

EARLY YEARS

OPENING UP

1865 - FORMATION

East Bierley Cricket Club was formed in 1865 – as is commemorated on the clubhouse walls today.



It played its early games on a plot of land known as The Shay behind the New Inn.



The club then leased some land on South View Road – owned by Lord Savile.



Some early leveling work created the embankment that is still the main feature of the ground today.

MORLEY AT HOME

1868 – EARLY FIXTURE

One of the club's earliest fixtures was at home to Morley Britannia (many clubs in this period took suffixes such as 'Britannia' or 'Victoria').

CRICKET.

MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

At Addingham—Addingham v. Haworth.
At Bacup—Bacup v. Nelson.
At Baildon—Tong Park v. Shipley St. Paul's.
At Baildon—Baildon Parish Church v. St. John's.
At Bingley—Bingley v. Saltate.
At Bradford—Bradford Clarence v. Queensbury.
At Bramley—Ough End v. Halifax Rangers.
At Brownroyd—Exchange United v. Amberley Britannia.
At Bunkers Hill—Church Hill v. Thackley.
At Calverley—Calverley St. Wilfrid's v. Farsley United.
At Cottingley—Cottingley v. Bankfoot.
At Cross Roads—Cross Roads v. Horton B.T.M.
At Dewsbury—Dewsbury Moor United v. Birkenshaw.
At Dudley Hill—Dudley Hill v. Clifton.
At Dudley Hill—Dudley Hill Old v. Great Northern Railway.
At East Bierley—East Bierley v. Morley Britannia.
At Eccleshill—Eccleshill White Rose v. Rawdon Woodlands.
At Elland—Elland v. Chickenley.
At Four Lane Ends—Albany v. E. Blarhires's Eleven.
At Gargrave—Gargrave Airebank v. Kildwick.
At Girdlington—Bradford Y.M.C.A. v. Bradford Friends' A.C. (B Division).
At Great Horton—Great Horton v. Thornton United.
At Halifax—Halifax (An Eleven) v. Lightcliffe and District.
At Halifax—Halifax St. Paul's v. Bradford M'pertonian.
At Halifax—Beech Hill v. Brigjouse Zingari.
At Halton—Halton v. Newtown.
At Heaton Road—Manningham Mills v. New Wortley.

BEAUTIFUL DAY

1875 – AWAY GAME

In 1875, they met Windhill away. 'Day match' could have denoted a fixture that took place during the day rather than at teatime or in the early evening. Note also the existence of a team called Bierley Britannia.

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1875

KEIGHLEY PETTY SESSIONS.

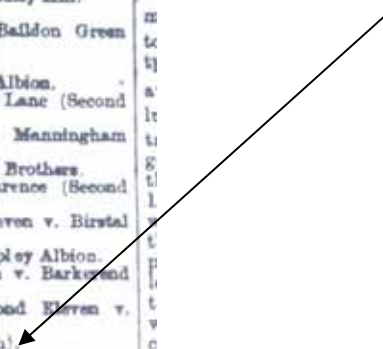
BONA FIDE RESIDENT TRAVELLERS TO STRETON.—AN the Keighley Petty Sessions, yesterday, Philip Slater, landlord of the Star Inn, Streton, was charged with having his house open on Sunday last during prohibited hours. Mr. S. Cooke appeared for the defendant.—The case was proved by P.O. Phillipson and P.O. Cusworth, who stated that they visited the defendant's house at twenty minutes past three on Sunday afternoon last, and found the front and back doors open. As soon as they entered a rush was made by several persons out by the back door. The doors were then locked, and four or five persons were got into a room and their names taken.—James Lee, Whitley Head; Charles Butterfield, Lund Street, Keighley; Wilkinson Smith, Hainworth Lane; Miles Smith, Cononley. Lee and Butterfield drank a glass of beer at the bar.—The landlord stated that while he was in the cellar a party in a carriage came to the front door, and, after loudly knocking, were admitted. While the door was open a number of others rushed in, but none of the latter got served with anything.—The man Lee stated that he went into the inn, but was refused anything to drink.—Butterfield also denied that he had got anything to drink.—Lee and Butterfield were charged with having been found in Slater's premises during prohibited hours, and the same evidence was given as in the other case.—Mr. Hodg-

CRICKET.

MATCHES THIS DAY.

