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# Name changes and cup success follows



THE origins of Scholes CC are unclear but it seems to have been formed some time around 1876. Their earliest game is recorded on 29 April 1876 – a draw against New Mill.

In the same year, the club pitted its wits against other village sides: Denby Dale, Farnley Tyas, Hepworth, Holmbridge, Lockwood Mechanics Institute and Skelmanthorpe.

It should also be noted that in this year, their debut season, Scholes were already employing a professional – Mr Dalton, a gifted all-rounder who scored 23 and took 7-41 against Hepworth.

At this time the club's home was a field situated just below the Boot and Shoe public house.

In approximately 1880 the club moved from their previous ground to Chapelgate. This is their home ground today.

During Scholes' early years, the club changed names twice. It started off as Scholes CC, before changing to Scholes Moor CC in 1887 and then to Scholes Clarence CC in 1888. At some point it reverted to Scholes CC.

In 1893 Scholes joined the Combination League and in 1897 had 15 vice-presidents (including two local vicars) and 13 committee members. And subscriptions were due by July 16.

In 1907 Scholes had an early success when the 1st XI bagged the Huddersfield District Association Cup.

They joined the Huddersfield Central League in 1915 and collected an array of silverware during the next few decades.

The club enjoyed its first taste of post-war success in 1951 with a double knockout triumph.

The 1st XI bagged the Holden Cup and the 2nd XI were victorious in the Tinker Cup final.

A multitude of Alltop Cup and league championship titles followed.

In December 1971 Scholes tried to buy their ground but were opposed by the local council.

The council claimed that 'village cricket' was 'losing popularity' and that there was a 'danger of these clubs going out of existence.'

Some 36 years on, the council may be

surprised to see Scholes CC still thriving!

In August 1976 Scholes enjoyed joint centenary celebrations with the nearby St George's Working Men's Club. The two organisations were both established in the same year – 1876.

In 1985 Scholes formed a 'supporters team' in order to raise money for charity, draw attention to the club, and also give social members of the club an opportunity to play cricket.

A hamper was raffled at each game and the profits were to be given to the chosen charity of the opposing team.

Major landmarks have littered the last two decades.

Scholes joined the Huddersfield League in 1988 and then bagged the Sykes Cup and Paddock Shield in 1996.

Indian Test star Wasim Jaffer signed up for the club in 1998 and the club claimed the Huddersfield League championship in 2000 and 2001.

The club also boasts one of the most picturesque grounds in the league.

AROUND THE WICKET



...with historian Peter Davies



**SCHOLES MEMORIES:** clockwise from top left: 1954 line-up; legendary player Wasim Jaffer; championship success in 2001; the club logo; the 1943 team of B Cartwright (scorer), England, Turner, Woodhead, Walker, Oldroyd, Braithwaite, Lawton, Mellor, Armitage, Cunningham, Marshall; the 1907 Association Cup line-up.

