

## University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre

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Over the past five years, there has been significant research in the area of cricket history at the University of Huddersfield. There are now two members of staff and two Phd students who specialise in this field (see below).

The main aims of the Cricket Research Group are to:

- encourage postgraduate students to come to Huddersfield to engage in research about cricket history.
- encourage cricket-related research in general terms
- demonstrate the importance of cricket in social history and local cohesion and identity
- enable the sharing of ideas
- facilitate networking with bodies such as the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians (ACS), the Centre for Cricket Research (CCR), University of the West Indies (<http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/fhe/histphil/History/CentreForCricketResearch.htm>), the BSSH, the Cricket Society and <http://globalsport.ning.com>.
- bid for external research funding

### **Dr Peter Davies**

#### Grants

£43,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £7,000 in-kind from the University of Huddersfield, 'The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees' (2004). This project has had a range of public outcomes including exhibitions, conferences, an interactive website ([www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk)) which also acts as an electronic archive, traditional archives in Huddersfield and Halifax town libraries established by West Yorkshire Archive Service, activity packs for schools, cricket-themed heritage trails, regular newsletters and workshops, outreach events, feature articles in the local and national press, and various publications about the history of local cricket.

Part of consortium bid with Glamorgan CCC/University of Glamorgan/MCC Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) Scheme - pending

#### Publications

*180 Not Out: A Pictorial History of Cricket in Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury and District*, Volumes 1, 2, and 3, Sigma Books, 2006 (with Rob Light).

'Bowling Maidens Over: 1931 and the Beginnings of Women's Cricket in a Yorkshire Town', *Sport in History*, Volume 28, Issue 2, June 2008, pages 280-298

Article for Recording Leisure Lives (Leisure Studies Association) – forthcoming

Article for Social History Curators Group Journal – forthcoming

*Cricket and Community in England since c. 1860: A Social and Cultural History* (MUP, September 2010) – with Rob Light - forthcoming

### Conference Papers

Recording Leisure Lives Conference, University of Bolton, 2009

Social History Curators Group Conference, London, 2008

Pennine Cricket History Conference, Huddersfield, 2008

### Research Interests

Cricket in West Yorkshire; the relationship between world war and local cricket; women and cricket; ethnic minorities and cricket; the origins of clubs – especially where there is the involvement of churches, factories and pubs; local cricket in the twenty-first century.

### **Dr Rob Light**

#### Qualifications

'The Other Face of English Cricket: The Origins of League Cricket in the West Riding of Yorkshire during the Nineteenth Century', MA Dissertation completed June 2002, Centre for Sport History and Culture, De Montfort University.

'Cricket's Forgotten Past: A Social and Cultural History of the Game in the West Riding of Yorkshire 1820-1870', PhD Thesis completed September 2008, Centre for Sport History and Culture, De Montfort University.

#### Publications

'Ten Drunks and a Parson? The Victorian Professional Cricketer Reconsidered', *Sport in History*, Volume 25, Number 1, April 2005.

Entry on cricket for the *Encyclopaedia of Traditional British Rural Sports*, Routledge, London, 2005.

'A Yorkshire Like Way"', *Cricket and the Construction of Regional Identity* (forthcoming article, *Sport in History*, Summer 2009).

*180 Not Out: A Pictorial History of Cricket in Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury and District*, Volumes 1, 2, and 3, Sigma Books, 2006 (with Peter Davies).

Forthcoming: *Cricket and Community in England since c. 1860: A Social and Cultural History* (MUP, September 2010) – with Peter Davies.

#### Conference Papers

'Putting the Professional in his Place: New Perspectives on Victorian Cricket', Paper presented at the BSSH Annual Conference University of Leicester, April 2004.

'Challenge Matches in 19th Century West Riding Cricket', Pennine Cricket Conference, University of Huddersfield, March 2005.

'Cricket in the West Riding in the Nineteenth Century', Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians Conference, University of Huddersfield, October 2008

Postgraduate seminar presentation at Centre for Sport History and Culture, De Montfort University, 30 April 2009.

### Research Interests

Cricket in the West Riding; grassroots cricket in the nineteenth century; amateurism and professionalism; the birth of competition – leagues and cups.

### **Dennis O'Keefe**

Current Phd student: Cricket and Religion in Calderdale c.1860-1920

### Qualification

MA in History, University of Huddersfield, 2007.

### Publication

*Start of Play: The Foundation and Progress of Illingworth St. Mary's Cricket Club c.1884-c.1920: A Social History*, Huddersfield, Cricket Heritage Publications, 2007.

### Conference Papers

'1884: The Social Roots of Illingworth St. Mary's Cricket Club', 3rd Annual Pennine Cricket Conference, 31 March 2007.

'Cricket and Religion in Calderdale c.1860-1920', Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians Conference, 25 October 2008.

'Church Cricket in Calderdale, 1860-c.1939', The Wesleyan Historical Society, 14 February 2009.

'Church Cricket in Calderdale, 1860-c.1920', The University of Huddersfield Research Seminars in History in association with the West Yorkshire Branch of the Historical Association, 18 March 2009.

Forthcoming papers to be presented:

'Clergy and Cricket in Calderdale, 1877 to c.1920', Postgraduate Seminar, University of Huddersfield, 17 June 2009.

'Clergy and Cricket in Calderdale, 1877 to c.1920', University of Strathclyde, 24 June 2009.

'Players, Parsons and Patrons: Church and Cricket in Calderdale, 1860-c.1920', University of Hull, 7 November 2009.

### Research Interests

The efforts of churches and chapels in a northern industrial landscape to adapt to a rapidly changing economic, political and social climate from the second half of the nineteenth century, and how their attitudes to the provision of social and recreational activities – and especially cricket – both reflected and tempered these efforts.

## **Duncan Stone**

Current PhD student: Regional Identities in Cricket with particular reference to Surrey and Yorkshire.

### Qualification

MA Sociology of Sport, Centre for the Research into Society and Sport, University of Leicester, 2003.

### Publications

'Cricket's Regional Identities: The Development of Cricket and Identity in Yorkshire and Surrey', *Sport in Society*, 11: 5, 501-516 (2008).

Article for Recording Leisure Lives (Leisure Studies Association) – forthcoming

'Amateurism and Identity: How being 'competitive' became *the* point of distinction between northern and southern cricket', Currently under review for the *International Journal of the History of Sport*.

### Conference Papers

Australian Society of Sports History Conference, Sporting Traditions XVI, Canberra, 2007.

British Society of Sports History Conference, Eastbourne, 2008.

Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians Conference, University of Huddersfield, 2008.

Recording Leisure Lives Conference, University of Bolton, 2009.

Conference on Modern British History, University of Strathclyde, 2009

British Society of Sports History Conference, University of Stirling, 2009 (forthcoming).

### Research Interests

Cricket regional identities, the philosophy of amateurism, media representation, hegemony and the 'cultural war' over the definitions of sporting practice and the 'legitimate' function (and meaning) of sporting activity.