

LATER YEARS

MOVING MOMENT

1997 – SWITCH TO SIDDAL

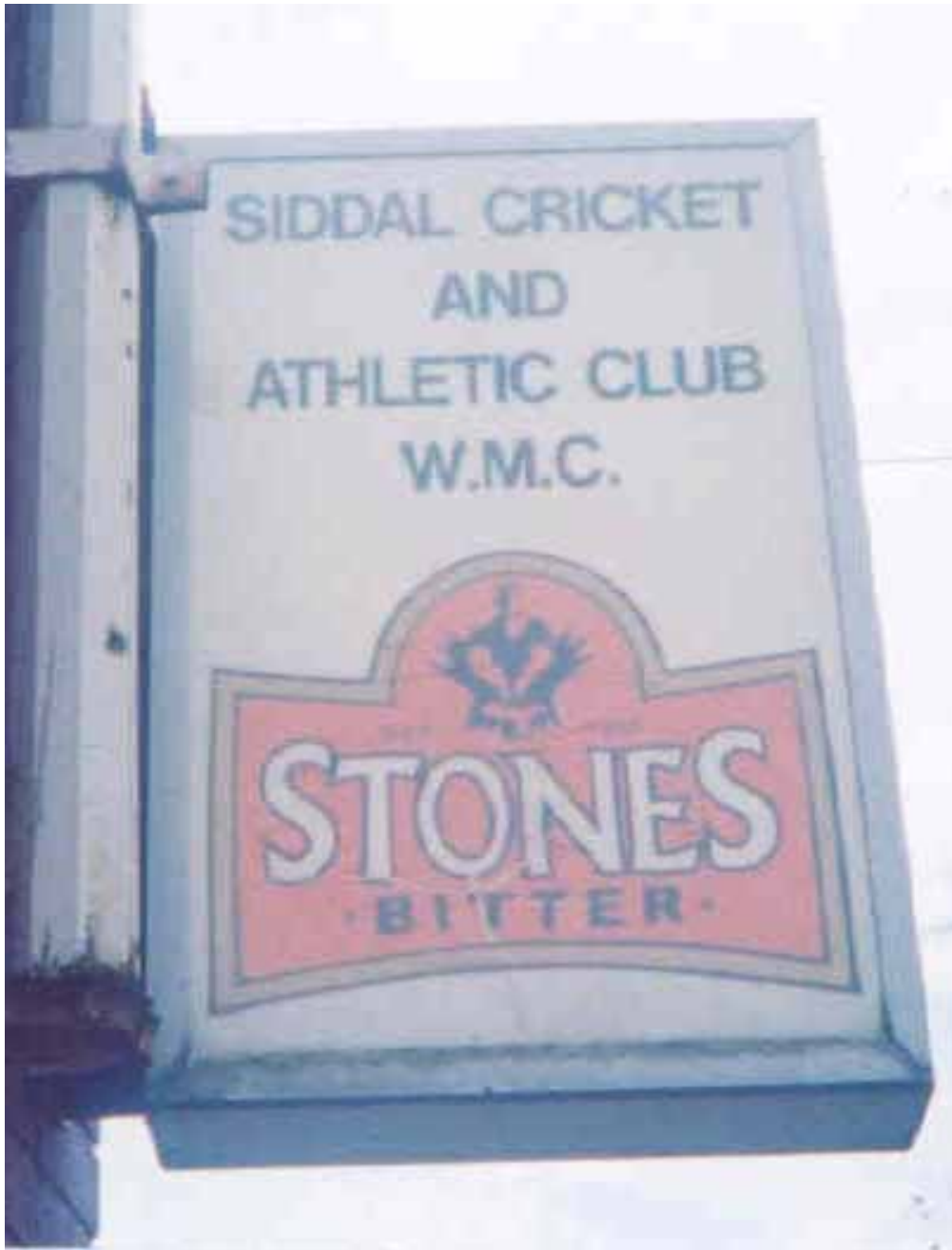
When Siddal C.C. folded in 1995, West End looked into the possibility of upping sticks, and in 1997 formally moved to Park Lane.



