

Hartshead Moor Cricket Club

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1926

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History of the Club

and arrangements for

Jubilee Bazaar

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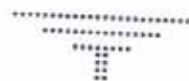
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# History of the Club



**O**WING to the earlier records of our club having been lost it is somewhat difficult to give an absolutely accurate record of its early history, but it is generally agreed that some fifty years ago a party of young men first started playing cricket, under the name of Hartshead Moor Cricket Club, at the top of the Moor. Later on they obtained the use of the present field, and under the tenancy of Messrs. H. Holdroyd and Joseph Wilkinson had the use of it free of cost until about 1900. Few would recognise our present ground as the one these early players first started on. The playing pitch was a small piece in the centre which the players had to fence round to protect from the encroachment of the cattle grazing in the remainder. There were no such luxuries as grounds men in those days, and all the preparations of the ground had to be done by the players.

## WILLING WORKERS

The first alterations to the ground were made in 1894 and since that date extensive improvements have been made, indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that from that date to the present hundreds of pounds worth of voluntary labour

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has been put in to bring the field to its present condition. The playing pitch has been levelled, extended, drained and improved in countless other ways, all at the lowest minimum cost to the club. It is doubtful whether any club has ever had a more loyal band of workers, and it is to their efforts that we owe our present excellent ground. It is fitting on an occasion such as this that the present generation should acknowledge the debt it owes to these early pioneers in this direction.

### OLD PLAYERS AND WORKERS

It is exceedingly difficult to get anything like a complete list of the men who have been connected with our club since its inception, but amongst the large number may be mentioned: Byron Clegg, Mamasseh Hewitt, A. Holroyd, G. Holroyd, S. Yates, W. H. Wright, F. Wood, J. Stead, G. Clayton, K. Denney, H. Wilkinson, S. Wood, H. Mortimer, W. Mortimer, A. Mortimer, L. Bentley, N. Denney, G. Knowles, W. Hemingway, G. Harris, F. Fawcett, T. Wilkinson, F. Wilkinson, J. Kent, F. Wear, T. Booth, F. Hall, W. Nicholson, J. Wilkinson, W. Blamires, S. Kent, J. Squire, A. Barrett, G. Kitts, J. Pinder, R. Kent, K. Knapton, E. Cox, R. Bains, I. Schofield, A. Schofield, H. Ramsden, J. Beevers, H. Hirst, W. Pearson, F. T. Mort, J. Hartley, R. Denney, G. H. Rayner, C. Hirst, A. Brooke, E. Yates, F. B. Clayton, T. Harris, H. Clayton, A. Kent, H. Booth, G. A. Barker, H. Barber, J. R. Williams, D. Barber, F. Beevers, J. Barber, J. H. Smedley, S. Warden, A. Heaton, A. J. Park and M. North. Among the Presidents who have rendered valuable service are Mr. John Lister, Mr. Adam Hargreaves, Mr. George Knowles and Mr. Alfred Brooke. Our players did "their bit" in the war, and **Allen Schofield paid** the supreme sacrifice.

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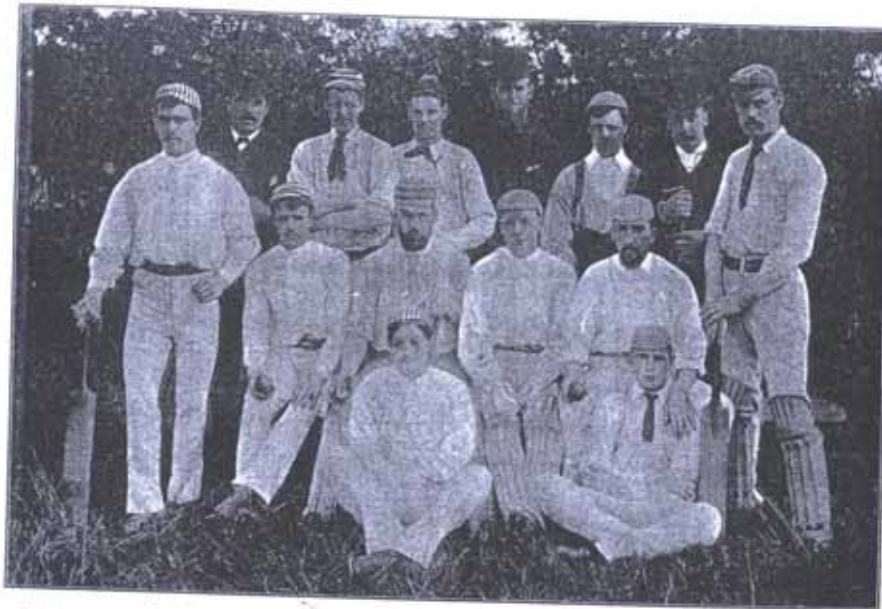
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Some of these stalwarts are still doing yeoman service for the club. Others have passed away, and a few are still keeping an interest in their old club in distant fields. To these we send greetings and thanks for their work in the past. The club has been fortunate in its officials. Mr. Harry Wilkinson has been Treasurer for more years than he cares to remember, and for many years Mr. J. W. Booth did an enormous amount of work for the club as Secretary, and is worthily followed by our present Secretary, Mr. W. Ellison.

