

The Halifax & District Amateur Cricket Association (1923-2005)

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Following the breakaway of the Parish League clubs in 1914, the Halifax and District League was struggling. It had only stuttered back into life after the First World War in 1921, with just 10 clubs. The Amateur League had also declined in numbers, with some clubs failing to survive the War and others moving to the Nonconformist Church League.

An amalgamation thus seemed appropriate, and this was carried through at a meeting at the Upper George in June 1922. The plan was for the top seven clubs in the higher class District League and the top five in the Amateur League to form a first division, though a club was only eligible for this division if it had a 2nd XI to play in a parallel division. The remaining 1st XIs were to play in the second division, again with an attached 2nd XIs division.

As it happened, Sowerby St Peter's, the District League winners, joined the Parish League, as did fourth-placed Copley. Of the remaining eight, Stones, Rishworth, Booth, Southowram St Anne's and Caddy Field duly joined Division One, leaving Norland, Barkisland and Luddenden for Division Two. When Caddy Field resigned, however, they were replaced by Norland in the top division, where they were joined by Amateur League sides Coley, S.B.C.I., Ripponden Conservative Club, Illingworth Wesleyans and St Paul's, the top five from 1922 as agreed, plus Heywood from the Nonconformist League and a new team, Smith Bulmers. Altogether there were 41 teams from 24 clubs in the new Association. This number grew to a peak of 70 teams in 1934, but fell back after the Second World War. By 1974 there were just 14, but a revival was aided by the arrival of several 3rd XIs from clubs in other leagues until they left to form their own competition. Only in recent times did numbers slip dangerously low again, eight clubs (10 teams) operating in what was to prove the final 2004 season – Hebden Bridge, Wainstalls, Queens Road Muslims, Salem, Greetland Village, West End, Stirk Bridge and New Riding.

The end, when it came at the 2005 Annual General Meeting, was somewhat sudden. Salem had announced their demise a few months earlier, but the others seemed set to continue. News from the Council that Spring Hall, where four of the teams played, would be lost for the creation of a new athletics track, was a devastating blow, however, for the alternatives offered, mainly Roils Head, were both unpalatable and unrealistic. When several clubs raised

serious doubts about their ability to struggle on, the proposal to close the Association was eventually carried.

In membership at one time or another were 160 clubs. Twelve of them are now members of the Halifax League – Stones, Booth, S.B.C.I., Bradshaw, Northowram, Luddenden Foot, Warley, Mytholmroyd Meths/Halifax, Old Town, Bridgeholme, Old Crossleyans and Southowram – and two others, Northowram Fields and Barkisland, are in other leagues. A further 10 were 3rd or 2nd XIs who are still operating in other leagues too. The lost clubs were as follows:

Rishworth (1923-40). Previously Halifax and District League, they played at Rishworth Hall, near the school, on a rectangular field small enough for two of the boundaries to count only as two runs. Council houses were later built on the pitch. They were league winners in 1932 and Collinson Cup winners in 1934.

Heywood (1923-55). Former Amateur League and Nonconformist League side who played at Hall Lane behind the hospital, then at Towngate, near their Heywood Congregational Church. They had to vacate this field in 1956 so folded. They had been Collinson Cup winners in 1949.

St Paul's (1923-34). From the Amateur League, they played first at Sandhall Lane, then in their last couple of seasons at Tower Hill. They had earlier appeared in the Church League.

Illingworth Wesley (1923-42). Former Amateur League and Nonconformist League side who played behind the chapel at Holmfield. In a purple patch in the 1930s they were league winners in 1933 and 1935 and Collinson Cup winners in 1931 and 1933.

Smith Bulmer's (1923-28). Textile workers' team who were new to the game in 1923. Based at Beechwood Avenue, they moved on to the Halifax League in 1929, having achieved a league and cup double in 1928. They had also won the league in 1924 and 1927.

Southowram St Anne's (1923-29). Long-established side who had been in several leagues before 1923. They lost their ground in Pinnar Lane before the 1929 season, but struggled on for one more year, using Southowram Wesleyans' field, before resigning through "lack of support".

Coley (1923 and 1933-40). Members of various leagues since 1900, playing beside the church.

Norland (1923-39). Previously in the Halifax and District League, though in 1921 they had been in the Parish League. Their long-time field in Norland still exists, but in their final season they played at the top of Shay Lane. They were Collinson Cup winners in 1927 and 1932.

