

The Later Years

Tough times

1953/4 – LEAGUE SWITCH

The 1953 season began with hopes high.



But Hebden Bridge Salem found life tough when they moved from the Hebden Bridge & District Cricket League into the Halifax League in 1954, finishing bottom of Division 2 in their first season and languishing thereabouts for a few years.

New pavilion HQ

1957 – GROUND REDEVELOPMENT

The Halifax League has always been particularly keen to ensure that clubs provide the best possible facilities.

In 1957 one condition of Hebden Bridge's admission was the construction of a new pavilion.

This was opened on Tuesday 9 July 1957, Mytholmroyd Methodists providing the opposition to celebrate the occasion.





In terms of Halifax League pavilion redevelopments, Calder Valley clubs have set the pace in recent years. Above: Mytholmroyd. Below: Old Town.



Swinging Sixties!

1968 – THE TREBLE

The Club's heyday came in the early 1960s when it won a hat-trick of Halifax Association titles.



Champions!

1981 – HALIFAX ASSOCIATION SUCCESS

HEBDEN BRIDGE CLINCH TITLE

AFTER their big disappointment in losing to Wainstalls in the Collinson Cup final, Hebdens Bridge produced a super performance in glorious sunshine against Bradford Pennine to clinch the Division One championship of the Halifax Amateur Cricket Association.

In ideal conditions with everything in favour of batting, Hebdens' trump card was played by Stephen Dowling who bowled magnificently, taking six wickets for 90 in a 12 over stint to help Hebdens dismiss Pennine for 192.

Bradford Pennine had lost an early wicket — Keenan for nought — but then for some time the batsmen were on top with good scores from Robinson (41), Crowther (23), Mānas (37) and

Colman (30).

Gledhill and Stan Hollows toiled away trying their utmost to pin the batsmen down. They had a wicket apiece but it was to be the day for the change bowlers. Priestley it was who removed top-scoring Robinson and the aggressive Colman — and then Dowling got to work with a vengeance, hitting the sticks four times in his six wicket haul.

In reply Hebdens had an early setback when opener Brian Hopkins was bowled for four and with only eight on the board. Then Duffield and Ken Hollows set about the Pennine bowling with a 50-run partnership that placed Hebdens well ahead of the asking rate.

This stand made it easier for the

later batsmen. Stan Hollows with a hard-hitting 30, skipper David Gledhill (28) and Tony Lyatts with a brisk 22 kept the momentum going and there was no way Hebdens were going to let things slip.

It was finally left to the old Hebdens Bridge stalwart, Graham Lord, who was in a hurry to claim the championship. He was unbeaten on 22 with Priestley 12 not out.

Hebdens with 193-6 after 36 overs had triumphed and the four wicket win planted the local side firmly and deservedly at the top of the table.

HEBDEN BRIDGE v BRADFORD PENNINE
Hebdens Bridge won by four wickets
Hebdens Bridge 8 pts, Bradford Pennine 10