At Adwalton—Adwalton Queen Elizabeth v. Dudley Hill.
At Bingley—Bursley United v. Bingley.
At Baildon Green—Padsey St. Lawrence v. Baildon Green (Second Eleven).
At Brighouse—Brighouse Alexandra v. Clifton.
At Bowling—Morley Second Eleven v. Bowling Albion.
At Bowling—Great Harton v. Bowling Old Lane (Second Eleven).
At Bradford—Leeds Road St. Lawrence v. Manningham Napoleons.
At Bewley Park—Thornston United v. Mitchell Brothers.
At Bradford—Idle Lilywhite v. Bradford Clarence (Second Eleven).
At Birkenshaw—Birkenshaw Mills Second Eleven v. Birstal Young England.
At Bolton Woods—Bolton Woods United v. Shipley Albion.
At Barkerend—Shipley United Second Eleven v. Barkerend Albion.
At Bierley—Adwalton Queen Elizabeth Second Eleven v. Bierley Britannia.
At Bierley—Windhill v. East Bierley (day match).
At Bradford—Girlington v. Church Hill United.
At Birkenshaw—Birkenshaw Britannia Second Eleven v. Carlinghow.
At Calverley—Calverley St. Wilfred's v. Halifax Pennine Rangers (day match).
At Cross Hills—Gargrave Airebank v. Kildwick Parish.
At Dewsbury—Savile Town v. Leeds Albion.
At Dalton—Dalton v. Keighley.
At Elland—Elland Second Eleven v. Halsey Hill.

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ON THEIR TRAVELS

1885 – HILL ENCOUNTER

In 1885, the press mentioned an away game at Dudley Hill.

Cricket.	
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MATCHES FOR THE WEEK.	
Thursday, July 30.—	At the Oval—Surrey v. Middlesex. At Manchester—Notts v. Lancashire. At Boston—Lincolnshire v. Huntingdonshire. At Clifton—U. A. E. E. v. Twenty Gentlemen of District. At Dover—U. S. E. E. v. Twenty-two of District. At Bootle—Gentlemen of Liverpool v. the Aborigines.
Friday, July 31—	Free Foresters v. The Grange. At Hereford—Shropshire v. Herefordshire.
Saturday, August 1—	At Bradford—Conservatives of Bradford v. of Huddersfield. At Manningham—Manningham United v. Heckmondwike. At Manningham—Manningham Amateurs v. Fifteen Manningham Albion. At Great Horton—Great Horton v. Wilsden Educational. At Wilsden—Second Eleven Great Horton v. Second Eleven Wilsden Educational. At Bowling—Bradford Victoria v. Bowling St. John's. At Horton—Bradford Albion v. Eccleshill, for benefit of H. Firth. At Eccleshill—Second Eleven Albion v. Second Eleven Eccleshill. At Hunsworth—Bowling Napoleon v. Hunsworth Mill. At Dudley Hill—Second Eleven D. H. v. East Bierley. At Keighley—Second Eleven Keighley v. Windhill Educational. At Ossett—Bradford Moor United v. Ossett. At Bunker's Hill—Second Eleven Garnett's United v. M'Kean, Tetley & Co.

LAISTERDYKE VICTORY

1895 – CHAMPIONS

The club won the Bradford & District League in 1895 – and this included an away victory over Laisterdyke.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
RESULTS UP TO DATE.
FIRST TEAM COMPETITION.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
East Bierley	18	9	2	5	23
Sticker Lane	18	8	2	5	22
Tong Park	15	7	2	5	20
Dudley Hill	18	7	4	5	19
Bradford Moor	18	6	5	5	17
Laisterdyke	16	7	8	1	15
Dudley Hill Old	12	5	4	4	14
Tong Manor	15	2	12	1	5
Church Hill	15	0	12	3	3

J. FITTS, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE V. EAST BIERLEY.—At Laisterdyke, and won by the visitors, who have now finished at the top of the League and are winners of the cup and medals. Score:—

LAISTERDYKE.

J. Ogden, c Holdsworth b	B. Hinchcliffe, c Walker b
F. Padget	Verity
C. Coates, b Verity	F. Smithies, not out
H. Wilkinson, c Worsfold	A. Watson, b F. Padget ..
b Verity	T. Brogden, b F. Padget ..
T. Ogden, b Verity	Extras
J. Hartman, b F. Padget ..	Total
J. Holmes, b F. Padget ..	
S. Webster, run out	

—EAST BIERLEY: F. Padget, b Smithies, 4; A. Crowther, run out, 0; J. J. Hodgson, not out, 13; C. Padget, not out, 7; extras, 1; total for two wickets, 25.