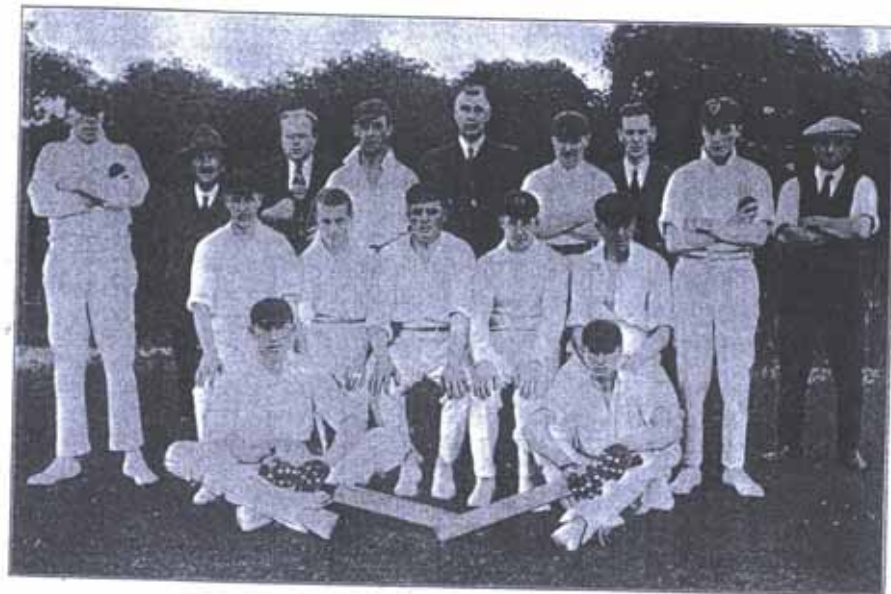
### MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCES

The following is a list of outstanding performances of members of our club, but it should be understood that this list does not claim to be a complete one, as some of the scoring books are missing, neither does it pretend to give in all cases the best achievements of the players, but it is the best that can be compiled, after an exhaustive search: R. Spencer, 61 not out; H. Ramsden, 8 for 5; Sam Wood, 6 for 26; W. H. Wright, 109; Byron Clegg, 67; 1887, J. Stead, 4 for 9; J. Howarth, 6 for 12. 1897, W. H. Wright, 54 not out; H. Hirst, 5 for 29. 1898, F. B. Clayton, 4 for 37. 1900, C. Barber, 8 for 8. 1903, H. Hirst, 5 for 6; Alf. Pearson, 7 for 18; I. Schofield, 79 not out. 1904, C. Barber, 4 for 4; H. Ramsden, 7 for 25; Eli Yates, 101 not out. 1905, Tom Halmshaw, 6 for 8; C. Barber, 4 for 5. 1906, H. Ramsden, 5 for 18. 1907, J. Beaumont, 6 for 18; John Brooke, 51. 1908, H. Ramsden, 5 for 9; C. Barber, 5 for 5; H. Wilkinson, 135. 1912, A. Barber, 6 for 13. 1913, A. Barber, 7 for 20; Hermon Beevers, 5 for 18; E. Wilson, 40; W. Towuend, 64 not out. 1914, Joseph Hirst, 5 for 13;



1889

Back Row (standing) left to right: A. Schufield, C. Hirst (Umpire), R. Denney, G. H. Rayner, J. Wilkinson, W. Pearson, F. Hall (Scorer) and T. Wilkinson.  
 Second Row (sitting): H. Ramsden, B. Clegg, F. T. Mort and J. Stead  
 Front Row: J. Hartley and H. Wilkinson



1926

Back Row (standing): A. Barber, L. E. Walker (Chairman), J. Spencer (Scorer), H. Naylor, H. Wilkinson (Treasurer), E. Birch, W. Ellison (Secretary), J. Kirby and F. Brown (Groundsman)  
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A. Hodgson, 142; Allen Schofield, 72; Harold Pearson, 101 not out; H. Brooke, 128; 93 not out. 1920, Geo. Park, 50. 1921, Walter Wood, 70 not out. 1922, A. Barber, 7 for 17; 4 for 3; E. Ward, 6 for 13; 4 for 6; W. Ellison, 67; J. Hirst, 109 not out; A. Barber, 59 not out; F. Squire, 57. 1923, A. Barber, 7 for 13; L. Foster, 77; J. Hirst, 103 not out; 6 wickets for 19. 1924, Harry H. Booth, 73. 1925, H. Naylor, 6 for 17; 5 for 18; J. Kirby, 7 for 21; 5 for 29; H. Horn, 7 for 23. 1926, J. Kirby, 80; A. Sykes, 63; 63; E. Birch, 62.

We won the Spen Valley and District League 1894-5, and the Spen Valley League 1910-12-13-14. In 1914 the second eleven also won this league, thus giving us a double event on that occasion.

#### LADIES' HELP

Had we a book many times this size it would not be large enough to express our thanks to our ladies for the way they have helped in looking after the social side of our club. On the cricket field and in preparation for this bazaar they have been true sports and the best of workers, and we can only once more express our gratitude to them.



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A few months ago we decided to hold this Bazaar with the idea of clearing off the remaining £150, and, despite the coal dispute, we are still optimistic that we shall succeed.

We are working for future generations in this effort, as it is specifically laid down in our deeds that the field is to be a sports field for all time and cannot be used for any other purpose.

In view of this and our past record, we confidently appeal for your support and co-operation in this, our Jubilee, effort to realise our slogan

OUR GROUND FREE FROM DEBT