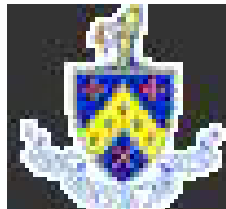


EARLY YEARS

OPENING UP

1976 - ORIGINS



Old Crossleyans is a relatively young cricket club, formed in 1976.

It has a historic link with what is now the Crossley Heath School, located close by.



Photo: Christopher Walker



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Photo: George Demore

The Crossley Heath School is the product of a 1985 merger between Crossley & Porter School and Heath Grammar School. In January 2005 it was named as the best state-funded school in Yorkshire.

Crossley & Porter School was originally the Crossley Orphanage and became a secondary school in 1919.

Heath Grammar School had been founded by Dr John Favour in 1600.

HOME ALONE

CLUB HQ

Boarders at the School previously resided at Standeven House, Broomfield Avenue. What is now the function room and bar used to be the schoolboys' library.



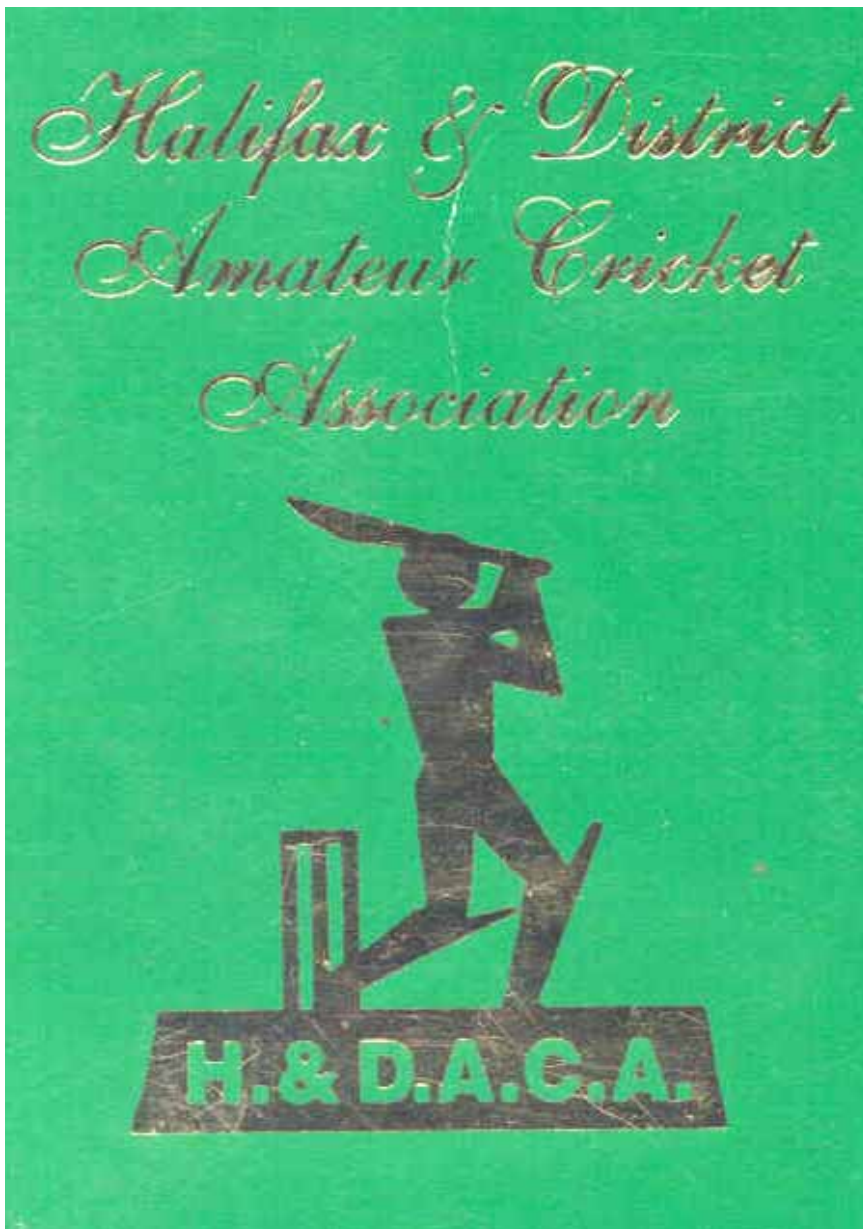
Even though the boarders have long since gone, the School still uses the arena for sports fixtures.

