



# Bat & Ball

## The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"

A Heritage Lottery Fund-sponsored project in partnership with Calderdale Libraries, Kirklees Libraries, West Yorkshire Archive Service, The Towergate Halifax Cricket League, The Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League, The Solly Sports Central Yorkshire Cricket League, and The Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League

### Issue 10

#### Welcome!

Welcome to *Bat & Ball: The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"*. The aim is to keep you regularly informed of our progress and involved in our activities. We will publicise forthcoming events and news about the Project.

#### Project Mission Statement

In partnership with the cricket clubs, leagues and communities of Calderdale and Kirklees, this Project will preserve, celebrate and broaden recognition of cricket and its rich cultural traditions in this region.

## SPEAKER'S CORNER

*If you belong to a community group or society that would enjoy an evening on the heritage of local cricket, please do get in touch.*

## Latest News

### PROJECT WEBSITE - UPDATED

> Check it out at

[www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk)

### NEW BOOKLETS

> New booklets on team photographs down the ages, the Mirfield Evening League, and other subjects are being produced. Look out for them.

### ONGOING RESEARCH

> History of current clubs, but also former clubs, cup finals and leagues/former leagues.

### ARCHIVES

> Electronic archive of c.25,000 images

> West Yorkshire Archive Service 'Cricket

Collection' now open to public at Huddersfield Library (1<sup>st</sup> Floor).

> Yorkshire Cricket Collection open at the University of Huddersfield.

### NEW BOOK

> Look out for *Bloggers on the Boundary* by Tony Hutton, Brian Sanderson and Peter Davies.

### OTHER ASPECTS OF PROJECT

> Facebook site and Blog – see [www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk).



**Broad Oak CC, 1935 Paddock Shield winners**

## CONTACT US!

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**Willie Law, Todmorden CC, 1907**

## ...And in 2012

- ❖ The annual Pennine Cricket History Conference will take place on **Saturday 31 March** 10am-4pm. All welcome.
- ❖ The centenary history of the Huddersfield Central Cricket League will be published – and it will have been researched and written by Project Leader Dr Peter Davies. The league is 100 years old in 2013.
- ❖ The Halifax Cricket League, likewise, will be 100 in 1914. Again, Dr Peter Davies will be researching and writing the book.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has helped us so far: league officials who have given us their support; club administrators who have supplied us with official records and artefacts; club webmasters who have publicised the Project on their site; and individual members of the public who have donated memorabilia; and many, many other people. It is much appreciated.

## PROJECT PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE



- M. Bishop, Bats, Balls & Biscuits: A Brief History of Cricket at the Reading Biscuit Factory*  
**M. Bourne, T. Hutton, & B. Senior, Off The Beaten Track: Three Men and a Cricket Season – Diary 2006**  
*M. Butler, From Batley to Barnsley: A History of the Heavy Woollen District Cricket Challenge Cup 1883-2005*  
**P. Davies: From Magdalen to Merger: A Short History of Oxford University CC**  
*P. Davies, Heavy Woollen Heritage*  
**P. Davies, Home Soil**  
*P. Davies, From Queen's to Kings: The Story of an Extraordinary Cricket Team from Halifax*  
**P. Davies, Intikhab Alam, My Brother's Broken Leg and Other Stories**  
*P. Davies, Pennine Pitch: Cricket in Kirklees*  
**P. Davies & R. Light, The Development of Cricket in Kirklees: An Overview**  
*P. Davies & R. Light, 180 Not Out (3 Volumes)*  
**A. Hardcastle, Lost: The Former Cricket Clubs and Cricket Grounds of Calderdale**  
*T. Hutton & P. Davies, Two Men and a Blog*  
**L. Hughes, Wielding the Willow: An Anthology of Cricket Poems**  
*R. Light, The Other Face of English Cricket: The Origins of League Cricket in the West Riding of Yorkshire*  
**T. Lister, You Couldn't Make It Up! A History of Burnley CC**  
*P. Neal, George Herbert Hirst: Mirfield CC 1891*  
**P. Neal with J. Norbury, Stories of Mirfield CC**  
*D. O'Keefe, Start of Play: The Foundation and Progress of Illingworth St. Mary's CC c.1884-c.1920 – A Social History*  
**R. Pearce, Gentlemen and Players: Wirksworth Cricketers 1757-1914**  
*D. Walker (ed.), It's Not Lord's: A Cricket Anthology*

*Books £3 each. All profits to go back into 'The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees' Project - to support further research and dissemination of the main project findings. Go to [www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk). Please address cheques to P. DAVIES.*

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