Ripponden (1923-39). Former Amateur League side playing at Ryburn, referred to on occasions as **Ripponden Conservative Club**.

Halifax Baptists (1923-40). Joined from the Parish League, though originally from the Amateur League. Played initially at Nursery Lane, but by 1930 had moved to Roils Head.

Luddenden (1923-30 and 1939). Parish Church team previously in the Halifax and District League, though members of various others since 1896. They were Collinson Cup winners in 1929, but spent the 1931-38 period in the Hebden Bridge League. The ground was given as either Top Shuttles or Turn Lea.

Providence (1923-35). Team based at the Wesleyan/Methodist church at Illingworth, though the earlier team in the Amateur League had been referred to as **Providence Congregational School**. Played at Slow Field, Cousin Lane.

Skircoat (1923-38). A new team for 1923, though an earlier Skircoat Green side had operated in the 1880s. Ground was at Spring Hall.

St Michael's (1923-39). Long-established side from the church at Southowram Bank, operating in the Amateur League and Church League. Ground was in Pinnar Lane at Bank Top.

Brunswick Mills (1923-25). Members of the Amateur League for just the previous season, they played on the former Siddal United (and Halifax Town A.F.C.) ground at Exley.

Elland Wesley (1923-33). Joined from the Amateur League, though had also been members of the Huddersfield and District Cricket Association. Played at Old Earth.

Mackintosh's Athletic Club (1923-36 and 1960-61). Works team who used grounds at Spring Hall, Warley, Sandhall and Norton Tower. Returned in 1960 as **Mackintosh's Saturday CC** on a new ground at West Vale, moving on to the Halifax League for the 1962 season.

Civil Service (1923). Played just the one season, finishing bottom of the league with no victories. Ground was at Exley. They joined the newly reformed Thursday League for 1924.

Round Hill (1923). Figured in the 2nd XIs league in their only season, finishing mid-table. Ground may have been at Ambler Thorn.

Stott Brothers (1924-30). Played first at Long Lane, then Spring Hall.

Southowram U.M. (1925-39). Previously in the Nonconformist League, they entered in the 2nd XIs league and remained a relatively lowly team. As the church name changed, they became **Southowram Wesleyans** then **Southowram Methodists**, playing on fields in West Lane and South Lane.

Dempsters (1925-45 and 1947-70). Works team from R. Dempster & Sons Ltd, engineers, who played at the top of Newcombe Street, Elland, and won the league title in 1929. They became **Oxley-Dempsters** in 1966, but folded in 1970, presenting a shield to the league at their resignation.

Brighouse Primitives (1925-27). A new church team, though an earlier side had been members of the Brighouse Cricket League throughout its existence, 1895-1902.

Calverts (1925-29). Works team from the Illingworth-based worsted spinning firm which closed in 1970. Played at nearby Cousin Lane.

Pye Nest (1925-31). Church team which also had a side in the Nonconformist League in 1926-27. Played at Sterne Mills, Wakefield Road.

Parish Church (1925-26). Struggled in the lower divisions in their two seasons. Earlier Parish Church teams had figured in the Amateur League (1893-94) and Church League (1908).

Westfield (1925-29). Siddal-based side who played at Backhold.

Bethel (1925-27). Church team from Brighouse who had previously played in the Nonconformist League. Ground at Lane Head.

St Bernards (1925). Played one season in the 2nd XIs league, finishing bottom, at Lister Road. A later **St Bernards S.C.** team appears in the Nonconformist League, 1936-37.

Railway Hotel (1926-27). Previously in the Licensed Houses League, they finished top of Division 3 in 1926, but bottom of Division 2 in 1927. Ground at the Denfield Arms.

Websters (1926-42 and 1948-50). Brewery side that played initially on Ovenden Wood Road, but moved to The Cross Roads Inn at Wainstalls for the 1935 season. The field was used for growing vegetables during the Second World War and had to be re-laid before the team could resume in 1948. They moved on to the Halifax League for 1951, having been league and cup double winners in 1950. They had also won the league title in 1939 and 1940.

Trinity Wesleyans (1926-34). Joined from the Nonconformist League, though an earlier team from the church in Pellon Lane had appeared in the Amateur League. Ground at Moor End Road (sometimes referred to as Tabor Road).

