduced. Riots in Paris.  
**1969** First men land on moon.  
**1970** Heath becomes PM.  
**1971** Decimalisation of coinage.  
**1972** Britain begins direct rule in NI.  
**1973** Britain enters EEC. VAT introduced.  
**1974** Nixon resigns over Watergate.  
**1975** First North Sea oil. Equal Pay Act.  
**1976** Drought Act during hot summer.  
**1977** Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.  
**1978** World's first 'test tube' baby.  
**1979** Thatcher becomes PM.  
**1980** Lennon assassinated.  
**1981** SDP launch. Charles and Di wed.  
**1982** Argentina invades Falklands.  
**1983** Start of breakfast TV. Seat belt law.  
**1984** IRA bomb at Tory conference.  
**1985** Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.  
**1986** GLC abolished. Chernobyl accident.  
**1987** Zeebrugge disaster.

SBCI 3<sup>rd</sup> XI (Sunday Section) formed to play in Halifax Sunday League.

SBCI Under-13s formed to play in Bradford League.

Mains electricity installed at The Astleys. Club's Centenary Celebration Match. Fundraising for new pavilion and artificial practice pitches and nets commences.

Sowerby Bridge 2nd XI win Halifax League Division 1 title.

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Sowerby Bridge 1<sup>st</sup> XI win Halifax League Division 2 title. Celebration Match for opening of new SBCI stone pavilion, funded by over £190,000 in grants.

## CRICKET HERITAGE EXHIBITIONS

<b>1988</b>	Lockerbie disaster.
<b>1989</b>	Berlin Wall torn down.
<b>1990</b>	Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.
<b>1991</b>	Robert Maxwell drowns at sea.
<b>1992</b>	Coal industry privatised.
<b>1993</b>	Maastricht Treaty.
<b>1994</b>	Channel Tunnel open.
<b>1995</b>	Nick Leeson brings down Barings.
<b>1996</b>	Two waterways in Sowerby Bridge linked. Tuel Lock opens. BSE beef scare in UK.
<b>1997</b>	Princess Diana killed in car crash.
<b>1998</b>	Good Friday peace agreement.
<b>1999</b>	World population hits 6 billion.
<b>2000</b>	Hatfield train disaster. Dome opens.
<b>2001</b>	9/11 terrorist attack. Foot & Mouth.
<b>2002</b>	UK snubs Euro. Queen Mother dies.
<b>2003</b>	England win Rugby World Cup.
<b>2004</b>	EU enlarged to 25 states.
<b>2005</b>	Tsunami hits Asia.