



Bat & Ball

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

A Heritage Lottery Fund/University of Huddersfield Project in partnership with Calderdale Libraries, Kirklees Libraries, West Yorkshire Archive Service, The Townergate Halifax Cricket League, The Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League, The Solly Sports Central Yorkshire Cricket League, and The Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League

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Welcome!

Welcome to *Bat & Ball: The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"*. Our 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.



Mrs Sal Armitage, Acting Head at Birstall Primary School, with Lewis Edmond (L), Nathaniel Kean (R), and her cricket heritage activity packs designed by the Cricket Heritage Project

CONTACT US!

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SPEAKER'S CORNER

We will be speaking about the Project to the following groups and societies:

1. North Kirklees Family History Society
- Batley Town Hall, 11 December 2007
2. Hebden Bridge Local History Society
- 9 January 2008

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

COMING SOON IN 2007!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- > Monday 21 May 7.00pm, 'Women and Cricket in Calderdale' - Exhibition launch, Halifax Swimming Baths
- > Monday 4 June 7.00pm, 'Women and Cricket in Kirklees' - Exhibition launch, Huddersfield Sports Centre
- > Also - special cricket heritage displays at Huddersfield and Holmfirth tourist information offices (June 2007)
- > Saturday 14 July – Open Day at Slack Baptist Chapel featuring history of Heptonstall Slack CC

ONGOING RESEARCH

- > History of current clubs, but also former clubs and leagues/former leagues

ARCHIVES

- > Electronic archive of c.25,000 images relating to the history of local cricket open to public at University of Huddersfield (please phone to book an appointment)
- > West Yorkshire Archive Service 'Cricket Collection' now open to public at Huddersfield Library (1st Floor)

OTHER ASPECTS OF PROJECT

- > Auctioning/raffling of framed original artwork at clubs continues

> Clubs to be approached and asked if they might consider appointing 'Heritage Officers' to help preserve and conserve documents, items and images relating to their own club history



Ladies Tea Committee, Thongsbridge CC, 1950

SCHOOLS

> More activity packs to be distributed around local schools

CLUB HISTORIES

> Pamphlets on the history of each club to be distributed free in the local community

>>>Regular archive updates on the Project website, <http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk>.

...AND IN 2008

- ❖ 4th Annual Pennine Cricket History Conference at the University of Huddersfield (15 March 2008): Provisional speakers: Andrew Hignell (Glamorgan CCC), Farid Karolia & Hanif Mayet (Mount CC, Batley), Tony Hutton (Cricket Grounds of Cumbria/Cornwall)
- ❖ 'Cricket in the Colne Valley' – Special Exhibition at the Colne Valley Museum, Golcar, Huddersfield

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Latest Project developments:

- First batch of oral history interviews now available as audio files on Project website.
- First 'Heritage Lottery Fund/University of Huddersfield History and Heritage Awards' presented at local cricket league dinners.
- Cricket 'Heritage Trail' leaflets now available to download on Project website.
- Complimentary CDs distributed to all clubs: 'This is the History & Heritage of Your Cricket Club'.
- New video made about the Project by University of Huddersfield TV/Media students.
- Halifax and Huddersfield town libraries, plus Brighouse CC and University of Huddersfield Library, now hosting long-term framed displays.

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



- Lost: The Former Cricket Clubs and Cricket Grounds of Halifax and Calderdale* (Andrew Hardcastle) £5
- From Batley to Barnsley: A History of the Heavy Woollen Cup* (Mike Butler) £5
- George Herbert Hirst: *Mirfield CC 1891* (Pat Neal) £5
- Wielding the Willow: An Anthology of Cricket Poems* (Lee Hughes) £3
- The Development of Cricket in Kirklees: An Overview* (Peter Davies & Rob Light) £3
- Intikhab Alam, My Brother's Broken Leg and Other Stories* (Peter Davies) £2
- Gentlemen & Players: Wirksworth Cricketers 1757-1914* (Roy Pearce) £5
- 180 Not Out – 3-Volume photographic history of cricket in Calderdale and Kirklees* (Peter Davies & Rob Light) £10 each
- All prices include P&P. Please make cheques payable to University of Huddersfield HEC and send to Dr Peter Davies, Room JM3/01, School of Music, Humanities & Media, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH

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