Electricity Works (1926-40). Played at Box Trees, Wheatley, though by 1939 had moved to Exley.

Whitakers (1927-53). The league's second brewery side, playing at Peat Pitts. They closed down for the 1941-46 period.

St John's (1927). West Vale church side that played one season in Division 3, finishing next to bottom.

Y.M.C.A. (1927-31, 1944, 1950-54 and 1959-67). Played at many locations, including Sterne Mills, Roils Head and Chevinedge (Exley) in their first spell, The Barracks and Illingworth Methodist Chapel in 1950-54 and Roils Head from 1959.

Collinsons (1927-30). Played at Spring Hall.

Transport (1928-34). Played at Shacks Road, Norton Tower.

Willey & Pearson (1928-29). Played at Roils Head. Suffered a poor season in 1929, but gave "works stoppage" as their reason for resignation at the 1930 Annual General Meeting.

Wood Harris & Co. (1928-31). A team from the Bedford Street North workwear firm, playing at Sterne Mills, Copley.

Paton & Baldwins (1929-47). Works team, referred to during the 1931-40 period as **Clark Bridge** to differentiate them from Bankfield. They shared the Mackintosh's ground at Warley to start with, but moved soon afterwards to Spring Hall. League winners in 1938, and cup winners in 1939 and 1943, they resigned because of the pending departure of the firm from Halifax.

West Vale Baptists (1929-30). Finished bottom of the league in 1930, playing at Little Bradley. An earlier team had appeared in the Nonconformist League.

Ramsdens (1929-39 and 1948-49). The third brewery side to join the league in the period, they played first at Wrigley Hill, Illingworth, then in the 1940s at Box Trees and Roils Head.

Pratts (1929-30 and 1962-71). Played at Denholme Gate Road, Hipperholme, in 1929-30. As **F. Pratts** in 1962 they used a matting wicket at Cousin Lane before moving to the Dempsters pitch at Elland in 1964 and Roils Head in 1967. They were Collinson Cup winners in 1967, 1968, 1970 and 1971.

Brunswick U.M.C. (1929-40). Used the Tabor Road ground in 1929, moving to Roils Head in 1930.

Redman & Sons (1930-67). Changed their name to **Churchill Redmans** from 1935. Played at Roils Head in the 1930s, but after closing down for the 1940-43 period, they returned at Spring Hall.

Ryburn Mills (1930-37). Works team from the mill in Hanson Lane who, after a slow start, made sufficient progress to win Division 2 in 1937, but were unable to find a ground for 1938, having used Broomfield, Heath Hill (Mount Tabor) and Swales Moor.

Homfray & Co (1930-35). Sowerby Bridge-based carpet manufacturers who used grounds at Blackwall Lane near the S.B.C.I. ground, and Steps Lane.

Dunn Ridsdales (1930-31 and 1933). Played at Shelf Hall Lane. After resigning in 1932, they returned for 1933, but finished bottom of the league and resigned again.

Bankfield (1931-39). Another works team from Paton & Baldwins, who also used the Spring Hall ground.

Lads Club (1931-34). There were many Lads Clubs around at the time, this one maybe being Sowerby Bridge Lads Club, though the ground was at Nursery Lane at least some of the time. They were successful to start with, but finished bottom of Division 2 (of 5) in 1934

Beaumont Bros (1931-39). Transport firm based at Ripponden, playing at Dam Top.

Old Bank (1931-33). Played at Barrowclough Lane, Southowram, being runners-up in Division 4 in their final season.

Smiths Wireworks (1931-53). Played on a field behind Mount Zion Church (Per Lane, Ogden) before the War. They had no team between 1940 and 1946, returning as **Frederick Smith & Co**, playing at Box Trees and Royd Farm (Northowram).

Hattersleys (1931-39, 1958-77 and 1979-92). Works team who played initially at Buckley Lane, Moor End Road. In 1958 they were at Roils Head, but moved to Spring Hall in 1959. There was a name change to **Peglers** in 1971, and further changes in 1987 to **Woodhall** (after sponsors Wood and Hall) and 1992 to **Clarence** (after the headquarters). They were league winners in 1974, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1988 and 1991 and Collinson Cup winners in 1984 and 1987. Folded through lack of player interest.

Whittakers (Kingston) Ltd (1931-46). Usually referred to as **Kingston**, they played at Norton Tower. They had no team between 1941 and 1945.

