

TEN FACTS YOU (PROBABLY) DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ARMITAGE BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

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1. Armitage Bridge is one of the few places in West Yorkshire with a name of French origin. The derivation is from an old French word 'Hermitage', the abode of a recluse.
2. On December 17th 1910, Yorkshire played a county match at the 'Bridge'. Schofield Haigh was groundsman for the encounter.
3. Many local organisations have played at Armitage Fold – these include: Halifax Building Society, Huddersfield Co-op, Armitage Bridge School and even the Post Office.
4. Derek Ibbotson, the Almondbury-born Olympic athlete, used to train on the track around the field at the 'Bridge'.
5. Hockey was played on the outfield at the Dungeon End until 1935, when the arrangement was terminated by the cricket club's committee.
6. On September 10th 1938 club member Jack Crum (below) threw a cricket ball over Lockwood Viaduct – all of 129 feet!



7. Sir Len Hutton played his last match at Armitage Bridge Cricket Club. He was at the club to celebrate the opening of the new clubhouse.
8. The ABCC under-16 team were runners up in the 1988 Yorkshire indoor 6-a-side tournament. They received their prizes from Sir Geoffrey Boycott.
9. A team consisting of Andrew Sugden, Leslie Duncalf, Philip Booth and David Bailey defeated Farsley in the final of the Radio Leeds cricket quiz in 1978.
10. Current club chairman/treasurer, Moorhouse Trophy winner and Lady Sykes Candlestick holder Andy Hill enjoys listening to reggae music. Also his favourite cricket shot is the forward defensive!