

LATER YEARS

WHO'S THE BOY?

1945 – LUMB CUP WINNERS



12 NEW ROAD HEROES

1950 – CUP VICTORY

In 1950 Rastrick New Road scooped the Crosland Trophy.



ENTER 'CHUCKER' PEEL!

1950s – MATCHDAY PHOTO



UMPS, BATS & TROPHIES!

1960 – PAIR OF CLUB PHOTOS





TOILING AWAY

1963 – PREPARING PITCH FOR SYKES CUP TIE



SWINGING SIXTIES

TEAM PICTURES



1964



This photo is from the 1960s – but can you pinpoint the year?



1968

LEADING THE PACK

1971 – SECTION 'A' TITLE

New Road clinch title

RASTRICK NEW ROAD clinched the Section "A" Championship of the Huddersfield Cricket Association on Saturday when they took full points from their inter-section fixture against Bradley and Colnebridge, while Oakes CYC OB, their only challengers for the title, were being held to a draw by the West Indian Association XI.

Trevor Bottomley had a great all-round performance for Rastrick, who are now five points clear of Oakes with only next week's fixtures remaining. Bottomley was in splendid form with the bat as he scored 90 of his side's total of 151. Then when Bradley and Colnebridge were restricted to 118, Bottomley had a return of five for 8.

Oakes declared at 129-8 after forty-four overs, but the West Indians held out for a point at 81-9.

RAFA batsman Peter Varley was another batsman in outstanding form and he took a

Section "A"
RAFA v POLICE
RAFA

chanceless 100 off the Police attack in an RAFA declared total of 194-6 in forty-three overs. Police took a point, however, with a score of 129-4.

Inter-sectional

**BRADLEY AND COLNEBRIDGE v
RASTRICK NEW ROAD**

RASTRICK NEW ROAD

T Bottomley	lbw b Watts	90
D Shaw	run out	1
W Bottomley	b Watts	5
G Briggs	c Corrihan b Pratt	27
A Heywood	b Pratt	9
D Garner	c Corrihan b Regan	2
H Arnold	b Watts	0
H Shepherd	b Regan	5
A Bottomley	c Nunn b Regan	1
A Shaw	c Wolff b Regan	0
P Leeming	not out	0
Extras		10
Total		151

J Regan 4-25, A Watts 3-51, D Nunn 0-25, H Wolff 0-24, J Pratt 2-18.

BRADLEY AND COLNEBRIDGE

D Preston	b Shaw	27
R Hawkyard	run out	5
H Wolff	c Bottomley (A) b Shaw	24
D Brook	w and b Bottomley (T)	22
C Richardson	c and b Shaw	9
J Pratt	b Bottomley (T)	1
J Regan	b Shaw	3
J Regan & Leeming	b Bottomley (T)	14
A Watts	& Heywood b Bottomley (T)	9
R Oddy	not out	7
D Nunn	c Arnold b Bottomley (T)	8
Extras		15
Total		118

P Leeming 0-23, A Shaw 4-60, T Bottomley 5-8.

And who is the scorer in this 1971 team picture?



RAIN STOPS PLAY

1972 – FLOODED GROUND



WHO'S IN THE HAT?

1976 – CAN YOU NAME THE UMPIRE?



HERITAGE & NOSTALGIA

1977 – HISTORY ARTICLE

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

By Rowan

TO SAY THAT New Road Sunday School, Rastrick, is unique, is only half the story. This week we look back forty years to 1937. It was a year, out of many successful ones, when New Road won everything in sight in the Huddersfield and District Cricket Association.

It was the year when both first and second teams came good, and between them they won the 1st Division Championship and the Lumb Cup, the 2nd Division Championship and the Armitage Shield.

Twenty-two players are on the picture (in white) and while death has taken its toll there are happily many still with us



The will to win

Wilfred Armitage (deceased) is next to Herbert Horner who is still alive and well, and living at Lane Head, Brighouse, while to his right is Dick Lister, who was killed in the war that was soon to follow these happy days.