St Thomas's P.M. (1932-73). Formerly in the Nonconformist League, 1922-31, as **St Thomas Street Methodists**, they played at High Sunderland, moving to Towngate, Northowram in 1951, then Spring Hall in 1952. They had no team between 1941 and 1946.

Dean Clough (1932-38, 1944, 1981). Works team who played at Moss Cottage (now Mason Green), Ovenden. Left to join the Halifax League, where they remained until 1980, having changed their name to **Crossley's Carpets** in 1963. They reappeared in the Association in 1981 as **Crossley's**, but merged with Illingworth Liberal Club to become **New Illingworth Libs** for 1982.

Halifax 3rds (1933-37, 1970-72 and 1976). In 1933-34 Halifax 1sts were in the Yorkshire Council and the 2nds in the Halifax League, so some matches had to be played at Roils Head and Southowram, though by 1936 matches were on Wednesday evenings at Thrum Hall. The 1970-72 team, which won the Collinson Cup in 1972, was Halifax 2nds, having been turned down for the Halifax League. The cup had also been won in 1936. The 1976 team was the 3rds again.

Martins (1933-37). A relatively unsuccessful team who had finished bottom in both 1936 and 1937.

Beacon (1934-35). Pub side who had no ground for the 1935 season, borrowing fields from other member clubs.

Keighley Mills (1934-39). Played at Swales Moor Inn, Ploughcroft.

Dyers Club (1934-53). In 1933 the club on St James's Street had played in the Final of the Licensed Houses Cup competition, entering the Association despite having no ground for 1934. They later played at Pinnar Lane and Roils Head. They had no team between 1941 and 1947.

Wesley (1934-2002). The longest serving Association club. Previously in the Nonconformist League, 1928-33, they were connected with Wesley Church, Broad Street, which closed in 1949. Played at Belle Vue, next to Roils Head, a field owned by the managing director of West Vale Mill and leased at 5p a year. When he died the land was sold by his son, the club moving to Goldfields for 1986, then Wellesley Park from 1988. They had been joint league winners in 1949 and Collinson Cup winners in 1960.

Clough Mills (1935-39). Shelf-based works team who played at Ridings Hill.

Priestley Bros (1936-39). Works team who played at Cousin Lane.

Fletcher Bros (1936-50). Works team who played at Dam Head Farm, Shibden. No team between 1942 and 1947, returning at Roils Head.

Sagars (1938-57). Team from the Sports Club of J. Sagar & Co. Ltd who played first at Sterne Mills. No team in the 1940-43 period, returning at Spring Hall. Folded when the firm closed down.

Square Congregationalists (1940-42). Previously members of the Nonconformist League, which closed down after the 1939 season. Ground on Cousin Lane.

Lee Mount Baptists (1940). Long-standing members of the defunct Nonconformist League, but struggled and only won one match.

Sowerby Bridge West End (1940). An earlier team from the church played in the Amateur League and the Sowerby Division League.

Mytholmroyd St Michael's (1941 and 1946-48). Previously in the Hebden Bridge League, playing at Buckley Gate, Mytholmroyd.

Ovenden Old Students' Association (1941-43).

Automatic Screw Company (1941-42 and 1948-51). Works team who became **Standard Screw Company** on their return in 1948. Played at Spring Hall. Teams under both names had earlier appeared in the Amateur League.

R.E. Services (1942-44). War-time Royal Engineers team based at The Barracks who played under various names, including **Depot Company R.E.**, **D.B.R.E.** and **No.3 Posting D.B.R.E.**. Under the latter name they won the Collinson Cup in 1944 and asked to defend it in 1945, but were refused as they had by then moved to the Halifax League. From 1944 they used Copley's ground.

Battinson Road Old Students (1942-50). Ground at Ling Bob.

Military Conversion Depot (1943). Wartime team who played their one season at Ovenden.

Rendan Mfg Co (1943).

Post Y. 12 (1943). The least successful of the three one-season 1943 sides, winning just once.

No.2 Posting B.R.E. (1944). Followed in the footsteps of No.3 Posting, playing at The Barracks and Copley.

Heptonstall (1944-46 and 1958-89). Played at The Popples, Heptonstall. Re-entered in 1958 as **Heptonstall Slack M.I.**, becoming **Heptonstall Parish** in 1959. With The Popples in poor condition (it was common land, prone to cattle damaging the square), they leased Roils Head in 1973, then moved to Spring Hall where they changed their name to **Moorside** as the venue was seen as being at the side of the moor.