Old Crossleyans C.C. play their home fixtures at Broomfield Avenue.

AMATEUR START

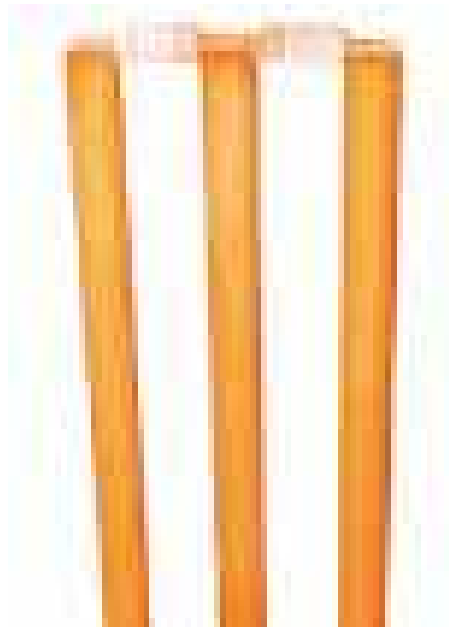
1976 – HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Old Crossleyans joined the Halifax & District Amateur Cricket Association in 1976.





In the early days, Old Crossleyans C.C. was very much an 'old boys' club.



FIRST SUCCESSES

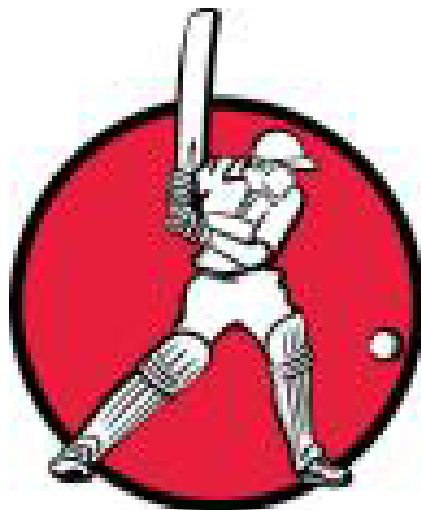
1977 – PAIR OF TRIUMPHS

In 1977 Old Crossleyans scooped the Halifax and District Cricket Association Division 2 title – and also the Eric Helliwell Memorial 5-a-side Tournament.



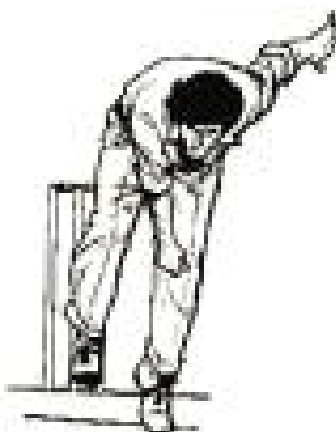
In the same summer, D. Hudson bagged the Coyles Cup for the best League batting average and P. Kershaw netted the George Tyson Cup for best individual bowling average.





COYLES CUP (Best Batting Average)

