

LATER YEARS

NEW BEGINNING

1998 - WESTBOROUGH C.C.

In 1998 the Club once again took on a new identity as the Westborough C.C. was born.



They chose this name on account of their geographical base: their council-owned Healds Road HQ was located slap bang in the middle of the Dewsbury suburb of Westborough.

And for the record: Westborough is a part of Dewsbury famous for its hospital, Methodist church, reservoir and high school.

INTO THE BIG LEAGUE

1998 - HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL

Once again the change of name was accompanied by a change of league. This time the Club looked outside its immediate environs and joined the Huddersfield Central Cricket League.



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1998/9 – BACK-TO-BACK TITLES



The Club settled immediately into life in the new competition and their first season saw Westborough land the Section 'D' title.

SECTION "D"

1	WESTBOROUGH	22	13	1	-	3	5	98	25
2	WEST BRETTON	22	7	1	-	8	6	88	24
3	SHELLEY	22	6	2	-	5	9	70	25
4	EMLEY	22	9	5	-	1	7	66	23
5	DAVID BROWNS	22	5	5	-	4	8	58	12
6	ALMONDBURY WES	22	5	3	1	2	11	54	24
7	CROSSBANK METHS	22	5	6	-	3	8	53	14
8	LEPTON/H	22	7	9	-	1	5	52	12
9	BADGER HILL	22	4	10	-	3	5	44	11
10	WOODFIELD PPS	22	2	9	1	4	6	41	9
11	DENBY	22	3	8	1	2	8	39	17
12	CAWTHORNE	22	3	10	1	2	6	37	15

1998 Huddersfield Central League Section 'D' table

The following year in Section 'C' proved to be no more difficult as that championship was also won at the first attempt.

FIRE ALARM

2002 – GROUND DISASTER

The start of the 2002 season was hit by another fire at Healds Road.

The local council stepped in and supplied the Club with a small replacement clubhouse.



Every cloud has a silver lining...and the fire encouraged the Club to develop its relationship with Westborough Methodist Church.

And for the past few years the church hall has acted as tearoom on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, with players trooping across the road for some wonderful teatime food.



The church sits adjacent to the cricket field

The Club has had to contend with fire, and also other hazards at its Kirklees-owned ground.



CHAMPIONS!

2002 - HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE
SECTION 'B' WINNERS

But adversity brought the best out of the Club and the 1st XI netted the Section 'B' that same year.

Champions title for Westborough

WESTBOROUGH clinched the **Huddersfield Central League Section B** title following a 97 run victory over Cartworth Moor.

The Healds Road side made an edgy start as they moved to 74-5.

This brought Chris Day and Lloyd Illingworth together and they shared a partnership of 103 with Day hammering his way to 84. Illingworth provided excellent back up and finished on 38 no as Westborough closed on 220-8.

Cartworth never came to terms with the pace and aggression of Jonny Mitchell as he took seven wickets.

"We have held our discipline on the field with everyone contributing to the success. Having narrowly missed out on promotion in the last two years this is extra special," he said.

"Westborough have the players to do well in Section A and we will be looking at strengthening in a couple of areas, with a spin bowler the main priority.

"I would also like to offer special thanks to our chairman Bill Parkinson secretary Barry Mitchell and treasurer Dave Booth who have played a massive role in transforming this

After the title had been secured, skipper Dave Lodge thanked his players, saying: ***'We have worked extremely hard this season and I am proud of every member of the squad.'***



He also offered ***'special thanks to our chairman Bill Parkinson, secretary Barry Mitchell and treasurer Dave Booth who have played a massive role in transforming this cricket club.'***

The success was built around two outstanding performers: Andy Day, who won the Section 'B' batting prize and Johnny Mitchell who won the Section 'B' bowling award.

Westboro awards night

WESTBOROUGH Cricket Club held their annual presentation evening at Thornhill CC last Saturday.

The club were celebrating the first team's promotion to Huddersfield Central League Section A and players received their individual medals for clinching the Section B title.

To cap an excellent season for the first team, Andy Day won the Section B batting average, while Jonny Mitchell won the Section B bowling average and the League's Most Clean Bowled prize.

Andy Day (batting) and Mitchell (bowling and fielding prize) also collected Westborough's individual prizes, while Martin Booth was awarded the captain's prize judged by Dave Lodge.

Steve Hill won the second team batting and bowling prizes, Nolan Grinhaff took the fielding award and the captain's prize went to Richard Farrar.