Home Guard (1944).

Halifax National Fire Service (1945). Also began the 1946 season, but resigned in June as they had no ground. Various other N.F.S. teams operated during the War.

Hebden Bridge N.F.S. (1945). Also referred to as **Hebden Royd & Hepton N.F.S.**, they used the Old Town ground at Old Laithe. They reached the Collinson Cup final, but also finished bottom of the league in their only season.

Swifts (1945-48). Works team who played mostly at Swales Moor Inn, but on Heywood's ground in 1946.

Birchcliffe Baptists (1946). Hebden Bridge League side who joined until that league re-formed in 1947. Shared the Hollins Holme ground of Salem (Hebden Bridge), who also joined the Association at this time. Salem stayed

until 1949, later having a spell in the Halifax League before rejoining the Association in 1963, renamed **Hebden Bridge**.

Scribbans Kemp (1947-48). Works team who played at Roils Head.

Salem U.M.C. (1947-51). Halifax-based church team who had been in the Nonconformist League from 1932 until it closed down in 1939. Ground at Pharaoh Lane, Illingworth. An earlier Salem team had appeared in the Amateur League.

Technical College (1948-50). Played at nearby Craven Lodge, Francis Street.

Asquiths (1948-66). Works team from the Social & Athletic Club of the firm. Ground at Spring Hall. They were league winners in 1964 and 1965, having been Collinson Cup winners in 1962.

G.P.O. (1948-70). Works team from the Halifax Post Office Sports Club, playing at Roils Head, who changed their name to **XGPO** in 1956 when funding from the Sports Club ended. They won the Collinson Cup in 1966 and achieved the league-and-cup double in 1969. In 1971 they left the Association to join forces with Siddal, who were struggling for players.

Inland Revenue (1948-50). Began on a ground near Coley Church, but moved to Roils Head in 1949.

Wright Motors (1948-50). Pellon Lane firm who played at Swales Moor Inn.

Ovenden Methodists (1948-91). Team developed from the Boys Brigade Company at the church, playing first behind nearby Forest Cottage Community Centre on Cousin Lane, from 1959 at Pharaoh Lane behind Illingworth Methodist Church, and from 1968 at Roils Head. They later settled at The Barracks, Wellesley Park, where they severed connections with the church to become simply **Ovenden**, winning the league championship in 1977 and 1982 and the Collinson Cup in 1976, 1977 and 1978. They folded through loss of player interest and increasing costs.

Ripponden Zion (1949). Church team from Zion Congregational Church, they played one season at Riverside, Ripponden, finishing bottom of the league.

Ovenden Youth Club (1950, 1953-58 and 1960-62). Played on the Ovenden Secondary School ground in their first spell, Roils Head in their second, and Club Lane in their third. For the 1956 season they were known as **Forest Cottage C.C.**

St Mary's (1950-57). Team from St Mary's Catholic Club who had grounds at Swales Moor (1950), The Barracks (1952) and Roils Head (from 1953).

Denfords (1951-64). Team from the firm's Sports Club who played at The Barracks in their first season and later at Pharaoh Lane, Illingworth. They won the league title in 1958 and 1959, having been joint winners in 1956, and the Collinson Cup in 1959.

Road Services (1951-54). Played first at Westercroft Lane, Northowram, then at Sterne Mills and finally The Goose Inn, Causeway Foot.

R.A.F.A. (1952-82). Grounds at Swales Moor, Peat Pitts and Roils Head before settling at Spring Hall in 1967. They won the Collinson Cup in 1954, and the league in 1954, 1975, 1978 and 1980. They moved to Old Earth, Elland, in 1981, allowing them to be accepted into the Halifax League for 1983.

Reflecting Roadstuds (1952-53). Works team who played at nearby Swales Moor.

Illingworth A.Y.P.A. (1952-56). Ground at Roils Head. Became **Illingworth Youth Club** in 1955.

Gledhills Cash Tills (1953-56). Team from the firm's Sports Club who played at Roils Head.

Lumby's Social & Sports Club (1953-56). West Vale-based works team who played at Sterne Mills and Turbury, Greetland.

