

POLYTECHNIC CRICKET CLUB

Founded 1960

Ground: Polytechnic Fields Salendine Nook *Headquarters:* Spotted Cow
Honours: Sharpe Trophy—1978.

The club began life as the College of Technology fielding a side comprising of staff and students, although it was generally agreed that a hard core of staff was essential if continuity is to exist. Throughout the sixties the Technical College team continued to turn out on a weekly basis even though they were non winners of league or cup. With the advent of reorganisation, Huddersfield Polytechnic became the new name and so accordingly the College team became known as Polytechnic in 1972. Success came in 1978 when the Sharpe Trophy was won and a number of individual players have won the various bowling and batting prizes relevant to Section B. There have been a number of stalwarts who have served the club and continue to do so and it is hoped Polytechnic will continue to provide opposition every Saturday afternoon throughout the summer.

RASTRICK NEW ROAD

Founded 1896

Ground: Badger Hill, Rastrick *Headquarters:* Sunday School
Honours: Section A Winners—1925, 1931, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1977; Section B Winners—1979, 1980, 1985; Section C Winners—1926, 1936, 1937, 1956, 1957, 1970, 1972, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1984; Lumb Cup Winners—1923, 1926, 1934 (shared), 1935, 1937, 1945, 1948, 1951, 1955, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1977, 1983; Crossland Trophy Winners—1950, 1956, 1958, 1961, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983; Armitage Shield Winners—1937, 1961; Section A Runners-Up—1975; Section C Runners-Up—1960; 1962; Sharpe Trophy—1965, 1969 (shared), 1976 (shared), 1982, 1985.

The oldest club in the Association is Rastrick New Road, being founded in 1896. Records go back to this date, but there is evidence that a cricket club existed more than a hundred and twenty five years ago. Since 1896 the club has played on the same field, though the pitch has been changed. Rastrick joined the Association in 1917, playing before that in the Sheepridge & District

League. It could be argued that the strength of the club has resulted from the length of service from its members. Rastrick have always been fortunate in that respect. Alderman John Thornton, President for thirty four years. Mr. Arthur Reeve, President for thirty four years. Mr. Alb. Bottomley, President for ten years and also held the Association President's Office for nineteen years. His brother Arnold held the office of Club Treasurer for twenty six years. Mr. Brian Whiteley, Secretary for eleven years, he was succeeded by Mr. Wilfred Bottomley and he held that position for twenty two years. This continuity more than helped towards the smooth running of the club of the present playing members. Malcolm Whitaker and Trevor Bottomley have each played over thirty years for the club.

There have, on many occasions, been criticisms of the ground on which Rastrick play. Badger Hill is in no sense of the term, an attractive ground, sloping as it does, not steeply, but steadily down the hill, yet the pitch, nursed, nurtured and treated with loving care, a level oasis in a sloping desert and plays as true as any wicket in the Association.

The past four years have seen an upsurge on the financial side of the club. Although the methods were not acceptable to all who were connected, but due to rising costs of equipment, it was a case of do it or go bust. It did enable the club to secure a grant from Calderdale Council, to purchase a sit on mowing machine for the outfield, costing over £900. Unfortunately constant flooding of the outfield, caused by broken drains has not helped the club at all over these past four years. Thankfully and hopefully this problem has now been removed, but only after willing club members had literally done the spadework. All these changes are a far cry from relying on the farmers' cows to cut the outfield, as our predecessors had to do, but as we approach our centenary, we can only look back and thank those people who have given their lifetime to the benefit of Rastrick New Road Cricket Club, and we hope that today's generation will continue to keep the club running in a sound financial position and that Rastrick New Road will not become just a name of the past.

SALENDINE NOOK OLD BOYS

Founded 1975

Ground: Salendine Nook High School *Headquarters:* Clubhouse Salendine N.
Honours: Section B Champions—1983; Section C Champions—1985; Outdoor 6-a-side Winners—1983; Indoor 6-a-side Winners—1983; Sharpe Trophy Winners—1981, 1984.

The Old Boys team was founded in 1975 when members of staff at Salendine Nook High School met to discuss entry into a league, after playing a number of friendly fixtures during the early 70's. It was agreed to make application to the Association League and in 1975 played their first full season. The team found it difficult to adjust to league cricket and spent the next five years acclimatizing. During this period attempts were made to field two teams. It was during the 80's that the club has developed into one of the most successful clubs in the league. Under the club captaincy of M. Walker and a hard working committee Salendine Nook has developed both on the field and off it. A number of trophies have been won, particularly 1983 when three trophies were obtained, the most notable being the Section B Championship. In 1985 the club qualified for the Sykes Cup Competition.

Off the field the club forms part of the Salendine Nook Former Pupils Association and has helped in the development of a clubhouse which incorporates a bar, toilets, kitchen and scoreboard. Thousands of pounds has been raised over the years and in 1984 the club, because of increased membership entered three teams in the league. Salendine Nook O.B. are now looking even further ahead and plans are well advanced to bring even more success to the club.