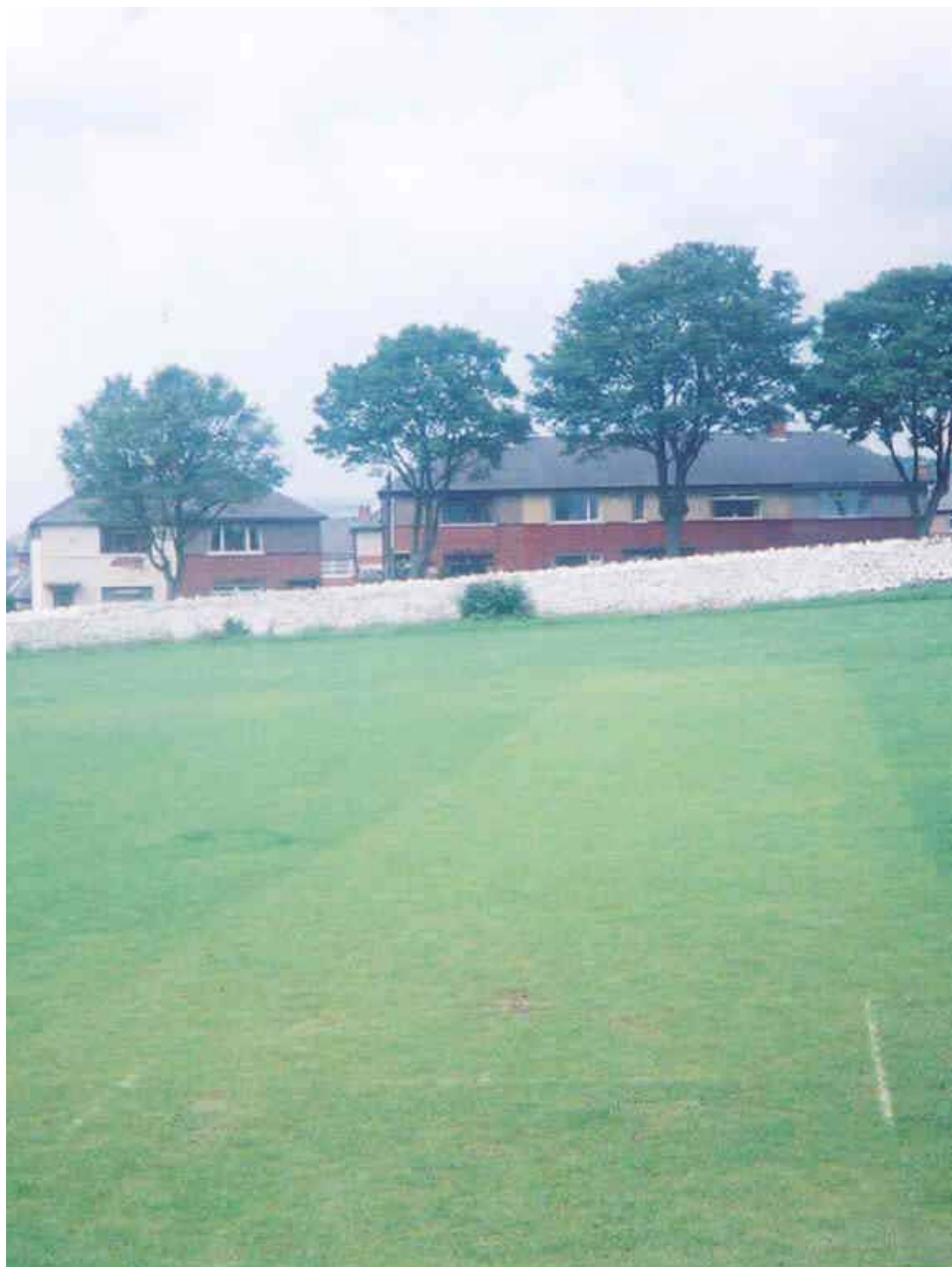


Club stalwart Steve Fawkes says: ***'Roils Head was OK but it was just an open playing field. The facilities were poor, and I remember one occasion on which it was snowing - and the players had to change in a caravan! We always wanted our own ground and the move to Siddal worked out well. We were now no longer reliant on the council and it actually worked out cheaper.'***

Calderdale
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West End secured a 15-year lease on the Siddal ground at an annual rent of £250.