BRADFORD PENNINE 192

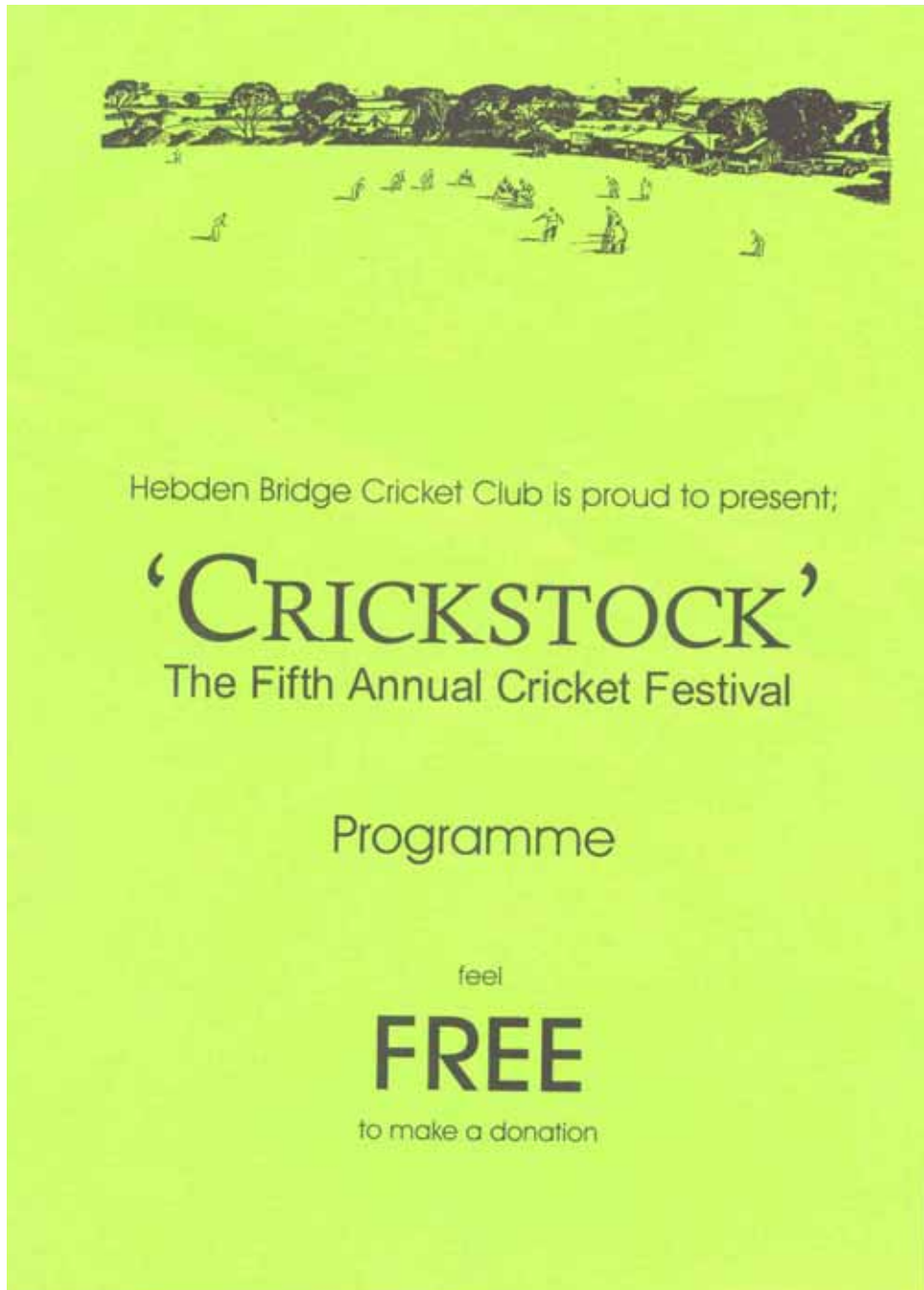
M Keenan c Lyatts b Hollows	41
J Robinson b Priestley	23
J Crowther c Lord b Gledhill	23
G Mānas b Dowling	25
M Heaver b Dowling	30
K Colman b Priestley	30
M Cardil c Lord b Dowling	1
B Collins b Hollows b Dowling	1
B Collins b Dowling	1
M Lyatts not out	2
Scores	24
Bowling: S. Hollows 8-0-42-1, Dowling 8-22-1, M. Lyatts 9-1-29-0, 5, Dowling 12-4-29-6, M. Priestley 6-5-1-46-2	

HEBDEN BRIDGE 193-6

B Hopkins c Heaver b Collins	4
D Duffield c Keenan b Lockwood	26
K Hollows b Collins	26
S Hollows c Lyatts b Robinson	28
D Gledhill c Lockwood b Robinson	28
T Lyatts c Collins b Collins	22
M Priestley not out	12
G Lord not out	22
Scores	
Hebdens 8, Collins 14.3-66-3, G. Mānas 6-0-29-0, K. Lockwood 8-0-24-1, J. Robinson 8-2-2-25-2	

Summer festival!

2000 – ‘CRICKSTOCK’ LAUNCHED



Take the famous music festival Woodstock, add in some local cricket and a touch of archetypal Hebden Bridge culture...and you arrive at 'Crickstock', a unique sporting experiment.

Crickstock is a one-day summer festival, inaugurated in 2000, and now held annually at Salem Fields. It has grown massively over the last five years.

Cricket festival is winning innings

HEBDEN Bridge Cricket Club pushed the boundaries of what constitutes a cricket festival on Saturday.

by Matthew Ludlam

Their fourth annual Crickfest was more like a rock festival than something the average cricket fan would recognise.

Around 300 people visited Salem fields during the course of the day as Hebden Bridge CC successfully took on West End in a Halifax Association match.

A similar number were there in the evening to watch the live music as The Landing Party, Q-Car, The Wild Panzies, Mabel Blue and Hebden's very own Virgil Presley and the King Sinners took to the stage.

A total of £1000 was raised for the cricket club and Zion Housing Co-operative, which jointly organised the festival.

Children were well catered for in the Kidzone tent, with qualified staff organising fun activities such as face painting and hair braiding.

The spectators were entertained with records between the overs as the commentary team of Dave Brooks, John Morrison and "Broadband" Mark kept an expert eye on the action.

