

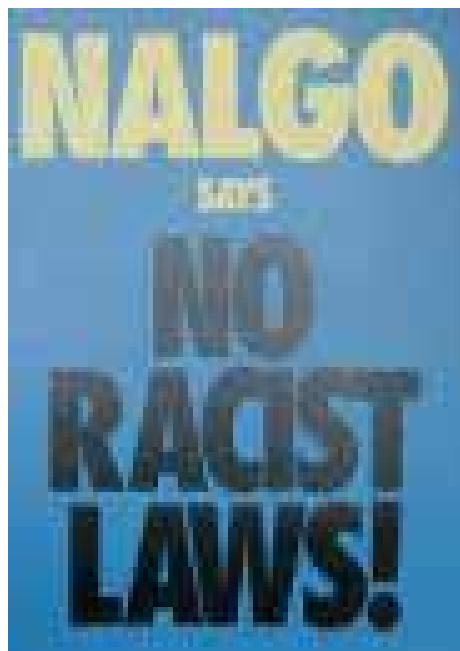
THE EARLY YEARS

OPENING UP

ORIGINS – DEWSBURY NALGO C.C.

The origins of Westborough C.C. lie with two former Dewsbury & District League clubs.

One of these clubs was Dewsbury NALGO C.C., which was formed through a local branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers.



Throughout the 1960s, Dewsbury NALGO C.C. – and other Dewsbury & District league sides - played many home games at the Sands Lane municipal complex in the town.



Dewsbury NALGO C.C.'s most successful season came in 1968 when the 1st XI landed the Dewsbury & District League Section 'C' championship.

By 1971 the Club – by now, playing their home games at Healds Road - had consolidated its place in Section 'B' of the Dewsbury & District League.

Dewsbury N.A.L.G.O.

Sports Club

Season 1971

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HEALDS ROAD GROUND, DEWSBURY

★

Secretary (Cricket Section)

MR. D. H. TOLSON,

c/o TOWN HALL,

DEWSBURY

★

REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
ALL HOME FIXTURES



Healds Road today

"B" Section

DEWSBURY NALGO

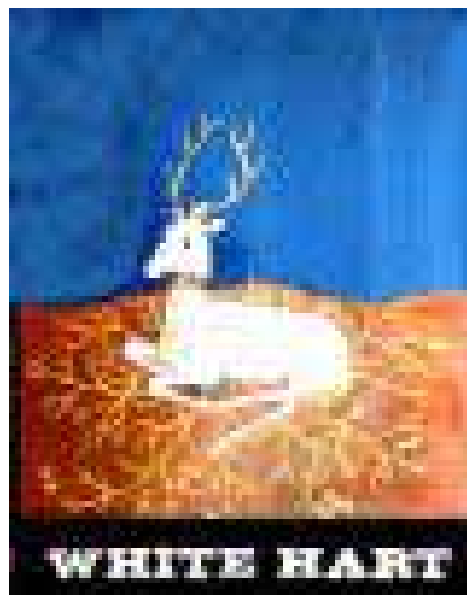
| Date | Opponents | Gr'd. R't. |
|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| Apr. 24 | Cleckheaton St. John's ... | Away..... |
| May 1 | Thornhill Collieries ... | Home..... |
| | 8—Gawthorpe St. Mary's ... | Home..... |
| | 15—Wormalds and Walker ... | Away..... |
| | 22—Cross Bank Meths. ... | Home..... |
| | 29—Carlinghow St. John's ... | Home..... |
| B.H. 31 | Upper Chapel ... | Away..... |
| Jun. 5 | Open Date | |
| | 12—James France Ltd. ... | Home..... |
| | 19—Dewsbury Moorlands ... | Away..... |
| | 26—Ruddlesdens ... | Away..... |
| July 3 | Cleckheaton St. John's ... | Home..... |
| | 10—Thornhill Collieries ... | Away..... |
| | 17—Gawthorpe St. Mary's ... | Away..... |
| | 24—Wormalds and Walkers ... | Home..... |
| | 31—Cross Bank Meths. ... | Away..... |
| Aug. 7 | Carlinghow St. John's ... | Away..... |
| | 14—Upper Chapel ... | Home..... |
| | 21—Open Date | |
| | 28—J. France and Co. ... | Away..... |
| Sept. 4 | Dewsbury Moorlands ... | Home..... |
| | 11—Ruddlesdens ... | Home..... |

DOWN AT THE PUB

ORIGINS - WHITE HART C.C.

The other club involved in the roots of Westborough C.C. was a local pub team called White Hart C.C..

In 1972 both the Dewsbury NALGO and White Hart clubs competed in Section 'B' of the Dewsbury & District League.



WHITE HART C.C.

