



Bat & Ball

The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"

A University of Huddersfield Project in partnership with Calderdale Libraries, Kirklees Libraries, West Yorkshire Archive Service, The Trinity Insurance Halifax Cricket League, The Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League, The Solly Sports Central Yorkshire Cricket League, and The Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League

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Welcome!

Welcome to *Bat & Ball: The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"*. Our aim is to keep you regularly informed of our progress and involved in our activities. We will publicise forthcoming events and news about the Project.

Project Mission Statement

In partnership with the cricket clubs, leagues and communities of Calderdale and Kirklees this Project will preserve, celebrate and broaden recognition of cricket and its rich cultural traditions in this region.



In May 2006 Dewsbury-born Yorkshire star Andrew Gale opened our special cricket heritage exhibition at Dewsbury Museum

CONTACT US!

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SPEAKER'S CORNER

We will be speaking about the Project to the following groups and societies:

Northern Cricket Society – Headingley, Tues 3 Oct
**Huddersfield & District Family History Society –
Huddersfield Town Hall, Tues 10 Oct**
Black History Month Workshops – 15 Oct
Wombwell Cricket Lovers Society – 26 Oct
North Kirklees Family History Society
– Batley Town Hall, 11 Dec 2007

COMING SOON!

Look out for the following in the near future:

SPECIAL EVENTS

1. Third annual Pennine Cricket History Conference at the University of Huddersfield (March 2007).

ONGOING RESEARCH

2. Focus will remain on the history of current clubs, but will also shift to former clubs and leagues/former leagues.
3. Auctioning/raffling of framed original artwork at clubs continues.
4. Clubs to be approached and asked if they might consider appointing 'Heritage Officers' to help preserve and conserve documents, items and images relating to their own club history.

ARCHIVES

5. Electronic archive of c.25,000 images relating to the history of local cricket open to general public at University of Huddersfield.
6. Regular archive updates on the Project website, <http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk>.

SCHOOLS

7. Activity packs to be distributed around local schools.

CLUB HISTORIES

8. Pamphlets on the history of each club to be distributed free in the local community.

EXHIBITIONS

9. Display boards from 2006 thematic exhibitions to be transferred to Headingley, Brighouse CC and Huddersfield Library.

10. Summer 2007 Exhibitions: 'Women and Cricket'.

STOP PRESS!

Latest Project developments:

- First batch of oral history interviews now available as audio files on Project website.
- Cricket archives now open to general public at Halifax and Huddersfield town libraries.
- First 'Heritage Lottery Fund/University of Huddersfield History and Heritage Awards' presented at local cricket league dinners.
- Cricket 'Heritage Trail' leaflets now available to download on Project website.
- Complimentary CDs currently being distributed to all clubs: 'This is the History & Heritage of Your Cricket Club'.
- New video made about the Project by University of Huddersfield TV/Media students.
- Huddersfield Art Gallery – special exhibition of drawings and paintings of Kirklees cricket grounds

IN THE NEWS

Thank you to the following news organisations for serialising our cricket club histories during Summer 2006:

- ☐ Awaaz
- ☐ Batley/Birstall News
- ☐ Brighouse Echo
- ☐ Dewsbury/Mirfield Reporter
- ☐ Express & Chronicle Newspapers
- ☐ Halifax Courier
- ☐ Huddersfield Examiner
- ☐ Spenborough Guardian/Heckmondwike Herald
- ☐ Todmorden News/Hebden Bridge Times

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has helped us so far: league officials who have given us their support; club administrators who have supplied us with official records and artefacts; club webmasters who have publicised the Project on their site; and individual members of the public who have donated memorabilia; and many, many other people. It is much appreciated.

PROJECT PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE



Lost: The Former Cricket Clubs and Cricket Grounds of Halifax and Calderdale (Andrew Hardcastle) £5

From Batley to Barnsley: A History of the Heavy Woollen Cup (Mike Butler) £5

George Herbert Hirst: Mirfield CC 1891 (Pat Neal) £5

Wielding the Willow: An Anthology of Cricket Poems (Lee Hughes) £3

The Development of Cricket in Kirklees: An Overview (Peter Davies & Rob Light) £3

Intikhab Alam, My Brother's Broken Leg and Other Stories (Peter Davies) £2

180 Not Out – 3-Volume photographic history of cricket in Calderdale and Kirklees (Peter Davies & Rob Light) £10 each

All prices include P&P. Please make cheques payable to **University of Huddersfield HEC** and send to **Dr Peter Davies, Room JM3/01, School of Music, Humanities & Media, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH**

ALL PROFITS TO BE PLOUGHED BACK INTO THE PROJECT