

PEOPLE

ZACCHEUS HINCHCLIFFE

DENBY DALE CC



Messrs Z. Hinchliffe and Sons was founded in 1850 and specialise in the spinning of fine woollen and worsted yarns.

The business was founded in 1766, engaging in various trades including farming, cloth making and coal mining.

It wasn't until 1860 when Zaccheus Hinchliffe made the decision to begin worsted and woollen spinning, choosing a site next to the River Dearne and nearby railway in the then hamlet of Denby Dale. This site is still the company's headquarters today.



Early in 1980 the worsted spinning ceased and all efforts were put into expanding woollen spinning production.

Since trading began the business has stayed in the family, handed down from generation to generation.

Succeeding Zaccheus was John, James, Thomas and Harold Hinchliffe who were joined by cousins Arthur Wilby and Herbert Dewhirst.



Then followed John Hinchliffe and George Wilby. Today George is joined by John's sons Robert and James Hinchliffe, as well as his own son Graham.

This succession has enabled valuable experience and knowledge to be passed down through the generations to create a superior product.

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GEORGE NORTON

NORTONTHORPE CC

Nortonthorpe CC moved into their Springfield Avenue ground in 1952.



Nortonthorpe Mills by Chris Allen

The venue had been left to them by local industrialist George H. Norton and Roger Littlewood, club secretary in 2006, is very appreciative.

He said: 'The heritage of the club is interesting and important. My father was actually a manager at Norton's mill, so I'm very aware of the link between the mill and the cricket club. Norton was Nortonthorpe, and our club is deeply indebted to him.'

‘UNCLE DICKIE’

HOPTON MILLS CC

Hopton Mills CC was formed in 1895 or 1896 – as the ‘works team’ for the nearby Hopton Mills.



The cricket club was a recreational facility for workers, and it paid a shilling a year to the company as a peppercorn rent.

Unfortunately, by 1921 the first ‘Hopton Mills CC’ had been shut down.

This was because a local man affectionately known as 'Uncle Dickie' – a Mills employee (probable full name Richard Wheatley) – was spending too much time in the club bar.



The authorities at the Mills were annoyed with this behaviour (it was affecting productivity!) and thus closed the club down as punishment.

Today there are photos in the Woodbottom pavilion that relate to this fascinating period in the Club's history.

MRS WALKER

LASCELLES HALL CC

Lascelles Hall is the oldest club in the Kirklees area, founded in 1825.



Above: the eighteenth-century hall built by the Walkers on the site settled by the Lascelles family c 1175.

Here in the early nineteenth century, a group of local handloom weavers trespassed onto a field and started playing with bat and ball.

And instead of ticking them off, the wife of the local squire, a Mrs Walker, declared, famously, 'Those young men seem fond of cricket. Let them have a playground.'