Dave Clark, one of the organisers, said the day had been a great success and that a lot of people had worked very hard for it.

"It was a brilliant day," he said. "I particularly enjoyed doing the commentary and we'll have to have another festival next year because I'd just love to do it all again.

"We have improved the festival every year and this time we had two marquees, fireworks and proper lighting in the evening. As for next year, we'll just have to wait and see."

West End captain Darrell Turnbull said he was pleased his team had got to be the opposition for the festival.

"It's all been excellent - the weather and the cricket," he said. "This is the way it should be every time we play in Hebden Bridge."

Hebden Royd Council Mayor Leone Murtey visited Salem and she said: "The whole event was excellent. There was a really nice atmosphere and the food was brilliant."



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Does the smack of leather on willow remind you of summer? Do you like dressing in white & running about in the sun?

**Hebden
Bridge
Cricket Club**

Wants YOU!

Call Dan Bailey on 01422 836430
to get involved

Curries, burgers, 'cricket teas' & salads - visit Christina & Co. in the main catering tent

The cricket festival is designed to be a show-case for local cricket - demonstrating that it is a vibrant sport that has a lot to offer. With enough new interest, the club hope to re-establish a second team to help strengthen the local 'Halifax & District Association'.

The event is co-hosted by Zion Housing Co-op. Also based in Hebden Bridge, the co-op's main aim is to secure quality self-managed housing for its members. Zion HC are also involved in the arts and this event serves to highlight the co-op's involvement with the local community. By raising awareness of the co-op it is hoped that new members will be attracted to join in with this innovative, multi-faceted organisation.

The event is a fund-raiser for both the co-op and the cricket club.

SPOIL YOURSELF WITH SUMPTUOUS CONFECTIONS AND INDULGENT BEVERAGES AT THE WEIRDIGANS CAFE

Zion Housing Co-op, at the Nethercough Tavern, is looking for

New Members & Residents

We are looking for people who are able to live & work with others and who are able to live in a communal style while still retaining independence and a life of their own.

Zion Housing Co-op is a 'work-in-progress' - we need members with energy and commitment to the project and the co-operative ideal.

Trial membership and residency available almost immediately.

Call 01422 845990 to talk to John, Christina, Fern, Clive, Stuart, Dave or Rob.

THE DAY'S EVENTS...

1pm Gates open
2pm Hebden Bridge vs New Ridings
Bar opens
Food available
4pm Tea Interval
6pm Game finishes
7pm First performance
10.45 Fire Spectacular
11pm Final performance
Midnight Firework Farewell
All timings apart from the start of the match are extremely approximate. Any resemblance to timings given and reality will be entirely co-incidental

Performances from:

Clive Russell, Whyldie Panzyz, Tetchi, Wild Ginger & Boom Boom Stix... though not necessarily in that order. See notices which should appear on the day... or ask Creedy! (thanks mate)

Don't forget to visit our Bar for fine ales, cider, lager & wine - featuring the Tequila Girls from 7...

Thanks to 3C - Calderdale's favourite broadband provider, for allowing Mark to appear in the commentary box...

It started out, in 2000, as a cricket match followed by a few drinks. Now it is a fully-fledged summer festival, complete with live rock music and an array of tents and marquees serving food and drink.

FUN, food and music was on the menu at the 5th annual Crickstock.

The cricket festival at Hebden Bridge Cricket Club started with a match, which was broadcast to Calder Holmes Park, where the annual carnival took place this weekend.

The game was also shown live on the Internet.

The fun day raised cash for the club and Zion Housing Co-op, which is based in the town and aims to secure affordable housing for members as well as finding them work in the community.

Visitors feasted on vegetarian and organic food in the sunshine.

They also listened to live music from bands including the Boom Boom Sticks, Wild Ginger Tetchi and the Wild Pansies.

Halifax Courier



Mark Harrison and Dave Brooks giving their commentary which is broadcast over the Internet

Oh so close!

2004 – QUEENS ROAD BATTLE

In 2004 Hebden Bridge put on a courageous show against Halifax Association top dogs Queens Road Muslims. The tone of this late-summer report in the *Todmorden News* demonstrates this:

HEBDEN FALL JUST A WICKET SHORT AGAINST MIGHTY QRM

Hebden Bridge produced one of their performances of the season, just failing to deny Queen's Road Muslims the win they needed to claim the Halifax Association title.



The mighty QRM

It should have been a mismatch between an all-conquering QRM and a Hebden Bridge side positioned towards the other end of the table but instead the most gripping game took place.

Sadly, the Halifax Association folded in 2005.