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The club was founded in 1875 and during its early years played home games at the other end of the village on the West Field. It was an original member of the Halifax and district league in the late 1880s and then became a member of the Yorkshire Council. In 1924 the club joined the Bradford Cricket league.

In 1926, under the captaincy of W.H.(Bert) Foster, later president of the league, the club achieved the first of five Priestley Cup Final successes, by beating Lidget Green by 133 runs. Ronnie Somers took over the captaincy from Bert Foster and continued the tradition of long serving skippers, maintained in the fifties and sixties by Herbert Aspinall and more recently by Roger Stead.

Long serving players have also been a feature of the club and four players have passed the 500 appearances mark. Roger Stead who is still playing has represented the first team on a record 615 times, Albert Hartley who made his debut in 1925 played 572 games, Donald Garside, who played from 1955-1979, made 554 appearances and Herbert Aspinall played 501 times between 1940 and 1967.

Hartley is acknowledged as the club's most prolific player and after his final game in 1959 he had scored 10 490 runs, taken 1 028 wickets and held 306 catches. Only Martin Radcliffe has scored more runs with 10 722 between 1959 and 1981. Hartley's other records remain.

George Bottomley, chairman for 17 years until 1998, and still an active committee member, was a most accomplished all-rounder. He made his debut for the club in 1933 and with the exception of six years, played until 1962 when he was a professional at Pudsey and Meltham.

The club continues to attract good local players who blend well with a judicious mix of those from the wider Halifax area and occasionally further afield. It is good to report that six members of the current first team live in Hipperholme and Lightcliffe and many others in the three senior teams played junior cricket at the club.

In addition to the senior teams playing in the Bradford and Halifax leagues, the club also fields junior teams at under 17, under 15(two teams), under 13, under 12 and under 11 level. In addition to our nine teams the ground is also used by Hipperholme and Lightcliffe High School and occasionally by the Wakefield Diocesan eleven and Lane Head Cricket Club.

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## Re: Pavilion Extension

**Dear**

I am writing to let you have details of our plans to extend the pavilion at our Wakefield Road ground and to ask, please, for your help and support.

Many of you receiving this letter will already know something of our intentions from the annual meeting agenda or from reports in the press. It may be helpful, though, to give again some of the background to our decision to extend.

During the course of the last four years the committee has been reviewing our position at Wakefield Road, especially as we have been unable to obtain the freehold of the ground. Two sites in the area have been considered along with options related to our present site. The cost of moving proved to be financially out of our reach even with the possibility of grants. The committee, therefore, accepted the working party's proposal to remain where we have been for over 100 years and to improve the facilities there. Initially the decision involves only an extension to the pavilion, as we have been unable to agree with our landlord on vehicular access, other than for ground staff and emergency traffic. Even if we had not decided to extend our facilities, we would still have had to invest a considerable amount of money in a major renovation programme of the existing pavilion.

The enclosed brochure gives you some idea of what the extension will look like and the improved facilities that will be available to players and spectators. We are delighted that our architect Michael Lister has been able to retain the character and style of the original building.

The cost of the extension, when VAT is added, is likely to be in the region of £100 000. We can only achieve this figure, though, with the help of members, friends of the club and local people. We need you to help, please, by donating what you can. We may be able to obtain some grant aid but although our lease is to be renewed and we do have security of tenure, this is insufficient for us to obtain, for example, lottery funding. Any amount donated will be gratefully received but clearly we need the support of a few strong backers also. I accept that it is unlikely that a major sponsor will emerge but we would happily name the pavilion after him or her if such a person did come forward!

Please do give what you can. Lightcliffe Cricket Club has a strong role in the community today, as it has had for 127 years, with three senior and six junior teams. It is, I believe, a club of which the people of Lightcliffe and District can be proud. My hope is that with the improved facilities that retain the club's character as a cricket club, the hard working and enthusiastic committee, the players, the members and the whole community will be able to look to the future with confidence.

John Brooke (Chairman)

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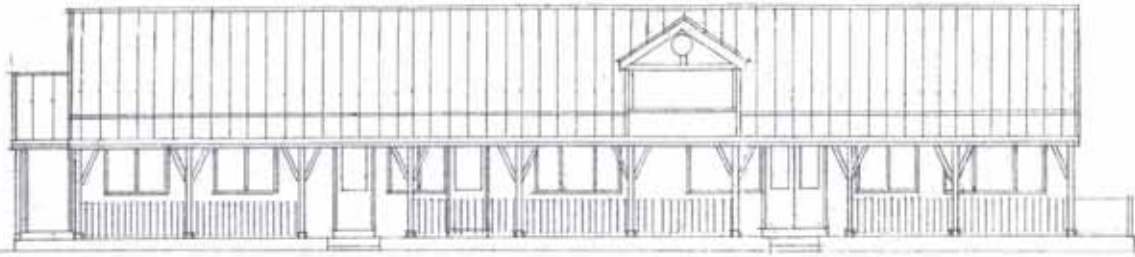
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