Year	Batsman	Club	Avg.
1949	H. Scott	S.B.C.I.	26.16
1950	H. Walton	Bradshaw	25.55
1951	D. Wilson	Wainstalls	32.62
1952	J. Theed	R.A.F.A.	30.40
1953	H. Parker	Churchill Redmans	29.63
1954	D. Sutcliffe	R.A.F.A.	38.00
1955	W. Ward	St. Mary's	33.60
1956	J. Riley	Gledhills	27.90
1957	W.R. Hollock	Duke of Wellingtons	62.28
1958	R. Jordan	Denfords	39.75
1959	R. Saville	Asquiths	40.30
1960	M. Verity	Wainstalls II	30.80
1961	C. Priestley	Asquiths	28.57
1962	R. Gibson	F.B. & G.	47.00
1963	R. Gibson	Wainstalls	58.00
1964	W. Bacon	Hebden Bridge Salem	37.00
1965	A. Newsome	Heptonstall	53.00
1966	D. Hunter	Butlers	32.85
1967	M. Bannister	St. Thomas St. Meths	43.10
1968	J. Horsfall	Ovenden Meths	35.40
1969	R. Gibson	Wainstalls	53.00
1970	B. Sutcliffe	Wesley	82.16
1971	D. Powell	Hebden Bridge Salem	42.80
1972	B. Chapman	R.A.F.A.	53.00
1973	B. Clarke	Hebden Bridge	64.07
1974	D. Barnes	Butlers	35.20
1975	J. Shannon	South Ward	46.30
1976	R. Barker	Halifax III	59.33
1977	D. Hudson	Old Crossleyans	45.40
1978	D. Livesey	R.A.F.A.	43.73
1979	D. Gledhill	Hebden Bridge	39.73
1980	D. Butcher	Walsden III	40.81
1981	M. Uttley	Crossleys	45.33
1982	J. Pickles	Hebden Bridge	50.67
1983	D. Helliwell	Moorside I	63.37
1984	B. Aziz	Bld Indians	64.50
1985	T. Kaye	Greetland Village I	66.90
1986	R. Sykes	Moorside	56.38
1987	Raiz	Queens Rd. Muslims	61.25
1988	C. Bowers	Halifax Salem	49.38
1989	B. Rowell	Bridgeholme I	64.20
1990	A. Illand	Wheatley	72.62
1991	M. Jamil	Whetley Motors II	99.00
1992	B. Rowell	Bridgeholme I	84.36
1993	D. Hunter	Wheatley	64.92
1994	M. Rashid	B.M.A.	62.70
1995	D. Shepherd	Paris Gates	97.20
1996	J. Garland	Walsden	61.22



THE 'GEORGE TYSON' CUP BEST BOWLING AVERAGE

Year	Bowler	Club	Avg.
1948	A. Castell	Wright Motors	2.90
1949	G. Steele	G.P.O	3.01
1950	J. Farmer	Ovenden Meths	2.60
1951	S. Smith	Wainstalls	3.25
1952	G. Seymour	S.B.C.I.	3.33
1953	G. Tate	Wainstalls	3.14
1954	T. Whitaker	S.B.C.I.	3.80
1955	G. Seymour	S.B.C.I.	3.81
1956	T. Bolton	Wainstalls	2.78
1957	L. Mottram	Wainstalls II	3.12
1958	G. Denwood	Denfords	2.77
1959	A. Newsome	Heptonstall	3.37
1960	F. Hemmingway	X.G.P.O.	3.22
1961	S. Smith	Ovenden Y.C.	3.03
1962	T. Carling	Ajax	3.74
1963	G. Tate	Wainstalls	4.89
1964	A.V. Cox	Dempsters	3.392
1965	G. Wrench	Bridgholme	4.00
1966	D. Sharples	Praits	4.83
1967	P.J. Young	Wesley	8.09
1968	M. Bannister	St.Thomas St. Meths.	4.52
1969	L. Greenwood	Luddendenfoot II	5.75
1970	R.E. Whitford	St.Thomas St. Meths.	6.79
1971	R.E. Whitford	St.Thomas St. Meths.	8.09
1972	M. Ramage	South Ward	5.90
1973	J. Kemp	Wainstalls	4.81
1974	A. Bottomley	Wheatley Libs	5.70
1975	D. Hallam	Bridgeholme	6.30
1976	C. Marshall	Moorside	5.80
1977	P. Kershaw	Old Crossleyans	5.71
1978	J. Farrell	Illingworth Libs.	6.66
1979	A. Bottomley	Wheatley Libs.	5.56
1980	D. Helliwell	Illingworth Libs.	6.79
1981	W. Bailey	Southowram	5.75
1982	K. Rangzeb	Queens Rd. Muslims	7.25
1983	M. Kayat	Bradford Indians	7.67
1984	M. Azam	Kashmir	6.145
1985	F. Saghir	Paris Gates II	7.40
1986	I. Kitson	Wainstalls II	8.00
1987	A. Ashghar	King Cross	6.32
1988	D. Werritt	Paris Gates II	6.80
1989	L. Smith	Wainstalls I	6.56
1990	L. Smith	Wainstalls I	7.64
1991	J. Newton	Wesley	8.27
1992	M. Batty	Bankfoot	7.00
1993	C. Tucker	Wainstalls I	7.17
1994	N. Gabb	Walsden	7.80
1995	M. Riaz	Queens Road Musiems	9.84
1996	M. Naylor Snr.	Bankfoot	10.89

