

### CAN YOU HELP?

### V.I.P. GUEST!

### SITTING PRETTY

### SOLDIERING ON

THE POINT OF VIEW OF A CRICKETER

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### IN BLACK AND WHITE

### Players promise full support

Cyclist such to combine

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### SNOW PATROL

### The Future

### CHAMPIONS!

Three Halmesley players reach the final

### BRIDGES & BANDS

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### GRU POWER!

### BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

### GROUND FORCE

### MR GEGGY POPS IN

### JUST THE TICKET

### A £1,000 banger for Halmesley funds

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### GONE SHOPPING!

Villagers bid to raise £750 for buy cricket field

### ON-LOCATION

### ON THE BUSES

### GOOD SPORTS

### Get your back to Halmesley for the 20th time since 1988

### HELLO STUMPER!

### LOOKING GOOD

THE POINT OF VIEW OF A CRICKETER

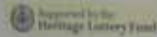
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### BUS TURN SHOCKER

### 11 MEN IN WHITE AND A SCORER

### GLOWY BOYS





### BILLS & BARBERS

In the 14th century, the medieval town of Hereford was a busy centre of commerce and industry. It was a major centre for the wool trade, and a centre for the leather and tanning industry. The town was also a centre for the book trade, and a centre for the printing industry.

### THANK YOU

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Did it only exist with the construction of certain parts of the town during the twelfth century? Or was it a pre-existing settlement? The answer is that it was a pre-existing settlement, and the twelfth century was a period of growth and development.

### LEGEND

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## HOW THE STORY UNFOLDS

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### THE STORY OF HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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## WOODHEAD ROAD TODAY



We've got a superb back, and all credit must go to groundman John Moorhouse.  
*(Club secretary, John Booth)*

John Booth, Club secretary for 20 years and now league representative, takes up the story, "At one point in the late-1970s we received a call from the BBC. They asked us whether they could do some filming at the ground and we were happy to oblige. We put out 12 cricketers and two umpires - and the umpires, batsmen and bowler had to wear make-up for the occasion. All in all it took about four hours to film, for about 30 seconds of TV action!"



On the local scene, Holmbridge is renowned for its short bowlers. Booth explains, "The ground is approximately 100 yards long and 50 yards wide. This means that at both ends the top-side boundary is pretty close. Needless to say, a lot of balls get lost in the nearby river Holme and the fields surrounding the ground. It's a horrendous problem!"



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Situated two miles south-west of Holmbridge, Holmbridge is a sleepy Pennine village, with a strong community spirit, and it is no surprise that one of the most precious picture postcards of the place features sumptuous views of the cricket ground and church. Pop into one of the local pubs and you'll spot the same picturesque scene painted onto a popular ornamental glass.



Other aspects of the venue add to its effect: the rust white pavilion, the neat flower gardens, the turreted white wall at the top end of the ground, and the various poignant plaques and dedications: ROBERT GRIFFITH BOY GAPPER - 3RD DECEMBER 1925-4TH APRIL 1990; IN MEMORY OF NORMAN ELDON BARBER 1926-1990 - HOLMBRIDGE C.C. HOLMBRIDGE C.C. REMEMBER NEIL RICHARD BEAUMONT AGED 24 YEARS, CRICKETER AND FRIEND.



Booth says, "I can remember a time when you scored three rather than four by hitting the boundary on the full. Today, in a 45-over match, a par total is about 250. But just because there are short boundaries doesn't necessarily mean that scores are always high. Batsmen can start to put and pull before they're really in, and this can give the bowler a chance."



## THE STORY OF HOLMBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB 1882-1914 & 1919-2007

So charming is the Woodhead Road ground that the producers of the TV series, *Lord of the Summers Wives*, once asked permission to film at the venue.



Players may complain about the occasional undulation, but one local writer is in no doubt that "the two Redcar fields in the Holmbridge area are home to Holmbridge Cricket Club and Holmbridge Football Club."



Not surprisingly, the history of the village and the Cricket Club is linked to water. Holmbridge translates as 'bridge over the holme', and the river runs straight through the centre of the village and parallel to Woodhead Road for long stretches. The pub next to the Club is called The Bridge and bridges are a big problem on the river side of the ground in mid-summer.



### TWICE AS NICE

1880-1900

### 2<sup>ND</sup> XI SUPERSTARS

1880-1900

### FOOTBALL SAVERS

1880-1900

### BIG BUY!

1880-1900

### YOUR PROGRAMME

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### Leather v Willow

1880-1900

A dangerous game is started, but will it survive the storm? To strike at leather ready hand and make the game last long. Particularly for those that like there a smooth and excellent take the later fight across the field at a team-saving pace.

Being hard and sunny the things just stand around but how it's difficult to show as both sides to the ground. It's back together, one single and another from being to take with them again her readers will together an extra's eye follow.

The continued search for quest of it watching the last part in. Remember who did what to who and who did really well.

LEE HUGHES

### CRICKET OF THE 1880S

### YOUR PROGRAMME

### THE STORY OF HORNBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

### THE BIG TIME ARRIVES

1880-1900

### 1880-1900

### VINTAGE SUMMER

1880-1900

### CAN YOU HELP?

The history photographs of men's and women's teams appear in these lists. Can you help us with any more details?

In many ways this Exhibition is the beginning of our research work, rather than the end, so please do help us to refine the information that we have collected so far. We will also be seeking oral history interviews with local cricket people. This Autumn.

### WAR STOPS PLAY

### SILVERWARE DELIGHT

### 1880-1900

### Cricket Comes

1880-1900

Cricket comes, outside its followers and comes from through the summer. And some head the game long bring the sun of a sun and four a hand.

Cricket comes its warriors, to use and share, the field and show. All the ball show in terms and names. Towards the future's boundaries where the players meet the sky.

On a scattering of grounds, first, then the summer from. It is as if summer. Always had spiritual over. And when a lot under ground great. To make last summer from. Each summer. Now.

Chris Shakespeare

### CHAMPIONS!

Hero Holmes in super comeback as leaders soar

Point is enough for Holmbridge

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### GIRL POWER!