Westborough's Young Player-of-the-year award, which went to William Habergham. David Booth was named Clubman of the year

NEARLY MEN

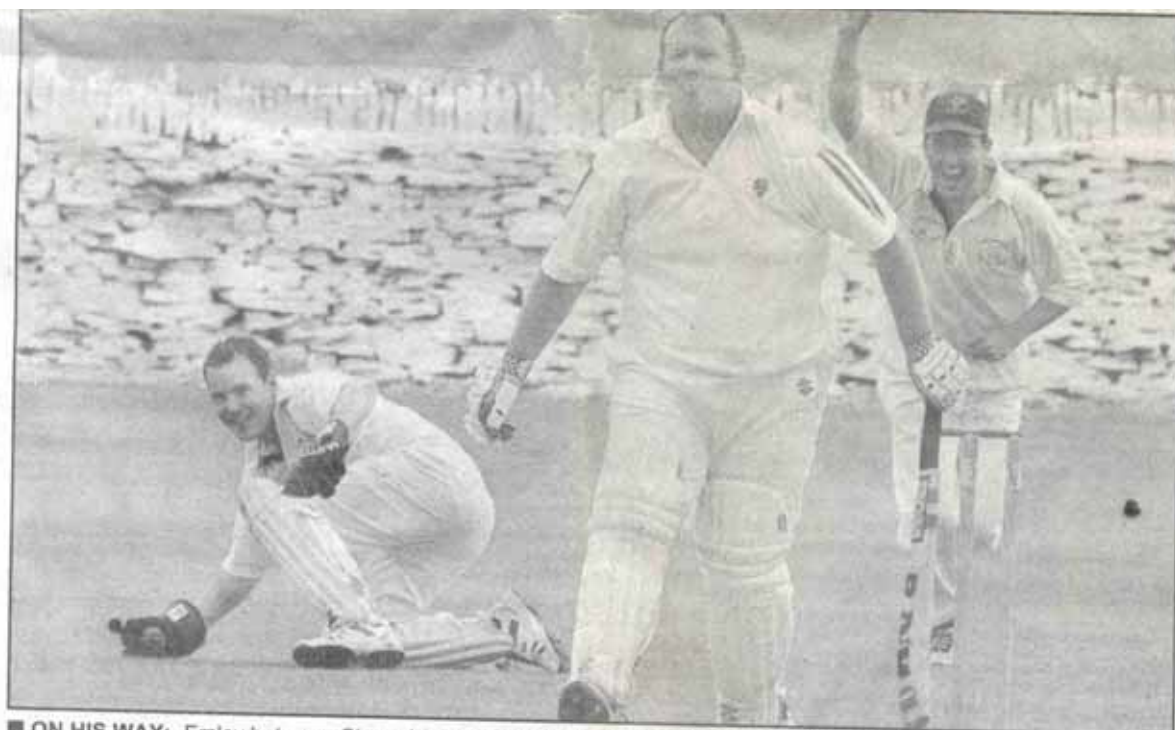
2003 - SECTION 'A'

As the 2003 season reached its halfway point, Westborough 1st XI were not only in contention for the Section 'A' title, but had also won a place in the Allsop Cup semi-final.

PREMIER SECTION							
	P	W	T	L	5	1	Pt
Cumberworth....	13	8	0	0	4	1	69
Emley.....	13	3	0	1	6	3	51
Cawthorne	13	5	0	3	2	3	43
Green Moor	13	4	0	2	3	4	43
Thurstonland....	13	1	0	2	6	4	40
O Almondburians	13	4	0	3	2	4	38
Hoylandswaine .	13	4	0	3	1	5	34
Birkby Nuffield ..	13	3	0	3	1	6	29
Edgerton	13	1	0	5	4	3	29
Woolley.....	13	1	0	2	2	8	24
Higham	13	0	0	2	1	10	15
Denby Dale.....	13	0	0	8	2	3	13

SECTION A							
	P	W	T	L	5	1	Pt
Crossbank Meth	13	6	0	1	4	2	58
Woodfield Park .	13	6	0	1	3	3	54
Westborough	13	7	1	2	1	2	52
Heckmondwike .	13	6	0	4	0	3	39
Bradley & Colne	13	4	1	4	2	2	39
Ruddlesdens.....	13	6	0	5	0	2	38
Almondbury W..	13	3	0	3	2	5	33
Holmbridge	13	3	0	5	2	3	31
Birkby FMA.....	13	4	0	4	0	5	29
Denby	13	1	0	5	2	5	21
Bretton.....	13	0	0	5	3	5	20
Inter-Carib.....	13	1	0	8	1	3	14

Unfortunately, both attempts at glory were unsuccessful as, after the cup semi-final defeat at the hands of Emley, a promotion place also proved to be out of reach.