Oates Brothers (1955-56). Works team from Ryburne Mills, Hanson Lane, who played first at Goose Inn Farm, Ogden, then at the distant St Abbs, Abb Scott Lane, Buttershaw.

Halifax Army XI (1956-58). Changed their name to **R.A.P.C. (Royal Army Pay Corps)** in 1958, having played in the by-now defunct Hebden Bridge League under that banner in 1957, but continued to use The Barracks as their ground. They were Collinson Cup winners in 1957 and 1958.

Frank Slater's Ltd (1956-60). Battinson Road works team who played at Roils Head.

Dargue Brothers (1956-59). Works team who used grounds at Swales Moor and Roils Head.

Fleming, Birkby & Goodall (1957-62). Works team who played initially at Hall Lane, Northowram, and then Roils Head from 1959. They were Collinson Cup winners in 1961.

Waller Brothers (1957-58). West Vale works team who finished bottom of the league in both their seasons. Ground at Sterne Mills.

G.P.O. (1959-62). Confusingly operating at the same time as **X.G.P.O.**, also at Roils Head.

Butlers (1960-81). Works team playing at Roils Head. They won the league in 1971 and the Collinson Cup in 1973 and 1974.

Ajax (1962-65). Works team playing at Roils Head.

Halifax Passenger Transport (1962-2002). Began at Cousin Lane then Roils Head. They changed names to **South Ward Working Men's Club** in 1969, moving ground soon afterwards to Spring Hall. Following another change of headquarters, they became **Paris Gates** at the end of 1983, winning the Collinson Cup in 1986.

Wheatley Libs (1973-95). Team based at the Liberal Club, playing at Roils Head. They moved to the newly-created but short-lived Brackenbed Park in 1982, then to Wellesley Park in 1992, having changed their name to simply **Wheatley** in 1985. They were league-and-cup 'double' winners in 1979 and cup winners again in 1980.

Bondina (1975-80). Team from the firm's Sports & Social Club. They played first at Roils Head, but from 1977 at Greetland CC on Sundays. In 1980 they became **Greetland-Bondina**, but the formation of Greetland 3rds, who joined the Association in 1981, led to the loss of the ground and hastened their demise.

Boothtown (1975-78). Youth and Community Centre side who played at Roils Head. They resigned during the 1978 season, being unable to raise a team.

Illingworth Libs (1977-86). Liberal Club team playing at Roils Head. Initially withdrew in 1982, being unable to find sufficient players, but then merged with Crossley's to become **New Illingworth Libs**.

Bradford & Pennine Insurance (1979-85). Originally played at Craven Lodge, Hopwood Lane, but after one match found the field unsuitable and moved to Roils Head, playing Sundays. When Wainstalls merged with Websters, they changed to the vacant New Delight ground, also on Sundays.

In 1980 they moved to The Ramsdens, King Cross, but when King Cross formed a 3rd XI to join the Association in 1984 they returned to Roils Head, folding a year later through lack of players.

Halifax Muslims (1982-86 and 1988). At Roils Head for their first three seasons, but moved to the newly-created Goldfields ground in 1985. Though a strong side, winning the Collinson Cup in 1988, they were beset by administration difficulties and were not re-elected in either 1987 or 1989. They effectively returned in 1991 under the guise of **Whetley Motors 2nds**, winning the league as such in 1993.

Bradford Indians (1983-90). The Association's first out-of-town side was based at King George Playing Fields on Canal Road, never a very satisfactory playing surface and largely responsible for a later ban on grounds outside Halifax. They won the Collinson Cup in 1983, but off-field disciplinary issues led to their demise.

Kashmir (1984). Muslim team who won the Division 3 Championship in their only season, at Roils Head. They were sponsored by the Kashmir Aid charity organisation for 1984; when this ended they would have become known as **Halifax All-Stars**, but withdrew because of a shortage of players and difficulties with finding a ground.

P.I.A. (1984). Roils Head-based side who adopted the name of one of Pakistan's leading domestic teams, Pakistan International Airlines, but folded following administration difficulties.

Park Amateurs (1986-88). Team formed from members of the successful Park Amateurs Amateur Rugby League club who played at Wellesley Park, though the cricket team had to settle for Roils Head. They had earlier played friendly matches against Association sides.

Eleven (1986-90). Bradford-based Indian team who played on an artificial wicket at Buttershaw Upper School.

