

SALENDINE NOOK OLD BOYS C.C. (SNOBS)

SCHOOL LINK

1975 - CLUB FOUNDED

Salendine Nook Old Boys C.C. - SNOBS for short
- were linked to Salendine Nook High School.



In the first instance it was staff at the School, rather than ex-pupils, who discussed the possibility of setting up a league club. They had played numerous friendly matches in the early 1970s, and as such, it was a natural step for them to want to move into a league structure.

INTO THE BIG TIME

1976 – JOIN HUDDERSFIELD
ASSOCIATION LEAGUE

In the early days, John Harris was treasurer (he collected 10p per week from all players to ensure the Club had the necessary funds), while Tom Walton ordered extra cricket equipment from his P.E. capitation so that players could use school gear!



At the February AGM, the team was formally accepted into the Association for season 1976. By way of preparation, fundraising raffles were held at Highgate Oakes pub every Wednesday during the winter.

GROWING PAINS

1976 – FIRST SEASON

As with all newly-formed clubs, SNOBS found it hard going in their early years; according to an official Association source, ***'the team found it difficult to adjust to league cricket and spent the next five years acclimatising'***.

Their first fixture of their debut season pitted them against Birkby FMA at Fartown High School - and SNOBS were bowled out for 32.



Fartown High School

At first, teams were picked on a rota basis to keep everyone happy; but it quickly became clear that some players were not up to league standard, and so the captain, Ian McMillan, selected players on merit.

Matches were played on the school square, with after-match refreshments served at Highgate Oakes.

PITCHING IN

1977 – GROUND NEWS



In 1977 SNOBS began to use the cricket square at nearby New College



In this period the Club had two senior teams (the 2nd XI was nicknamed 'The Oates XI' because Alan Oates used to be captain, opening batsman, opening bowler, stumper, subs collector...while also finding time to bring his own tea).

KING JEREMY

1979 – REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

In many ways 1979 was a landmark year as SNOBS produced their first 'representative' player - Jeremy Walker, an exceptional all-rounder, who was capped by the Association XI.



A Club spokesman commented: ***'By this time we had gained a good reputation within the area, and began attracting players from school and sixth form.'***

MOVING UP IN THE WORLD

1983 - SECTION 'B' CHAMPIONS

In 1983 SNOBS scooped the Huddersfield Association Section 'B' Championship, plus the outdoor and indoor 6-a-side titles.



Triple champions! Huddersfield Cricket Association side Salendine Nook Old Boys completed a treble when they won the Section "B" title last week after previously winning both the six-a-side indoor and outdoor tournament. Pictured with the championship rosebowl, the outdoor shield and the indoor cup are back row (from left): N Whiteley, K Smithers, T Buckett, A Oates, T Walton, G Herbert. Middle row: C Fox, S Deighton, M Doyle, A Deighton, T Brook, B Gartside. Front row: J Walker, S Beaumont, M Walker, R Lister, C Walker, T Gill

RAINED OFF!

1985 - SECTION 'C' CHAMPIONS



SNOBS bagged the Huddersfield Association Section 'C' title in 1985, qualified for the Sykes Cup and set up a 3rd XI.

The Club also arranged a 6-a-side competition which unfortunately was hit by bad weather.



SWAPPING SQUARES

1987 – JOIN HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE

It was in the mid-1980s that the Club switched from the New College pitch to the High School square. The SNOBS committee also stated that it was ***'now looking even further ahead and plans are well advanced to bring even more success to the club'***.

This was the patch of land that became SNOBS' new home:





In 1984 the Club had been able to purchase a bar from Talk of the Town (now Lincolns). The clubhouse also witnessed the addition of a new toilet-and-kitchen block.

The field was sited away from New Hey Road, adjacent to the main school buildings. The clubhouse was painted lime green and white, the scorebox was customised, and there was a double sightscreen at the New Hey Road end, and a couple of huts directly opposite.