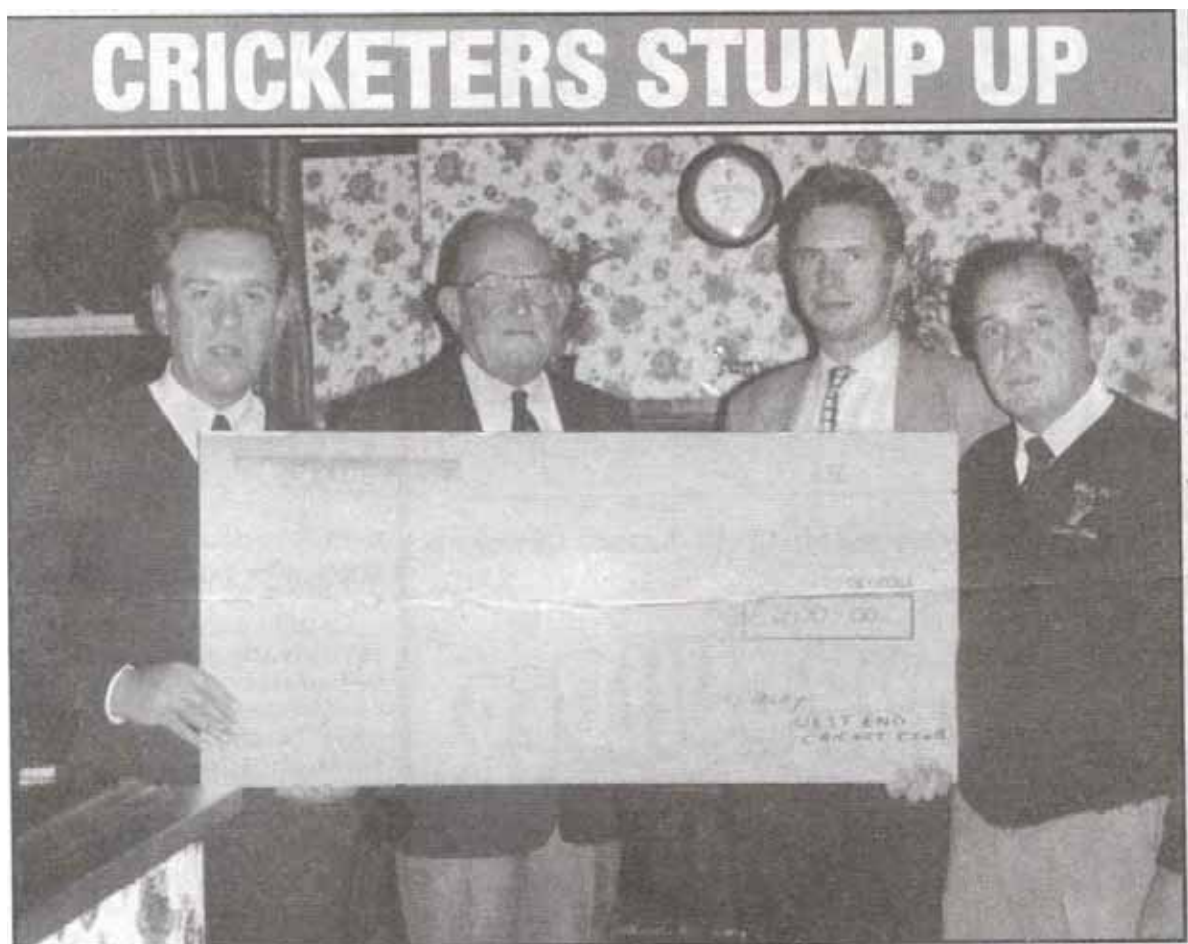


They also applied to join the Halifax Cricket League but were rejected.

CLUB WITH A HEART

FUNDRAISING

The club has a proud tradition of fund raising for Overgate Hospice.



Mr Tom Moodie (second left), of Overgate Hospice, Elland, receives a £200 cheque from officials of West End Cricket Club, Halifax (from the left),

Mr Mike Smith and secretary Mr Brian Hollis. The club, which has helped the hospice for the last 13 years, raised the money with a cricket match between old boys and the present team

The treasurer of Overgate Hospice, Elland, Mr Philip Taylor (centre) receives a cheque for £200 from the secretary of the West End Cricket Club Mr Bryan Hollas (left) and treasurer Mr Phillip Hiley (right) at the club's headquarters, West End Hotel, Parkinson Lane, Halifax.

The money was raised by a cricket match between club members representing over-35 and under-35 teams at King Cross Cricket Club, Halifax, and through a raffle and collection.