1972

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Ground:

RECTORY PARK, THORNHILL

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Secretary:

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'Phone: Dewsbury 67548



Rectory Park

"B" Section

WHITE HART

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| Date | Opponents | Gr'd. R't. |
|------|---------------------------|------------|
| Apr. | 22—Upper Chapel | Home..... |
| | 29—Yorkshire Transformer | Away..... |
| May | 6—Whitley Lower | Away..... |
| | 13—Cross Bank Muslims | Home..... |
| | 20—Ruddlesdens | Home..... |
| | 27—Carlinghow St. Johns | Away..... |
| | June 3—Dewsbury Moorlands | Away..... |
| June | 10—Netherton | Home..... |
| | 17—Gawthorpe St. Marys | Away..... |
| | 24—Dewsbury N.A.L.G.O. | Home..... |
| | July 1—Manorfields | Away..... |
| | 8—Upper Chapel | Away..... |
| | 15—Yorkshire Transformer | Home..... |
| Aug. | 22—Whitley Lower | Home..... |
| | 29—Cross Bank Muslims | Away..... |
| | 5—Ruddlesdens | Away..... |
| | 12—Carlinghow St. Johns | Home..... |
| | 19—Dewsbury Moorlands | Home..... |
| Sep. | 26—Netherton | Away..... |
| | 2—Gawthorpe St. Marys | Home..... |
| | 9—Dewsbury N.A.L.G.O. | Away..... |
| | 16—Manorfields | Home..... |

UPS & DOWNS

1972 - CONTRASTING FORTUNES

The 1972 season proved to be pivotal for both future participants in the merger which eventually led to Westborough C.C. being formed.

White Hart progressed into Section 'A' of the Dewsbury & District League as champions, losing only two matches all season.

However, Dewsbury NALGO were relegated after finishing at the bottom of the table.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES — SEASON 1972

SECTION "A"

| | P | W | L | D | D | P |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|
| | | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | |
| <i>Mirfield Parish Church</i> ... | 22 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 73 |
| Howden Clough | 22 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 6* | 70 |
| Soothill | 22 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3* | 66 |
| Wrenthorpe | 22 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 5* | 66 |
| Horbury Bridge | 22 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 5* | 58 |
| Dewsbury Cavaliers | 22 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7* | 53 |
| Upper Hopton | 22 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 48 |
| Denby Grange | 22 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 42 |
| Cross Bank Methodists... | 22 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 34 |
| Salem | 22 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 30 |
| Overthorpe | 22 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 27 |
| Birstall Carpet Co. | 22 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 6 | 11 |

SECTION "B"

| | P | W | L | D | D | P |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| <i>White Hart</i> | 22 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 92 |
| Whitley Lower | 22 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 85 |
| Gawthorpe St. Mary's | 22 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 65 |
| Cross Bank Muslims | 22 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 57 |
| Carlinghow St. John's | 22 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 51 |
| Netherton | 22 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 47 |
| Upper Chapel | 22 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 46 |
| Dewsbury Moorlands | 22 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 41 |
| Ruddlesdens | 22 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 34 |
| Yorks. Trans. Co. | 22 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 33 |
| Dewsbury N.A.L.G.O. | 22 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 32 |

*includes 2 points in tied matches

CHAMPIONS:—

Section A—*Mirfield Parish Church*

Section B—*White Hart*

Section C—*Cleckheaton St. John's*

Section D—*Mirfield Parish Church II*

TABLE TOPPERS!

1976 - DEWSBURY & DISTRICT LEAGUE
CHAMPIONS

Four years after gaining a place in the top flight, White Hart carried off the Jessop Cup as Dewsbury & District League Section 'A' champions.

**Dewsbury
and District
League**

Rain helps White Hart to title

THOUGH rain washed out any hope of play on the last day of the Section 'A' programme, White Hart have taken the championship after finishing level on points with Wrenthorpe.

The Thornhill Lees side win the Jessop Cup as a result of having the better average.

How they stand . . .

FINAL TABLES

Section 'A'

| | P | W | L | D3 | D1 | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| White Hart | 22 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 68 |
| Wrenthorpe | 22 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 68 |
| Mirfield Parish ... | 22 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 66 |
| Horbury Bridge ... | 22 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 57 |
| Upper Hopton | 22 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 54 |
| Soothill | 22 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 53 |
| Howden Clough ... | 22 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 47 |
| Denby Grange | 22 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 44 |
| Overthorpe | 22 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 42 |
| Moorlands | 22 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 38 |
| Birstall Carpets ... | 22 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 32 |
| Calder Grove | 22 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 25 |

* 2 points for tie

Section 'B'

| | P | W | L | D3 | D1 | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Cross Bank Mus. ... | 22 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 80 |
| Whitley Lower | 22 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 74 |
| Netherton | 22 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 67 |
| Carlthorpe | 22 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 62 |
| Young Star | 22 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 61 |
| Batley Muslims ... | 22 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 60 |
| Cross Bank Meth. ... | 22 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 50 |
| W.W.A. | 22 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 43 |
| Pledwick | 22 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 35 |
| Adwalton | 22 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 26 |
| Crigglesstone | 22 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 23 |
| NALGO | 22 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 19 |

* 2 points for tie

Section 'C'

| | P | W | L | D3 | D1 | Pts |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Harry Lime | 22 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 74 |
| Upper Chapel | 22 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 65 |
| Woodkirk | 22 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 63 |
| Kirkhamgate | 22 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 60 |
| Cleckheaton | 22 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 54 |
| Gawthorpe | 22 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 47 |
| Shaheen | 22 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 46 |

TWO BECOME ONE

1980s - MERGER

During the 1970s, local government reorganisation had a major impact on Dewsbury NALGO C.C..