Next is Tommy Redmond (deceased), followed by

four Bottomley brothers, Albert, Arnold, Frank and Fred. Not one has survived the intervening forty years, but they were a tower of strength in their day, not only on the cricket field, but to New Road School which still remains a power of good for the area.

menting to the umpire "Windy, ain't it!" — the stony faced umpire growled "Aye so it is, mind it doesn't blow it off agean on thi way back to pavilion".

One of the characteristics of New Road is to go out and play the game hard — to win in fact.

SUPER SUE!

1980s – TAKING ON THE MEN

The 1980s saw women finally beginning to gain acceptance as equals with men. Trevor Bottomley believed this applied to local cricket too.

He registered his daughter, Suzanne, the Club's scorer, as a player. When they were short of players, Sue put down her pencil and picked up her bat instead.



Sue remembers that the opposition often didn't know how to bowl to her, thinking they had to be 'gentle'. However, Sue was no slouch with the bat – her favourite shot was the square cut - and the opposition would often end up collecting the ball from the wrong side of the boundary rope.

BRING ON THE BADGERS!

DECEMBER 1987 – NAME CHANGE

In 1987 Rastrick New Road Sunday School C.C. wanted to join the growing number of clubs playing cricket on Sundays.

The Sunday School, however, were opposed to this, and they faced a difficult decision – stay with the Sunday School and don't play on Sundays, or go it alone?



Following much soul-searching, the Club decided to break away. The Club had to change its name, and so ended an association which had lasted over a hundred years.

They decided to take their new name from the name of their ground - and the Badgers were born.



End of the road

ONE of the most famous names in Huddersfield cricket will soon be disappearing.

Rastrick New Road are to become Badger Hill Cricket Club when a new 20-year lease, negotiated with ground owners Yorkshire Thornhill Estate, begins at the end of next month.

They are amicably severing their links with the local Sunday school in order, says committee member Trevor Bottomley, that "we can play Sunday cricket."

"The trustees of the Sunday school have given us permission in the past to play the Lumb Cup and Crosland Trophy finals on Sundays if we got there but

By **ROBERT GLEDHILL**

we had to play the previous rounds on Monday and Tuesday evenings," explained Mr Bottomley, a stalwart of the Huddersfield Association's oldest club.

"At the end of November, the lease runs out so we thought it a good time to break away from the Sunday school and start up under a new name. The trustees of the Sunday school have allowed us to keep the equipment and the cash—most, of which, has been raised by the players—that we had, although if the club folds in the first five years then all the assets will

revert to the Sunday school."

There seems little danger of that as there is evidence of Rastrick New Road having existed over 125 years ago, although actual records date back to 1896, when they first played at Badger Hill.

During their history, the New Roaders have captured the Section "A" title 22 times and the Lumb Cup on 18 occasions. They were also beaten finalists against Edgerton this year.

Huddersfield Association match and registration secretary Barry Allison has confirmed that the club will keep their Section "A" status under their new name.

AMICABLE SPLIT

1988 – END OF AN ERA

The end of the association between Rastrick New Road Sunday School and the Cricket Club was an amicable one.

While the Sunday School did not agree with playing cricket on Sundays, they saw it as a matter for the cricketers' consciences - and did not condemn the Club for its decision.



Indeed, Steve Goodall, a lay preacher at the Sunday School, continued to play for the Badgers and was Secretary of the Club until about five years ago – but he never played on Sundays!

TRAGEDY ON THE FIELD

1989 – TREVOR BOTTOMLEY



On 3 June 1989 tragedy struck Badger Hill when Trevor Bottomley died during a match. Trevor had been a hardworking and long-serving member of Badger Hill Cricket Club both on and off the field. He is greatly missed by his family and the Club.

Tragedy strikes at game

TRAGEDY struck when popular cricket stalwart Trevor Bottomley collapsed and died while playing for Badger Hill last weekend.

Team-mates and spectators watched helplessly as Mr Bottomley (54) fell to the ground during Badger Hill's Lamb Cup-tie with Edgerton on Saturday.