Six hit boundary from 1984

INTO THE BIG TIME

1978 – JOIN HALIFAX LEAGUE

TRINITY INSURANCE HALIFAX CRICKET LEAGUE



MOVING UP IN THE WORLD

1982 – 2ND XI DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS



1995	Sowerby Bridge		1985	Greetland	H.Pidgeon
		K.Hartley	1986	Blackley	J.E.Townsend
1996	Triangle	J.Moore	1987	Blackley	J.E.Townsend
1997	Sowerby Bridge		1988	Stones	W.Pollard
		S.Priestley	1989	Stones	W.Pollard
1998	Triangle	J.Moore	1990	Stones	W.Pollard
1999	Triangle	J. Moore	1991		
2000	Triangle	J. Moore	1992	Southowram	P.Jowett
2001	Triangle	J. Moore	1993	S.B.C.I.	S.R.Hampshire
	2nd Division 2nd Teams		1994	Outlane	K.Ermett
1956	Mytholmroyd	R.Poxon	1995	Old Town	A.Iyons
1957	Dean Clough	G.Crowther	1996	Stones	P.McDonnell
1958	Websters	G.Rushby	1997	S.B.C.I.	D.Jones
1959	Old Town	R.Greenwood	1998	Copley	S.Phipps
1960	Blackley	G.Brook	1999	Old Town	T. Lyons
1961	Stainland	G.Hey	2000	Sowerby St Peters	
1962	Dean Clough	K.Stringer			N. Fielden
1963	Triangle	E.Nicholl	2001	Augustinians	S.Hazleton
1964	Copley	R.Whiteley		Lindley Moor trophy	
1965	Sowerby St Peters		1977	S.B.C.I.	A.Gawn
		E.Judson	1978	Barbistland	B.tennyson
1966	Bradshaw	L.Dyson	1979	Mytholmroyd	D.Butterworth
1967	Stones	H.Hallowell	1980	Warley	A.South
1968	Stainland	J.Lenthwaite	1981	Triangle	T.Madden
1969	Stainland	B.Norcliffe		Old Crocs	F.Robinson
1970	Sowerby St Peters		1982	Mytholmroyd	M.J.Astin
		T.Laycock	1983	Sowerby St Peters	
1971	Triangle	R.G.Bruce			R.Allott
1972	Booth	K.Coekroft	1984	Mytholmroyd	M.J.Astin
1973	Saddal	D.D.Nairn	1985	Luddenden Foot	
1974	Sowerby	M.Sheppard			S.Booth
1975	Mackintoshes	J.A.Ward	1986	Blackley	R.S.Williams
1976	Mackintoshes	P.Steele	1987	Sowerby St Peters	
1977	Sowerby	M.Sheppard			S.Crossley
1978	Mytholmroyd	P.Williams	1988		
1979	MytholmroydMeths		1989	Warley	A.Oates
		S.Boocock	1990	Blackley	M.Eady
1980	Stones	P.Collinge	1991	Union Croft	N.Robertshaw
1981	Mytholmroyd	D.Williams	1992	Union Croft	N.Robertshaw
1982	Old Crocs	S.Mander	1993	Old Crocs	C.Daly
1983	MytholmroydMeths		1994	Southowram	V.Mylett
		D.Hunt	1995	Mackintoshes	M.Reppion
1984	Mytholmroyd	N.J.Robinson	1996	Outlane	J.Smith