■ **ON HIS WAY:** Emley batsman Simon Lewis sets off back to the pavilion after edging to Westborough wicketkeeper Booth during the Allsop Cup semi-final at Thurstonland

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Allsop final is Sykes Cup repeat

THIS season's Allsop Cup final is, coincidentally, a re-run of the first round of this season's Romida Sykes Cup.

Emley Clarence (who won that clash back in May) and Cumberworth both won their respective Allsop semis to set up another Cup repeat.

League leaders Cumberworth sailed to a 166-run win over Durkar in one semi-final at Penistone, but the second-placed club in the Premiership, Emley, had a much closer call against plucky Section A side Westborough, winning by just two runs in a thrilling finish.

Emley were bowled out for 148 by N Finnigan (6-56) and J Mitchell (4-85) with Jon Ken top-scoring with 34 and Lee Taylor adding 24.

But at 105-5, Westborough

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with Finnigan having made 32, seemed set for victory until Lee came back at the end and struck with three late wickets to finish with five for 41 and pull the Dewsbury team up short.

At Penistone, James Bower (80) and Chris Kilner (57) put on 126 for the fifth wicket to hoist Cumberworth's total to a challenging 243-6 against their Section B opponents.

Durkar were soon in trouble when they replied, losing an incredible six wickets with the score standing on 34 as Richard Greaves and Martin Kilner ripped the underdogs apart.

Greaves finished with five for 17 and Kilner three for 16 as Durkar were shot out for 77.

CUMBERWORTH v DURKAR

CUMBERWORTH	
Hird c Townsend b Belk	37
Senior (Jas) c and b Goodison	16
Littlewood c Goodison b Belk	26
Senior (Jam) c Goodison b Belk	1
Bower b Pitchforth	60
Kilner (C) b Goodison	57
Kilner (M) not out	11
Buckley not out	6
Extras	9

45 overs Total (for 6) 243
Pitchforth 13-1-68-1, Goodison 12-3-56-2, Belk 7-1-30-3, Aris 7-1-34-0, Grace (Mat) 3-0-26-0, Grace (Mark) 3-0-25-0.

DURKAR

Machin b Greaves	12
Aris c and b Kilner	12
Grace (Mat) b Greaves	6
Goodison c Senior (Jam) b Kilner	1
Walker b Greaves	0
Townsend b Greaves	0
Grace (Mark) b Kilner	0
Lawley not out	33
Pitchforth b Greaves	0
Agui b Senior (G)	1
Belk lbw b Buckley	7
Extras	5

31.3 overs Total 77
Greaves 9-5-17-5, Kilner (M) 9-1-16-3, Senior (G) 5-0-16-1, Hird 3-1-5-0, Buckley 3-3-0-6-1, Littlewood 2-0-11-0.

EMLEY v WESTBOROUGH

EMLEY	
Sykes c Booth b Finnigan	8
Moones lbw b Finnigan	4
Lee b Mitchell	34
Lewis c Booth b Finnigan	2
Stratford (C) c Symond b Mitchell	12
Appllyard c Symond b Mitchell	12
Taylor b Mitchell	24
Raper c Symond b Finnigan	23
Wilson st Booth b Finnigan	15
Capewell not out	3
Stratford (D) c Dickinson b Finnigan	1
Extras	10

43.3 overs Total 148
Mitchell 22-4-85-4, Finnigan 21-3-8-56-6.

WESTBOROUGH

Mitchell c Wilson b Raper	8
Symond c Lewis b Taylor	9
Booth c Raper b Lee	21
Dary lbw b Taylor	13
Finnigan c Wilson b Lee	32
Dickinson b Stratford (D)	17
Lodge (Daz) c Raper b Lee	15
Lodge (D) b Lee	1
Habergham not out	12
Mitchell b Lee	0
Wilkinson not out	4
Extras	14

45 overs Total (for 9) 146
Raper 8-2-31-1, Taylor 18-8-47-2, Lee 15-5-41-5, Stratford (D) 4-0-19-1.

BRIGHT FUTURE

CLUB TODAY



Westborough continue to flourish in the Huddersfield Central League – and have just moved pub HQ: from The Woolpack to The Swan.

Thank you very much to The Swan for hosting this Exhibition!

