

# CRICKET AND COMMUNITY

## Local, National and Global Perspectives

A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ORGANISED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD CRICKET RESEARCH CENTRE

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011, CASTLE HILL SUITE, UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD



Huddersfield is an appropriate setting for the UK's first dedicated Cricket Research Centre. It is a hotbed of local cricket and for many years Yorkshire used to play regular fixtures at Fartown, home of the former Huddersfield CC. Two of the most famous Yorkshire and England cricketers - Wilfred Rhodes and George Herbert Hirst - were born in the town, and Lascelles Hall CC (located close by) has a claim to being the 'Hambleton of the North' on account of the number of Yorkshire and England cricketers it produced in the late nineteenth century. In recent years, there has been significant research in the area of cricket history at the University of Huddersfield, including the £50,000 community project, 'The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale & Kirklees' - the first sport-related project to be funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Recent initiatives include:

- A new qualification – Postgraduate Certificate in Cricket History and Literature (currently undergoing validation).
  - A new archive at the University of Huddersfield – 'The Yorkshire Cricket Collection'.
- Dr Peter Davies and Dr Rob Light working on a new book for MUP: *Cricket and Community in England since c.1860: A Social and Cultural History* (2011).
  - Dr Peter Davies and Dr Rob Light to edit a special issue of *Sport in Society* on 'The Ashes' (2011).

**We welcome proposals for conference papers on the following themes:**

\* **Community, communities and imagined communities**  
\* **Competition**  
\* **Identity**  
\* **Gender**

\* **Race and religion**  
\* **Work and leisure**  
\* **Class and status**

\* **Geography and topography**  
\* **History and memory**  
\* **Patronage, sponsorship and commercialisation**

**We'd also be very happy to consider papers in other related areas**

## **SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

**Keynote: Dr Boria Majumdar - Senior Research Fellow, University of Central Lancashire:  
'World Cricket at the Crossroads - Lessons from World Cup 2011'**

Dr Dean Allen, Northumbria University - Cricket in Colonial South Africa

Dr Tony Bateman, Honorary Visiting Research Fellow, International Centre for Sport History and Culture, De Montfort University –  
James Joyce and Cricket

Professor Tony Collins, Leeds Met University - The Bodyline Myth: Thwarted Britishness or Australian Nationalism?

Dr Peter Davies, University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre – Cricket and Public Houses

Dr Rob Ellis, University of Huddersfield – Cricket and Madness

Dr Andrew Hignell, Heritage Officer, Glamorgan CCC – Cricket in Wales

Dr Rob Light, University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre - Cricket and Popular Urban Culture

Dr Boria Majumdar, Senior Research Fellow, University of Central Lancashire – Cricket in India

Dr Jack Williams, Liverpool John Moores University - Cricket and Community in the North of England 1900-1939

Tom Fletcher, Leeds Met University – British Asians and Cricket

Brian, Malcolm & Freda Heywood – Cricket in Todmorden

Bob Horne, University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre – Cricket in Brighouse

Dennis O'Keefe, University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre – Cricket and Religion

Sean Reid, University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre - Cricket in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland

Duncan Stone, University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre – Club Cricket in Surrey

*PLUS a special session on cricket poetry*

***If you would like to give a paper at the conference, please email an abstract to Dr Peter Davies, Director, Cricket Research Centre via [p.j.davies@hud.ac.uk](mailto:p.j.davies@hud.ac.uk) or telephone 01484 472405.***

### **Conference Proceedings**

The conference proceedings will be published as a special issue of *Sport in Society*.

### **Cost**

£50 – Institutional

£25 – Individuals/Concessions

***To book: Please send a cheque made out to UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD to Dr Peter Davies, Cricket Research Centre, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH.***

### **Special Visit**

At the end of proceedings on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April we will visit the historic Lascelles Hall CC, Huddersfield, known as the 'Hambledon of the North' – see <http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk/southkirklees/lascelleshall/clubhome.htm>.

### **Refreshments**

The conference fee covers morning/afternoon tea/coffee/biscuits and lunch on both days. On the night of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April we will adjourn to a local restaurant for the conference dinner – this should cost c.£15-£20.

### **Accommodation**

We recommend Cambridge Lodge, 4 Clare Hill, Huddersfield HD1 5BS Tel: 01484 519892.

### **Stalls**

We're hoping that a number of local/national cricket organisations/cricket book dealers will have stalls at the conference.

### **Student Helpers**

On 14 and 15 April 2011, we will be assisted by Year 3 History students Rachel Popplewell and Jade Travis.

### **Special Visitors**

The conference will be officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Huddersfield, Professor Bob Cryan, and close by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Professor Tim Thornton.

### **Contact**

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**See <http://www2.hud.ac.uk/mhm/history/research/cricket> and [www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk).**

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