

Amenities

We live in an age of creature comforts and sophisticated leisure provision. Our ground is well equipped with comfortable bench seating around the ground. The sheltered tea room verandah is a particularly favourite spot. The Tea Pavilion seats 60 and offers excellent catering on match days. Hot and cold snacks and teas are available at reasonable charges. Our clubroom is fully licensed and one can enjoy a drink in comfortable surroundings whilst still watching the play. A detailed match programme is produced for 1st XI games to enhance spectator enjoyment.

The East Bierley Cricket Club tearoom is available for private functions with a well-equipped kitchen. Hire charges are reasonable and enquiries welcomed (Tel: 01274681488).

The club lounge is modern and well furnished, serving Tetley's and Deuchar's ales and guest beers along with a good selection of wines and spirits.

Toilet facilities are provided for the disabled and car parking is available inside the ground.

Social

The club is open throughout the year, seven days a week. Social events include quiz evenings, whist drives, entertainment and a sportsman's dinner. Our prize presentation evenings are popular as is our special Christmas celebration complete with brass band for carols. The club is used by several local groups and we enjoy a good relationship with the local community. The annual Club Gala Day in August is particularly popular.

We welcome applications for club membership which covers sport and social attractions.

Membership Subscriptions 2007

Juniors	£9.00	Non-members admission to
Senior Citizens	£7.00	1st XI matches:
Patrons	£18.00	Adults £3.00
Members	£13.00	Senior Citizens/Juniors £1.50
Adult Playing Members	£35.00	

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Ronnie Ellis, author of this brochure, has followed East Bierley Cricket Club for over 60 years. He joined the committee in 1971 and was elected a Vice President in 1975. He has served on cricket, social, advertising and sponsorship sub-committees. However, his main contribution to club life he sees as helping the club to believe in itself. Ronnie thanks all concerned in the production and distribution of the brochure.

East Bierley Cricket Club Founded 1865

HONOURS

Braldford & District Cricket League:	Champions:	1895, 1898, 1899
Heavy Woollen Cup (1st XI):	Runners up:	1927
Crowther Cup (2nd XI):	Runners up:	2004
Braldford Cricket League		
1st XI Division 1	Champions:	1981, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1996
	Runners up:	1930, 1938, 1987, 1990
Division 2	Runners up:	1957, 1976
2nd XI Division 1	Champions:	1990, 1998, 2003
	Runners up:	2004
Division 2	Champions:	2002
Priestley Cup (1st XI)	Winners:	1981, 1984, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2000
	Runners up:	1930, 1933, 1950, 1957, 1962, 1964, 1980, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1997
Priestley Shield (2nd XI)	Winners:	1944, 2004, 2006
	Runners up:	1993, 1994, 1999, 2005
Yorkshire Champions Trophy	Winners:	1982, 1983, 1989
National Village Cricket Competition	Winners (at Lords)	1979