DOUBLE SUCCESS

1898 & 1899 – TITLE TRIUMPHS

The club won the Bradford & District League in 1898 and 1899.



BIRSTALL VISITORS

1905 – HOME FIXTURE

East Bierley entertained Birstall in an ordinary – ‘friendly’ – match in 1905.

6	Windhill v. Lidget Green.
7	Queensbury v. Saltaire.
8	BRADFORD DISTRICT LEAGUE.
9	Laisterdyke v. Wibsey.
10	Tong Park v. Charlestown.
11	Thackley v. Sticker Lane.
12	Shelf Clough Mills v. Tong Manor.
13	Greenhill Wesleyan v. Drighlington.
14	Bowling v. Greengates.
15	WEST BRADFORD LEAGUE.
16	Cullingworth v. Thornton.
17	Walsden v. Crossley Hall.
18	Sandy Lane v. Denholme.
19	Ruddesden v. Harden.
20	Haworth v. Mountain.
21	Ingrow v. Horton Primitive.
22	AIREDALE AND WHARFEDALE LEAGUE
23	Balldon Green v. Yeadon.
24	Burley-in-Wharfedale v. Rawdon.
25	Calverley v. Farsley.
26	Otley v. Guiseley.
27	ORDINARY.
28	Bradford An XI. v. Menston.
29	Bradford 2nd v. Idle 2nd.
30	Bowling Old Lane v. Halifax King Cross.
31	Halifax King Cross 2nd v. Bowling Old Lane 2nd.
32	Cononley v. Embsay.
33	Steeeton v. Thornton-in-Craven.
34	Boiton Abbey v. Addingham.
35	Low Moor v. Liversedge.
36	Farnley v. Heaton.
37	East Bierley v. Birstall



Birstall CC in 1900

INTO THE BIG TIME

1912 – JOIN BRADFORD LEAGUE

The screenshot shows the Bradford Cricket League website. At the top, the logo 'JCT600 Bradford Cricket League' is displayed next to the Bradford City Council crest. A navigation menu on the left lists sections: CONTENTS, ADMINISTRATION, CLUBS, UMPIRES, FIXTURES, RESULTS, and TABLES. The main content area features a 'LATEST NEWS' section with a photo of a cricket ground at night and a link to 'DYSON INSULATIONS CUP TWENTY/20 CUP'. A sidebar on the right contains advertisements for 'Advertisers', 'JCT600 Latest Offers', 'ROMIDA The Cricket Specialists', 'mtphysio', and 'SOLLY Supply Specialists'. The date 'Last update 22:50 May 11, 2009' is visible in the top right of the news section.

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WEEK 4 HIGHLIGHTS

TAKING A BREATHER

1925 – LEAVING THE LEAGUE

In 1925, East Bierley took a three-year sabbatical from the Bradford League. This included 1926, the year of the General Strike.



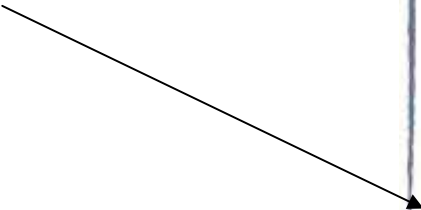
OH HECK!

1927 – HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP RUNNERS-UP

CUP WINNERS.

—♦—♦—♦—
**East Bierley Collapse
Against Heckmondwike.**

—♦—♦—♦—
**Spencer Allen's Great
Share.**



The final of the Heavy Woollen Challenge Cup at Dewsbury on Saturday was between two Spen Valley teams—Heckmondwike and East Bierley. More than usual interest was centred in the game on account of the heated controversy over the right of Spencer Allen to assist Heckmondwike. All through the competition he has been the mainstay of his team for, in addition to scoring useful runs as first wicket batsman, he has fine bowling achievements to his credit. To him more than to anyone else Heckmondwike owe their winning

GREAT ADDITION

1933 – GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

In 1933 a clubroom was added to the existing facilities at the ground: scoreboard, dressing-room block and tea pavilion.



The clubrooms today

WARTIME VICTORS

1944 – PRIESTLEY SHIELD WINNERS

