

PARKIN AND PLAYER PROFILES!

[Interview with Luke Brooksby, Illingworth St.Mary's CC Webmaster](#)

When did your club website go online? About 2001, I think it was.

How many people help with the website apart from you? Everyone in the club gives news and information to put onto the website, but in terms of creating the pages it's mainly just myself.



What are your main day-to-day tasks as webmaster? Just making sure anything important that needs to go on the website goes on, such as results and upcoming events. It's busier during the summer obviously when the season starts.

Which features of the site are most popular with club members or general browsers? The player profile pages go down well as well as match reports. Everyone is interested in reading these.

How might your website develop in the future? Not too sure to be honest. Possibly more features, but it all depends on time constraints.

In your opinion, what is special and unique about your club in general? Our club seems to have some of the best facilities in Halifax and it is also a very sociable club where anyone can talk to everyone.

What do you like most about your ground? The new scoreboard is really good now it's electronic. It is also fairly large considering other grounds in Halifax and has a great wicket.

What does the future hold for your club? Hopefully promotion up the leagues for the senior teams and a continued enthusiasm in the social aspect. 2009 should be particularly good for this is our 125th anniversary.

What is your club famous for when it comes to the cricket teas you put on? Any culinary specialities? The sweets the tea ladies make are a particular highlight, such as parkin or cakes. These are popular with everyone and the spread for every game gives a very big choice.

Favourite away ground you like visiting? Bradshaw. Not really an away ground because it's pretty much next door but there's always good banter in the games and the recently built pavilion is nice.

What has changed most about local cricket during your lifetime? More coaching for youngsters such as going into schools means cricket has become more of a big thing. The Ashes 2005 win has also helped this and local cricket seems to be getting more popular.