



# 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

### Issue 9

#### 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.



**Crossbank Wesleyans CC (Batley)**

#### CONTACT US!

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## SPEAKER'S CORNER

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

1. 18 JUN 2009: Cragg Vale Local History Group
2. 30 JUN 2009: Colne Valley Probosc – Lawrence Batley SC, Salendine Nook
3. NOV 2009: Yorkshire CCC Supporters Group - Headingley

*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

#### BIG EVENT

> Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians hold their annual conference at the University of Huddersfield in October

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

> Cawthorne, Paddock and Augustinians win league history and heritage awards

#### ONGOING RESEARCH

> History of current clubs, but also former clubs, cup finals 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

#### STUDENTS

> Two Phd students have now started work on cricketing topics at the University of Huddersfield:

Dennis O'Keefe on church cricket in Calderdale and Duncan Stone on regional identities (Yorkshire and Surrey)

> PR students Megan Wainwright and Hayley Street and History student Phil Dobson currently working on Project, along with a number of Sports Journalism students

#### **OTHER ASPECTS OF PROJECT**

> Outreach event recently held at Shelley Methodist Ladies Circle

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

> Creative writing by Dave Walker and photographs by Tony Hutton now on website

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



**Frank Scott, Walsden CC**

## **...And in 2009**

- ❖ Sats 14/21 March: Promotional events in Halifax and Huddersfield town centres.
- ❖ Sat 28 March: 5th Annual Pennine Cricket History Conference at the University of Huddersfield: Speakers: Tony Laughton, Dave Cooper, Martin Bishop, Peter Jowett, Tony Hutton.
  - ❖ History of Burnley CC to be published.
  - ❖ 'Cricket & Industry' exhibitions in Halifax and Huddersfield.
- ❖ Club heritage exhibitions – Badger Hill CC and East Bierley CC.

# **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



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#### **Bats, Balls & Biscuits (Martin Bishop) £5**

*Thanks to the Inghams: Stories of Mirfield CC (Pat Neal) £3*

#### **Start of Play: Illingworth CC (Dennis O'Keefe) £3**

*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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