

Notes on History of Copley Cricket Club

Founded with Copley Village in 1880

The present ground was inspected for its suitability for Copley cricket in 1881.

The club played its early League Cricket in the West Vale League, Ackroydon League and Halifax Amateur League, and quickly climbing through the many divisions to top.

There was a story told a passed down over the years that when the season Copley were top of the 1st Division and due to play the bottom club of the fifth division in a knockout cup final, the then Committee thinking it was a walk over booked a local "Brass band" to welcome them home, but unfortunately the game was lost and the band was not required.

In 1909 enthusiasm was high and club members got together and built a new Pavilion which was erected on the most suitable site on the ground.

It lasted for 60 years.

After reforming in 1919 like all clubs, the club went through a difficult period.

In 1924 a "tip off" that the ground which belonged to Bentley's Yorkshire Brewery was for sale got the members thinking and talking. The club moved very quickly and within 14 days a £100 deposit had to be found in what were called the "bad old days". The £100 was put together by a few players and members and the ground became an amenity for cricket in the Village of Copley. A ladies committee was formed and the volunteered to raise £10 a year for the rest of the money to pay for the ground over 13 years, their promised to pay this off and then resign which they nearly all did. We have still a lady alive "Mrs Annie Sykes" wife of a former Player and President who is 94 years old and lives in Formby Lanes.

The club President about that time was Arthur Charles Jenkins who was Meth Chapel Superintendent and Captain of the 9th Boys Brigade, a wonderful fellow, Cricket and Boys Brigade at Copley went hand in hand and many of our present Officials, Players and Members have all gone through them

1932 Copley C.C. had a bright period

1932 v Halifax	Parish Cup Final	Lost
1933 v Stainland	Parish Cup Final	Lost
1934 v Greetland	Parish Cup Final	Lost

1934 League Winners 1st team

1933 League Winners 2nd team

1939 The ground was taken over by the army.

1946 Difficult restart after the war.

1949 Parish Cup Final v King Cross again a losing side.

1950 Copley and Barkisland were joint league leaders, but a play-off again went against Copley.

1951 Copley League winners

1952 High note Copley C.C. were league and cup winners a great moment.

Parish Cup Final Copley v Booth

4 wkts C Balme G Woodhouse 60 Runs