"We'd like to thank the King Cross club for letting us use of their facilities free of charge," said



STARS

'RACE'

FOR

Mr Philip Taylor (second right), treasurer of the Overgate Hospice, Elland, receives £450 from the chairman of West End Cricket Club, Halifax, Mr Michael Armitage (left), and the club's treasurer, Mr Phillip Hiley (right).
The money was raised

from a charity cricket match between two teams from the club, the over 35s and the under 35s, which was organised secretary, Mr Brian Hollas.

The cricket club began raising money for the hospice soon after it was formed, three years ago.

SO NEAR BUT YET SO FAR!

2003 - 1ST XI COLLINSON CUP RUNNERS-UP

Queen's Road Muslims ready to leave Association

Cup kings plan leagues switch

QUEEN'S Road Muslims completed a Collinson Cup hat-trick at Wainstalls yesterday and then announced that they hoped to quit the troubled Halifax Association for the Halifax League.

Skipper Saifur Hussain, who started the club in 1977, said the reason was the lack of a challenge in the Association.

That was something which had been all too apparent earlier in the afternoon as the champions crushed West End by 170 runs in a one-sided final.

Saifur said: "There is no competition for us in this league. There are only 10 teams and some of those are second teams. We want a day's cricket but sometimes we are finishing at 4.0".

He revealed that he had already approached the Halifax League and Muslims hoped to start off in the Sunday Section.

The big stumbling block to such a move is that Halifax League clubs must have their own grounds and Muslims currently use a council-owned pitch at Spring Hall, Halifax.

Saifur said there were two possible solutions. One was a merger with yesterday's final hosts Wainstalls, who late last year were unsuccessful in an application to join the Halifax League for 2004. The other was to gain an agreement over the pitch on the site of the new school planned for Wellesley Park.

Queen's Road are also chasing a third successive league title, returning to the top on Saturday, and news of the star side's possible defection is likely to fill Association officials with dismay.

League assistant secretary Nigel Stokes has said that the league cannot afford to lose any more clubs or it will fold. Officials have invited works teams to take part in next year's Collinson Cup in the hope that they might enjoy the competition enough to enter a side in the Association.

They also introduced a Twenty20 Cup-style game for the league's two

By Ian Rushworth
Sports editor



second teams, West End and New Riding, as part of a double header at Wainstalls yesterday to encourage the players from those sides.

Some forceful batting from West End openers Richard Cox and Nick Bellinger, who took 31 runs off the first two overs, paved the way for a 98-run success for their side. But West End's first team never had a prayer of making it a club double by winning the main event.

Julian Boddy won the toss but that was the limit of his success as Queen's Road Muslims made a mockery of the pre-match talk that they might be vulnerable against confident opponents.

Muslims' openers Shafayat Hussain and Husnan Akhtar put on 163 in dou-

ble quick time. Shafayat reserved the final for his first big score of the season, taking the man of the match award with 108.

His tally would no doubt have been many more but for a shoulder injury caused by a rising delivery which forced him to retire.

Husnan made a more reserved 52 but Tariq Mahmood plundered a brisk 30 to take the total spiralling to 254 for six, an impressive figure off 35 overs even allowing for the small ground.

West End's afternoon went from bad to worse when their top four batsmen were sent packing for single figure scores before the score had reached 30.

Jamil Ahmed and Muddasser Hussain did the damage with speedy Saifur Hussain unusually wicketless.

Chris Kieley, Jamie Kenny and Steve Fawkes put in a few defiant swipes for West End before Tariq Mahmood scattered Adnan Ashraf's stumps to polish off the West End innings for 84.



Winners again: Queens Road Muslims after yesterday's success

Final day scoreboards

QRM v West End

QRM 254 to 6

S. Hussain (108)	108
H. Akhtar (52)	52
M. Hussain (30)	30
T. Mahmood (25)	25
M. Mahmood (10)	10
A. Hussain (8)	8
J. Ahmed (4)	4
J. Ahmed (3)	3
J. Ahmed (2)	2
J. Ahmed (1)	1
J. Ahmed (0)	0

