

# **Bat & Ball:**

## **Cricket and Society in Calderdale & Kirklees c.1800-2000**

In January 2006 the University of Huddersfield will be launching a pioneering new course in the history and heritage of local cricket.

It is a direct spin-off from the £50,000 Cricket Heritage Project currently running at the University of Huddersfield and being sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the University. As such, students on the course will have access to a wide variety of cricket-related documents and artefacts that have come to light as a result of the Project. These extraordinary historical sources will help enrich and enhance students' understanding of local cricket history – and they also serve to emphasise the uniqueness of this new evening course.



### **Course Content:**

The module will include the following topic areas:

1. Early sport and early forms of cricket in West Yorkshire
2. Challenge and stake matches
3. Origins of local cricket clubs
4. Organised competition: cups and leagues
5. Professionals and amateurs
6. The Great War and cricket
7. From clogs to helmets: the changing face of cricket equipment
8. The Second World War and cricket
9. From east and west: the contribution of Asian and Caribbean cricketers
10. Contemporary issues
11. Summary and review



### **Course Tutors:**

Dr Peter Davies – Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Huddersfield and Leader of the £50,000 Heritage Lottery Fund project, 'The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees'.

Rob Light – Research Assistant on the above project; Phd student in cricket history at Leicester De Montfort University; author of two recent academic articles on cricket in the nineteenth-century West Riding.



### **Classes:**

Will be held on Wednesdays.

- Lecture - 6.15-7.30pm
- Coffee break – 7.30-7.45pm
- Seminar - 7.45-9.15pm

*Each Wednesday, students will receive three hours of tuition. The course runs for 11 weeks, so that is a total of 33 hours of tuition in all.*



### **Venue for Classes:**

Weeks 1-5: West Building, Main University Campus, Queensgate, Huddersfield.  
Weeks 6-11: Cricket club pavilions around Calderdale and Kirklees

### **Cost:**

£225 (standard University fee). The fee is waived for anyone whose individual (gross) income is less than £15,000 p.a..

### **Background Reading:**

If you would like to do some background reading before the start of the course/s - *and there is no obligation to do this* - we would recommend you consult one of the following books:

Derek Birley, *A Social History of English Cricket* (Aurum, 2003)

Freda, Malcolm and Brian Heywood, *Cloth Caps & Cricket Crazy: Todmorden and Cricket 1835-1896* (Upper Calder Valley Publications, 2004)

The new evening course will also make full use of the Project website, which incorporates an enormous selection of archive images and a full set of (Summer 2005) exhibition files.



### **Guest Speakers:**

We also hope to invite a selection of guest speakers to contribute to the course on their specialist areas.

### **RESERVING A PLACE ON THE COURSE**

• To reserve a place on the course please email Peter Davies (course organiser) on [p.j.davies@hud.ac.uk](mailto:p.j.davies@hud.ac.uk) or return the reservation form to him c/o Department of History, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH

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