Whetley Motors (1988-2000). Muslim team sponsored by the Bradford-based Whetley Motors garage. Originally playing at Goldfields, they moved to Spring Hall in 1996. They changed their name in 1997 to **Kashmir Foundation**, later **Kashmir**, winning the league championship in 1990, 1994, 1995, 1997 and 2000, and the Collinson Cup eight times between 1992 and 2000, missing out only in 1995.

Jenny Dees (1991-92). Team specially formed to be based at the recently-opened Jenny Dees pub at Salterhebble. They played at Goldfields, but folded when sponsorship from the pub ended.

Taxes (1997-2000). Founded in 1948 for players from the Inland Revenue offices in Huddersfield, they joined from the Huddersfield and District Cricket Association, which had just folded. There was talk of other teams following, possibly in a joint Halifax-Huddersfield Association, but instead they joined the Huddersfield Central League. That option was not open to Taxes as they played on a council ground at Leeds Road. They were league winners in 1998 and 1999.

Halifax Salem (1982-2004). A Boys Brigade team, originally a football team whose players dispersed to play for various cricket teams, so they formed their own. Other Boys Brigade companies' players were made welcome, but they otherwise remained a predominantly BB team. Played latterly at Spring Hall, though had earlier used Roils Head and Goldfields. Division 2 champions in 1988. Folded after the 2004 season.

Hebden Bridge (1946-49 and 1963-2004). Began as **Salem (Wesleyans)**, their first league cricket being in the Calder Valley League from 1892. Played at Foster Holme, Bents and Calder Holme before settling at Hollins Holme around 1925. Long-standing members of the Hebden Bridge League, playing in the Halifax Association in the late 1940s when that league was not operating. Moved to the Halifax League for the 1954-62 period, re-entering the Association in 1963, changing names to **Hebden Bridge** from 1972. Division 3 winners in 1963, Division 2 winners in 1964 (and 1975) and Division 1 winners in 1966, 1967, 1968, 1976 and 1981. Collinson Cup winners in 1963, 1965 and 1975.

Wainstalls (1951-2004). Originally **Wainstalls Sports and Social Club**, playing at the New Delight Inn (now The Delvers), the corner pavilion being the Sports and Social Club. They merged with Websters in 1979 and moved to Cross Roads. Division 3 champions in 1951, Division 2 winners in 1952, 1973 and 1986, and Division 1 champions in 1956 (joint), 1957 (joint), 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1970 and 1989. Collinson Cup winners in 1964, 1981 and 1989.

Queens Road Muslims (1979-1995 and 1997-2004). Had been available to take over the fixtures of Boothtown Youth Club in June 1978, but the Association decided against. Joined for 1979, playing at Roils Head. Moved to the new Brackenbed Park in 1982 until it closed in 1992, reverting to Roils Head before gaining Spring Hall in 1994, when they were temporarily renamed **British Muslim Association** for sponsorship reasons. Division 2 champions in 1997, and Division 1 winners in 1985, 1987, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Collinson Cup winners in 1985, 1995, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Greetland Village (1985-2004). Team formed to play at the new Greetland Community Centre on Rochdale Road, where they remained throughout. Division 3 champions in their first season and Division 2 champions in 1995 and 1998.

West End (1988-2004). Pub team based at the West End Hotel, Parkinson Lane, with a ground originally at Roils Head. Moved to the former Siddal ground in 1995 on a lease from Siddal WMC. Applied to the Halifax League in 1996 when there were hopes of securing several ex-Mackintosh's players, but not accepted. Division 2 champions in 1993 and Collinson Cup finalists in 2003.

Stirk Bridge (1994-2004). Sowerby Bridge-based pub side who had played one or two friendlies in 1993. Initially at Goldfields, but moved to Wellesley Park when Wheatley folded, a short-lived 2nd XI playing at Ryburn School. There were plans for a riverside ground near Ripponden, but these fell through, and when Wellesley Park closed they moved to Brooksbank School. Division 2 champions in 1996 and 2001, and Collinson Cup finalists in 2002.

New Riding (1997-2004). Club connected with the Three Pigeons pub, South Parade, who had been formed in 1994, first playing friendlies in 1995. They had intended playing at Hipperholme, but instead became nomadic, using grounds at Goldfields (1997-99), Thrum Hall (2000), Northowram Fields (2001-02) and Spring Hall. Division 2 champions in 1999. Threw in their lot with Greetland CC in 2005.