

Origins of Club

According to the Huddersfield Examiner, which published a series of historical articles about leading local clubs in 1932, ***‘around about 1848, Honley was quite a noted centre of cricket’***. At this time the club renowned for ***‘the stern fights which it waged against the strongest clubs in the district, and particularly against the noted Lascelles Hall team’***. Apparently, the first ***‘cricket field was situated at the top of Westgate being the greater portion of the land which until later built upon’ was known as the “Feast Ground”***.

The celebrated local historian Mary Jagger was also very familiar with the club during its early days. In her personal recollections, published in *The History of Honley*, 1914, she refers to the original ground, behind the George and Dragon, and describes how

One of the best cricket clubs in the neighbourhood played upon the ground, nearly all it’s members being noted cricketers, such as Mr Joshua Robinson and his brother Charles, Mr Robert Heap, Mr Thomas Beardsell and his brother Brook, etc. I can remember the batting powers of Mr Joshua Robinson, and the bowling of abilities of Mr Robert Heap (the underarm bowling of the latter being termed ‘shoddy balls) were considered wonderful.