West End 84 to 10

A. Ahmed (1)	1
M. Hussain (1)	1
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West End 10 to 1

New Riding 11 v West End 8

A. Cox (1)	1
N. Bellinger (1)	1
P. Latham (1)	1
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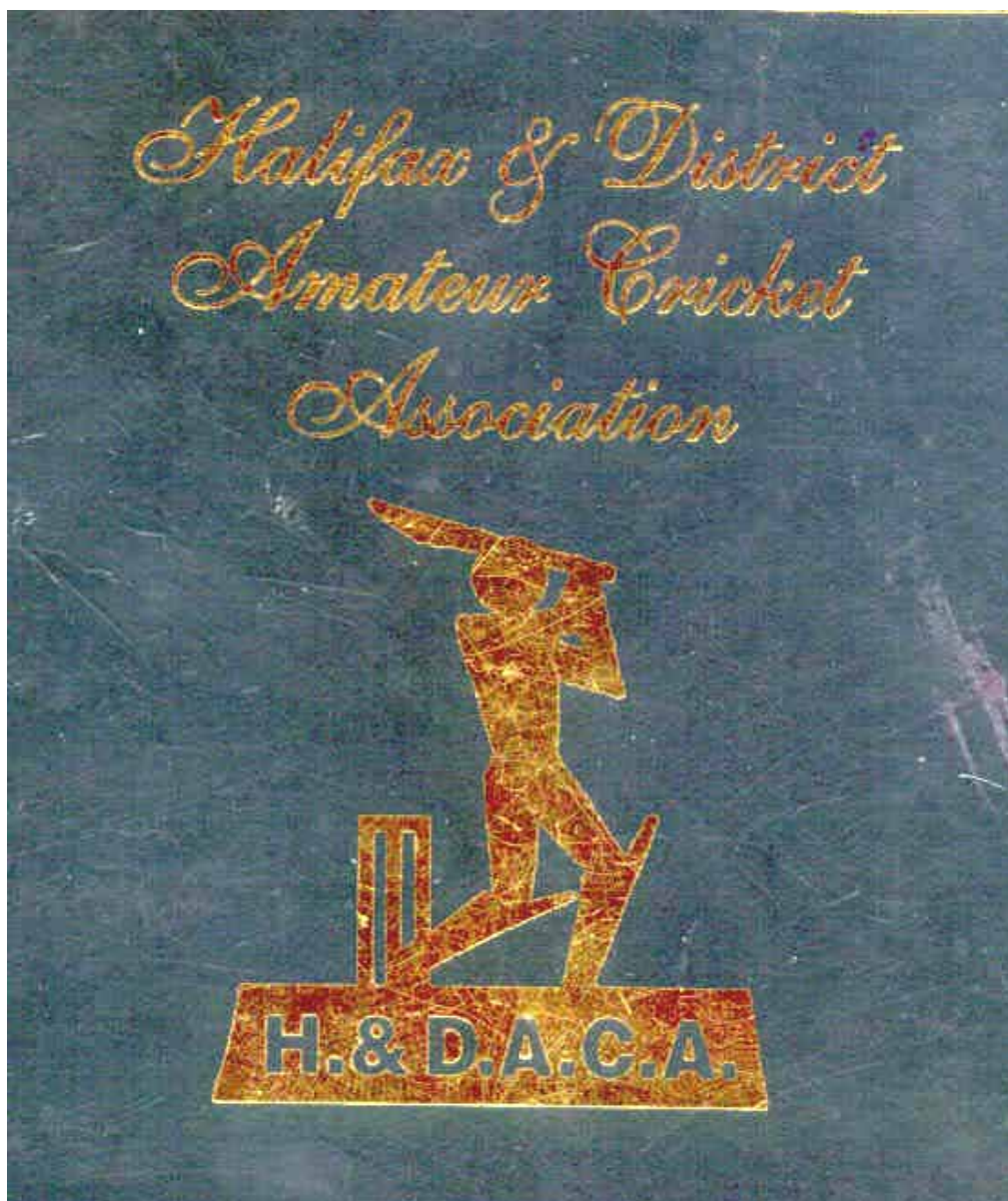
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QRM lift the Cup

END OF AN ERA

2005 – HALIFAX & DISTRICT CRICKET
ASSOCIATION LEAGUE DISBANDS



At the beginning of 2005 West End C.C. were dealt a huge blow. After much discussion at the AGM, the Halifax Association League was disbanded.

The withdrawal of Halifax Salem proved to be the catalyst.

Other clubs too were encountering difficulties in raising sufficient players for the forthcoming season.

Another major problem was caused by the work being undertaken on the council-owned playing fields at Spring Hall.



Spring Hall

A new athletics track was being built, which meant that the cricket pitches would be unavailable for most of the 2005 season.

With no suitable alternative venue available, the four Association clubs that played at Spring Hall were effectively homeless.

The Association was no more.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

AUGUST 2005 –
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