

**Marking Your Card for the New Cricket Season**  
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The local league cricket season is nearly upon us.

**AWE-INSPIRING!**

*Amazing views from local cricket grounds*

- Town-centre Huddersfield in all its glory – from Kirkheaton
  - Moorland and farmland unlimited - Scholes
  - Stunning industrial vistas - Dalton
  - Looking up at Victoria Tower - Hall Bower
  - Admire the hillside cottages - Golcar
  - From on top of the world - Cartworth Moor
  - Looking up the Colne Valley - Paddock
- Right across to the other side of the Holme Valley - Upperthong
  - Greenery as far as the eye can see - Old Almondburians
  - Pennine spectacular - Marsden

**BIG IN CYBERSPACE**

*Learn more about cricket and the local scene*

- [www.thurstonlandcc.com](http://www.thurstonlandcc.com) – Thurstonland CC
  - [www.shepleycc.com](http://www.shepleycc.com) – Shepley CC
  - [www.golcarchicricketclub.co.uk](http://www.golcarchicricketclub.co.uk) - Golcar CC
- [www.hjcl.org.uk](http://www.hjcl.org.uk) – Sellers Huddersfield Junior Cricket League
- [www.hccl.org.uk](http://www.hccl.org.uk) – Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League
- [www.drakes-huddersfieldcricketleague.co.uk](http://www.drakes-huddersfieldcricketleague.co.uk) – Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League
- [www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk) – HLF Calderdale & Kirklees Cricket Heritage Project
  - [www.yorkshireccc.com](http://www.yorkshireccc.com) - Yorkshire County Cricket Club
  - [www.cricinfo.com](http://www.cricinfo.com) – the best online cricket information service
  - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/cricket/default.stm> - BBC Cricket

### **BEWARE HAZARDS!**

*Be careful and watch your step...*

- Midges at Holmbridge
- Church bells at Thornhill
- Floods at Denby Dale
- Noisy motorway, Outlane
- Snow at Cartworth Moor

### **YUMMY YUMMY**

*Enjoy the delights on offer*

- Turkey balm cakes, sausage rolls, pasta, potato salad and sponge cake – Honley
- Chicken breasts and Bakewell tarts – Badger Hill, Rastrick
  - Ham and pork pie salads – Bradley & Colnebridge
  - Swiss roll and Rice Krispie cakes – Liversedge
- Salad buffet and new potatoes, plus sponge cake with lots of icing cream in the middle - Marsden

### **NATIONAL SERVICE**

*Local lads who made the grade at international level*

- Percy Holmes (Paddock)
- Richard Blakey (Elland)
- Eddie Leadbeater (Almondbury)
- Ryan Sidebottom (Holmfirth)
- Schofield Haigh (Armitage Bridge)

### **BRAND NEW!**

*Clubhouse-building for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

- Denby Dale – Total cost £370,000 (main funding body: Lottery)
  - Almondbury Wesleyans - £340,000 (Sport England)
    - Cumberworth - £55,000 (Lottery)
    - Meltham - £1.2m (Sport England)
  - Lepton Highlanders - £340,000 (Football Foundation)

### **MOTHER EARTH**

*Discover the local wildlife*

- Monkey tree at Hopton Mills
- Sheep grazing on the outfield - Holmbridge
- Vivid-purple blossom near the scoreboard - Marsden
  - Horses in an adjoining field - Clayton West
  - Troublesome moles – Cartworth Moor

### **ONCE UPON A TIME**

*Historic places*

- Lascelles Hall – the oldest club in the area (1825)
- Hulln Edge, Elland – hosted the Australians in 1878
- Bankfield, Kirkheaton – home to England Test legends Wilfred Rhodes and George Herbert Hirst
  - Fartown – county venue till the 1980s
  - Dalton – the second oldest club in Kirklees (1831)

## **ALL-ROUND HEROES**

### *Famous Cricketer-footballers*

- Chris Balderstone (Paddock CC & Carlisle United FC)
- Arnie Sidebottom (Holmfirth CC & Manchester United FC)
  - Clare Taylor (Golcar CC & Liverpool Women's FC)
  - Ken Taylor (Primrose Hill CC & Huddersfield Town FC)
- Willie Watson (Paddock CC - also played in 1950 Soccer World Cup)

## **CHEERS!**

### *Clubs that back onto pubs*

- Leymoor – Walkers Arms
- Armitage Bridge – The Monkey Club
  - Primrose Hill – The Crimea
- Heckmondwike – The Cricketers Arms
  - Holmbridge – The Bridge Tavern

## **WOMEN ON TOP**

### *Key female figures in local cricket*

- Pat Pye – Secretary, Marsden CC
- Julie Dolley – Management Board member, Huddersfield Central League
- Margaret Dollive & Beverley Crossland – Chair & Vice-Chair, Skelmanthorpe CC
- Joyce Booth – Vice-President, Huddersfield Central League
  - Hilary Holmes – Secretary, Linthwaite CC

## **LET US PRAY**

### *Clubs that live next door to churches*

- Kirkburton – All Hallows
- Denby - St. John the Evangelist
- Broad Oak – Christ Church, Linthwaite
- Mirfield Parish Cavaliers – St. Mary the Virgin
  - Thurstonland – St. Thomas's

## **HIGH & MIGHTY**

### *Grounds with altitude*

- Cartworth Moor - 1014 feet above sea level
  - Upperthong – 863
  - Marsden – 843
- Scholes, Holmfirth - 827
  - Denby - 823

## **REST OF THE WORLD**

### *World stars who plied their trade in the area*

- Gary Sobers (West Indies & Paddock)
- Garth Le Roux (South Africa & Lascelles Hall)
  - Darren Gough (England & Shepley)
  - Wasim Jaffer (India & Scholes)
- Clive Lloyd (West Indies & Holmfirth)

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

*Amazing trivia from the world of local cricket*

- Workers with time on their hands during the 1926 General Strike helped to construct Flockton CC's ground.
- Edgerton play at Dalton and have just officially become 'Edgerton & Dalton CC'.
  - Golcar Band practise in the pavilion at Leymoor CC.
- An episode of *Last of the Summer Wine* was once filmed at Woodhead Road, home of Holmbridge CC.
- Ex-Town manager Neil Warnock used to keep wicket for Holmfirth CC.