Both the Club and the trade union branch faced a major reduction in membership and, as a result, financial resources were affected.



The NALGO Cricket Club struggled on until an opportunity to secure its future arose in the next decade.

By the 1980s White Hart C.C. had stumbled on hard times and the Club was also looking for a lifeline.

The two clubs decided to merge and became 'The Hart C.C.' which by 1989 was playing in Section 'C' of the Dewsbury & District League.

"C" Section Teams Fixtures 1989 - continued

NORTHERN DAIRIES

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| April | |
| 22 – D. YOUNG STAR 2nd XI | H |
| 29 – DEWSBURY SALEM | H |
| May | |
| 6 – The Hart | A |
| 13 – Calder Grove | A |
| 20 – ENTERTAINERS | H |
| 27 – INTER BATLEY | H |
| June | |
| 3 – Heckmondwike URC | A |
| 10 – STABLER LININGS (ID) | H |
| 17 – Cleckheaton St. J. (ID) | A |
| 24 – Norfolk | A |
| July | |
| 1 – KISMAT | H |
| 8 – D. Young Star 2nd XI | A |
| 15 – Dewsbury Salem | A |
| 22 – THE HART | H |
| 29 – CALDER GROVE | H |
| Aug. | |
| 5 – Entertainers | A |
| 12 – Inter Batley | A |
| 19 – HECKMONDWIKE URC | H |
| 26 – Stabler Linings (ID) | A |
| Sept. | |
| 2 – CLECKHEATON ST. J. (ID) | H |
| 9 – NORFOLK | H |
| 16 – Kismat | A |

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THE HART

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| April | |
| 22 – HECKMONDWIKE URC | H |
| 29 – Kismat | A |
| May | |
| 6 – NORTHERN DAIRIES | H |
| 13 – D. YOUNG STAR 2nd XI | H |
| 20 – Dewsbury Salem | A |
| 27 – ENTERTAINERS | H |
| June | |
| 3 – Inter Batley | A |
| 10 – CROSS BANK METHS. (ID) | H |
| 17 – NORFOLK | H |
| 24 – Heckmondwike URC (ID) | A |
| July | |
| 1 – Calder Grove | A |
| 8 – Heckmondwike URC | A |
| 15 – KISMAT | H |
| 22 – Northern Dairies | A |
| 29 – D. Young Star 2nd XI | A |
| Aug. | |
| 5 – DEWSBURY SALEM | H |
| 12 – Entertainers | A |
| 19 – INTER BATLEY | H |
| 26 – Cross Bank Meths. (ID) | A |
| Sept. | |
| 2 – Norfolk | A |
| 9 – HECKMONDWIKE URC (ID) | H |
| 16 – CALDER GROVE | H |

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BLAZE TRAGEDY

1991 - FIRE

Tragedy struck The Hart C.C. in 1991 when the pavilion at the Club's council-owned Healds Road ground was set ablaze.



The fire caused thousands of pounds worth of damage and the police suspected arson.

Cricket fire 'no accident'

POLICE are seeking arsonists who completely destroyed part of a Dewsbury cricket pavilion.

Thousands of pounds damage was caused to the tenants of the council-owned pavilion on playing fields off Healds Road, Westborough. When firemen arrived at the scene the building was all alight and already heavily smoke bogged.

By Simon Parrock

It took just 10 minutes to bring the blaze under control which was confined to the kitchen area.

It wasn't an accidental fire and it is currently under

services, said the council would be putting in an insurance claim to pay for the fire damage.

"Unfortunately we are not insured for the vandalism but we can claim for the fire," he said.

"Most of our pavilions are quite isolated so they tend to attract vandals who have nothing better to do."

Insp Vernon Clegg said anyone who saw anyone acting suspiciously around the cricket field should contact Dewsbury Police.

"Investigations are being carried out to find people responsible and we are appealing to anyone with any information to come forward," he said.

2ND XI SUPERSTARS

1993 - KITCHEN CUP WINNERS.



Happier news came two years after the pavilion fire as The Hart C.C. 2nd XI carried off the A.V. Kitchen Cup.

PUB CRAWL!

1994 - ROYAL OAK C.C.

The future Westborough C.C. underwent another change of identity in 1994.

This time the end of the Club's relationship with the White Hart pub caused a new HQ to be found.

The Club ended up using another local pub called the Royal Oak and became Royal Oak C.C..



MOVING MOMENT

1994 - WAKEFIELD UNION LEAGUE.

Along with the new identity came entry into a new competition as Royal Oak C.C. joined the Wakefield & District Cricket Union.