Despite the attempts of visiting skipper Peter Firth — an auxiliary nurse — to revive him, Mr Bottomley was certified dead on arrival at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary.

plained during the match of having a pain in his leg — just a pulled muscle — but otherwise he seemed okay to me."

Mr Thornley said the Edgerton captain rushed to Mr Bottomley's aid, gave him the kiss of life and thumped his chest to try to revive him. Mr Firth was helped by nearby resident Mrs Jane Sheppard until an ambulance arrived.

A post mortem carried out in Huddersfield on Monday found Mr Bottomley had died from natural causes. Mr Bottomley, of Glyndon Court, Brighouse, leaves a wife, Myra, and daughter Suzanne. He worked for card clothing company Carbo in Cleckheaton.

merly Rastrick New Road — since 1958, and also played for them for four years before that. He also had spells at Huddersfield and Gokar.

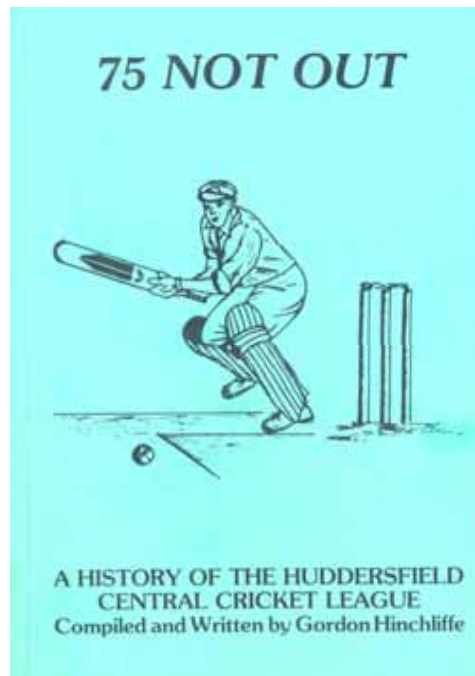
He used to open the batting and bowling for New Road, and in 1950 had the rare distinction of topping the first and second team batting averages. He was a member of the team that won the Huddersfield Association Section A championship seven years on the trot from 1959.

As a 15-year-old in 1948 Mr Bottomley was in the first Crossland Trophy Final, and he won the Lamb Cup nine times with New Road. Even while serving his National Service in the RAF he con-

LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

1990s - INTO THE HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL

In the mid-1990s, Badger Hill graduated into the Huddersfield Central League after decades in the Huddersfield Association. This meant away matches in Batley, Dewsbury and on the outskirts of Wakefield, Barnsley and Sheffield.



CLUBHOUSE DISASTER

2002 – CLUBHOUSE FIRE

The Club was disappointed to miss out on a large development grant to help build a new clubhouse.

Just as it seemed that things couldn't get any worse, they did!



In 2002 vandals torched the 'old' clubhouse – and the Club was left with nothing. Except the ground and its stalwart players!

Many Badger Hill players felt that after the fire the end was near for the Club. But not everyone was prepared to give in. The community that is Badger Hill C.C. began to fight back.



Club members spotted two cabins in the local paper, free to anyone who could take them away. At least the Club was able to make a new start.

THE BADGERS' SETT

HOME FOR TEA

Cricket wouldn't be cricket without the tea interval. And without the Club women, the Badgers would starve!



Faye Crowther, Joanne Brierley and Pam Brierley are pictured here laying on a magnificent buffet tea.

BRIGHT FUTURE

CLUB TODAY

In 2005 the Badgers are running two teams again and new players are slowly swelling the number of Badgers at Badger Hill.

There is still a long way to go before the Club is able to re-live the heady days of the post-war period, but there is a wonderful spirit of community at Badger Hill - from the Chairman right down to the Tea Ladies - that binds the Club together.



From the friendly greeting that everyone receives – ‘Can you sign joining papers now please?’ – to the obvious fun the players and spectators enjoy together, the future is looking decidedly better.

