

In March 2006 Illingworth St. Mary's CC opened their new 'Heritage Corridor'. The Corridor is decorated with display boards from the 2005 Illingworth Cricket Heritage Exhibition



WHO'S WHO

HARRY HUSTWICK

When Harry Hustwick died in 1960 he had amassed an incredible 78 years as member of Illingworth St Mary's C.C. During his time the Club, and local cricket in general, had undergone some remarkable changes and Harry was pivotal to most of them.



As secretary from 1892 until 1935 he was heavily involved in the ambitious move into the Yorkshire Council and the improvements that this entailed. He was also treasurer for 36 years, served on the Halifax Parish Cup Committee for 23 years, and was also treasurer of the Halifax League.

His wonderful contribution to the Club was first recognised by the presentation of a Rose Bowl to mark 60 years of involvement with Illingworth. When the new pavilion was opened in 1961, the year after Harry's death, it was fittingly named the Harry Hustwick Memorial Pavilion.



THE STORY OF ILLINGWORTH ST. MARY'S CRICKET CLUB HARRY AND THE CHURCH

FRANK FOX



NORMAN SMITH

For longevity alone, Norman Smith's career with Illingworth is a remarkable one. He began playing for the Club as a junior in 1922 and finished his final match 46 years and 23,719 runs later in 1972.



An aggressive right-handed batsman, he won the Yorkshire Council junior batting prize in 1927 and scooped the senior award in 1927 and 1954. As well as collecting the Illingworth C.C. batting prize on 13 occasions, he also took 216 wickets for the Club at a respectable cost of 17.4 each.

W. HEPWORTH & W. STOTT



On 22 June 1922 W. Hepworth and W. Stott set a new record first-wicket stand of 166 in a Yorkshire Council match at Driffield.

FRED HARDCASTLE

An immensely colourful character, Fred Hardcastle was described in the Club's anniversary brochure as a great 'scooper' who put a great deal into the game and took a lot out of it. He succeeded to that title when local cricketers produced five rights a week and played in Saturdays, and it was more than any cricketer's he was worth to cross off on a Friday night.



TROPHY KIT

GREENS INFO

TABLE TOPPERS

1928-1929 Yorkshire Council

Player	Runs	Wickets
W. Hepworth	166	0
W. Stott	166	0

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17 OF THE VERY BEST

CUP DELIGHT

WALL STORIES

WARTIME HERO
THE STORY OF
BLANCHMETHEN ST. MARY'S CRICKET CLUB
WARF AND THE CHURCH

MEDIA STARS



UNLUCKY LOSERS



GONE SHOPPING!

In 1954 the ground was purchased by the Club for £200 from the church. The right was decided in by the Church Commissioners in London and was set at £200 for the ground and £200 for a gift to living of Blingworth.

Supported by the
Heritage Lottery Fund

The Club was registered as a limited company under the Industrial Relations Act and a special meeting was held to settle the new constitution for the ground. A proposal to rename the Club Blingworth St Mary's Ltd was passed when an agreement which proposed the name of Blingworth Cricket Club Ltd had been refused.

Minutes from meeting of which the Club was informed of the Church Council decision

FIVE STAR!
1951-5 YORKSHIRE COUNCIL BRADFORD SECTION CHAMPIONS
In 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955, Blingworth claimed the Yorkshire Council Bradford Section title. Here, in August 1950, they are lying in mid-table.

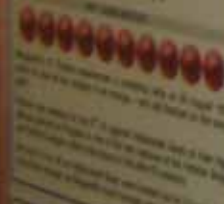
YORKSHIRE COUNCIL (Bradford Section)

Club	P	W	L	D	Pts
Lalsterdyke	11	8	3	3	14
Thackley	12	5	5	4	14
Sowerby Bridge	10	4	3	5	13
Blingworth	10	2	3	5	10
Butterfield	11	2	3	7	10
Tong Park	11	1	1	7	9
English Elec.	9	0	5	4	4



The Boys of 1954

10-24... AND THEY STILL LOST!



IN BLACK AND WHITE



INTO THE BIG LEAGUE



MOVING ON UP!

1964 - AIREDALE AND WHARFEDALE LEAGUE DIVISION 'B' CHAMPIONS

Blingworth finish as champions

A year later, in 1965, Blingworth led with Guseley for the Airedale and Wharfedale League Division 'A' title.

'B' FOR BRILLIANT

1964 - AIREDALE AND WHARFEDALE LEAGUE DIVISION 'B' CHAMPIONS



DREAM BOYS



Ilkworth romp home in Shield



100 NOT OUT!

1994 - CLUB CENTENARY CELEBRATED



ENLIGHTENED DELIGHT!



ONE SHORT!



TOP OF THE TREE

1991 - Airedale and Wharfedale League Division B' Champions

ON THE WAY UP



IT'S A BIRTHDAY



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INTO CYBERSPACE

2001 - CLUB WEBSITE LAUNCHED



BACK IN BUSINESS

1919 - LEAGUE RESUMPTION

Stingworth rejoined the Halifax League in 1919 and bagged the championships for the first time. In order to comply with Yorkshire Cricket Council requirements, ground facilities were improved, at a cost of £200, and an away dressing room added.

INTO THE BIG LEAGUE



In 1922 the Club finally became members of the Yorkshire Cricket Council's Halifax Section.
In 1925 the Section was disbanded and the following year Stingworth had become members of the Wakefield Section.

HARD TOLL

Anyone who has ever visited the village of HALIFAX will have seen the old Yorkshire Cricket Council ground which was built in 1919 and replaced in 1922.

The new club at Wakefield, by 1922 had become members of the Yorkshire Cricket Council's Halifax Section. The ground was built in 1919 and replaced in 1922.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

1919 - BIG MEETING

At the end of the 1919 season a pivotal meeting was held that laid out a blueprint for the future of the Club.



The first page of the minutes from this meeting is reproduced above. Here is a transcription of the main points that were laid down.

That the time is now opportune for reconstruction of Cricket and we as a Club of the district make application to play in the Yorkshire Cricket Council.

- The reasons are as follows:
- 1 To provide Cricket in the District of the highest class possible.
 - 2 That the District is not represented by such Cricket.
 - 3 Being very central to the villages of Overton, Birston, Wetherby and Hemfield.
 - 4 That the Stingworth Club being one of the oldest in the Borough of Halifax is well placed to take the initiative.

An application for membership to the Yorkshire Cricket Council has been submitted and it is hoped that we shall be able to obtain an equality of treatment which will entitle us to play in the Yorkshire Cricket Council.

WOMEN ON TOP!



In 1921 a proposal to 'bring and allow Ladies to become members of the Club' was passed. By the year of the 1921 season a Ladies Refreshment Committee had been formed with Miss Fred Howarth elected as both Secretary and Treasurer.

The inaugural meeting of the lady club took place on 14 March 1921 and the first refreshment was 'sprung a whole flap and which had to accept'.

HARRY HUSTWICK AND HIS FIRST ELEVEN



TOP GUYS



A resolution was subsequently passed that the following party be held on Saturday 17th at 11.00 am (approx) at the District, beginning at 11.00 am. The party was to be held at the District, beginning at 11.00 am. The party was to be held at the District, beginning at 11.00 am.



On the 17th March, about 100 men, ladies and children, having the ground, were present to witness the match.