

WARLEY CC

DOWN YOUR WAY

5 FACTS ABOUT WARLEY (THE VILLAGE)

1. Local history expert David Brearley says: ***'Warley is now recognised as one of Calderdale's most attractive and unspoilt villages...It retains a semi-rural atmosphere and a charm which fortunately the residents will fight to keep.'***
2. In years gone by, Warley was a township bordered to the west by Midgley and to the east by Ovenden.



3. **Warley - or Werlafeslei, as it was known in the Domesday Book of 1086 - made its name as a farming area.**
4. A third of its population died in the Great Plague of the 14th century.
5. **Daniel Defoe rode through Warley on his travels through the North.**

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 Village!

SOME OTHER CRICKET TEAMS
IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
(at one time or another)

Warley Young Men C.C.

Church team from Warley Congregational Church Sunday School, playing at The Grange, Warley. Joined the Halifax and District League for 1908-15 as simply Warley, but became defunct after the Great War. Possible precursor of the modern-day Warley C.C.



Warley St. John's C.C.

Ground was at Sandhall Lane initially, but later at Willow Hall (Cote Hill). Folded in 1909.

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