East Bierley Cricket Club Home Fixtures 2007

Date	Team	Opposition	Time
Sat 21 April	1 st XI	Bowling Old Lane	1.00pm
Sat 22 April	2 nd XI	Featherstone (Crowther Cup 1 st Round)	1.00pm
Sat 28 April	2 nd XI	Baildon	1.30pm
Sat 5 May	1 st XI	Idle	1.30pm
Sun 6 May	2 nd XI	Keighley (Priestley Shield 1 st Round)	1.30pm
Sat 12 May	2 nd XI	Pudsey St Lawrence	1.30pm
Sat 19 May	1 st XI	Manningham Mills	1.30pm
Sat 26 May	1 st XI	Brighouse	1.30pm
Man 28 May	2 nd XI	Yeadon	1:30pm
Sat 2 June	1 st XI	Farsley	1.30pm
Sat 9 June	1 st XI	Pudsey Congs	1.30pm
Sat 16 June	2 nd XI	Woodlands	1.30pm
Sun 17 June	1 st XI	Bradford & Bingley	1.30pm
Sat 23 June	1 st XI	Hanging Heaton	1.30pm
Sat 30 June	2 nd XI	Bowling Old Lane	1.30pm
Sat 7 July	2 nd XI	Pudsey Congs	1.30pm
Sat 14 July	1 st XI	Baildon	1.30pm
Sat 21 July	2 nd XI	Esholt	1.30pm
Sat 28 July	1 st XI	Saltaire	1.30pm
Sun 29 July	2 nd XI	Farsley	1.30pm
Sat 4 August	2 nd XI	Keighley	1.30pm
Sat 11 August	1 st XI	Cleckheaton	1.30pm
Sat 18 August	2 nd XI	Lightcliffe	1.00pm
Sat 25 August	2 nd XI	Saltaire	1.00pm
Sat 1 September	1 st XI	Woodlands	12.30pm
Sun 2 September	2 nd XI	Gomersal	12.20pm
Sat 8 September	2 nd XI	Hanging Heaton	12.30pm
Sat 15 September	1 st XI	Pudsey St Lawrence	12.00pm

Priestley Cup & Shield Dates:

Sundays 3 June, 1st July, 15 July (Semi Final),
12 August (Priestley Cup Final), and 26 August (Priestley Shield Final)

Introduction to East Bierley Cricket Club

Early Days

East Bierley Cricket Club was founded in 1865, playing its earliest cricket on a plot of land known as The Shay, behind the New Inn. Later a field was leased on its present South View Road site which was part of Lord Savile's estate.

Development moved apace and the sloping field was levelled out creating an embankment view over the playing area towards the Pennines. Dressing rooms, scoreboard and tea pavilion were erected and in 1933 a clubroom was opened to complete the facilities. Modern amenities have replaced the early functional buildings and an automated scoreboard, well-equipped dressing rooms, a comfortable modern tea pavilion and licensed Club Lounge have established East Bierley as a well furnished sports and social venue. Memorabilia of EBCC's past adorns the walls of the Club Lounge and the Tea Room.

The Cricket

Early cricket was very successful as we won the Bradford & District Cricket League in 1895, 1898 and 1899. Entry to the renowned Bradford Cricket League in 1912 saw us challenged to repeat former glories but we dropped out of the League for the three years 1925 to 1927. Then after being runners up in the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1927 we returned to the Bradford League in 1928. Our first success came in 1944 when the 2nd XI won the Priestley Shield.

East Bierley Cricket Club's 1st XI recorded its initial success in 1981 but then achieved in great style in taking the Bradford League double of Division One Championship and a Priestley Cup win to round off a remarkable year. We have won both several times since then and our honours boards relate the success consistently achieved in the last 30 years by both 1st and 2nd XI teams.

East Bierley Cricket Club achieved fame in 1979 when it won the National Village Cricket Championship at Lord's - the pinnacle of our success. Club honours over the years are detailed in this brochure. The Bradford League is recognized as a premier competition. History shows that many great cricketers have played the game at this local level. International legends such as Jack Hobbs, Len Hutton and Learie Constantine are among these. East Bierley have been served by several great players who achieved the highest level. In 2007 our 1st XI will be led by Gavin Hamilton of Scotland, England, Yorkshire and Durham. A new look team will seek to maintain our high standards. Our 2nd XI will seek to keep up recent years of success led by Matt Anderson. Our cricket will be well worth watching.

Junior cricket is a priority at East Bierley Cricket Club and we have teams at under 11, under 12, under 13, under 15 and under 17 levels with a qualified, vetted coach. Success has been achieved at these levels too along with local and national achievements at senior indoor cricket. We encourage cricket among girls and enjoy good relations with local schools.



Above: the Tea Room. Below: The bar lounge.



Photographs courtesy of Tony Bannister

Founded in 1865 East Bierley Cricket Club



Member of the Bradford Cricket League



Introducing
East Bierley Cricket Club
Club Motto: 'Deeds, not Words'.