THE FUTURE ARRIVES

1987 – JOIN HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE



The Club website explained the thinking behind this decision: ***'We were continually improving our facilities, but other clubs in the Association were just standing still. We quickly found our feet in the Central League and began moving up the divisions.'***



O'NEIL'S BATTLERS TO TAKE ON THE 'BURIANS

1989 - TEAM PHOTOGRAPH

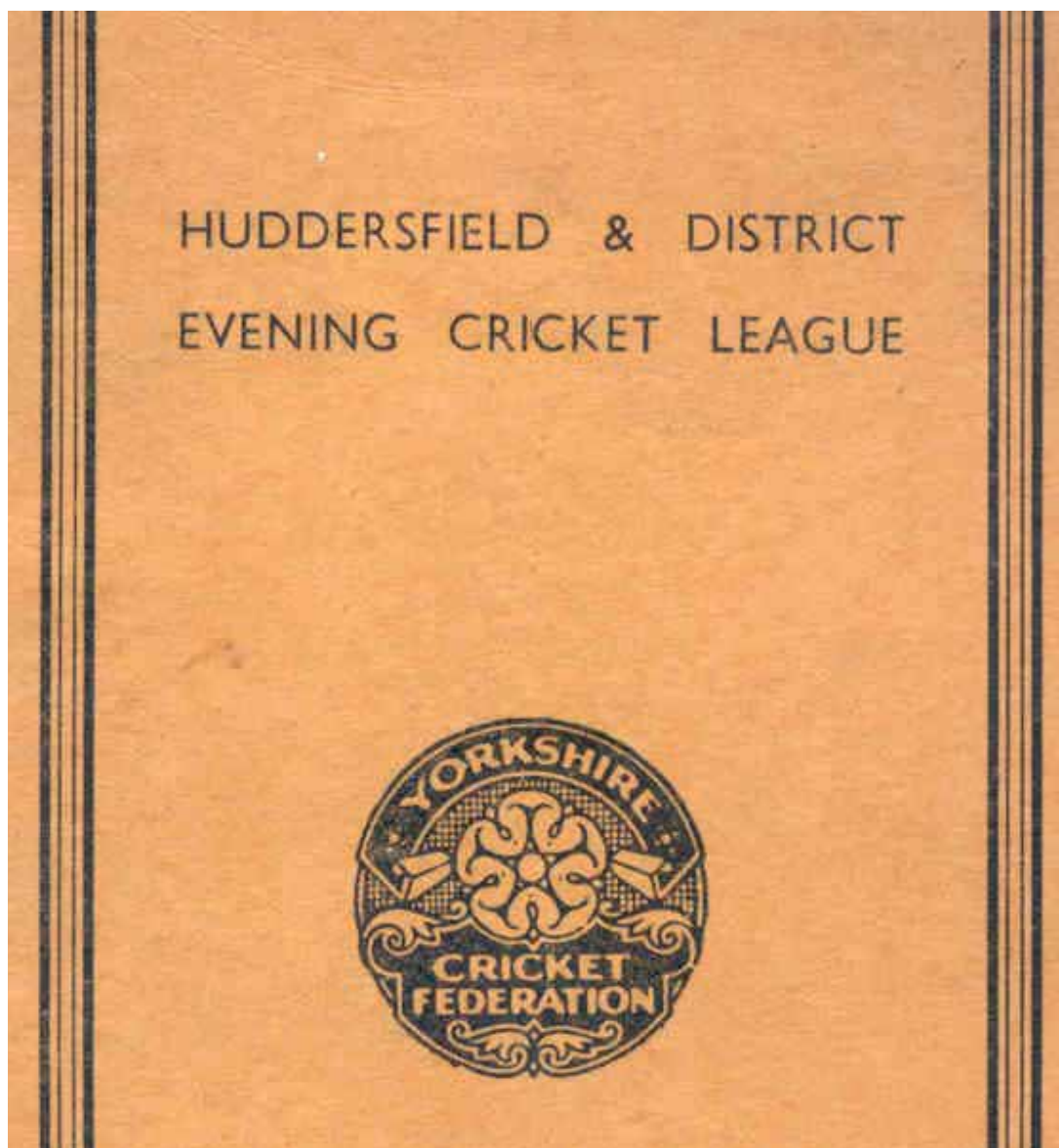


Salendine Nook OB before their 10-wicket rout of Old Almondburians "B," line-up—Back (from left): Laura Galvin (scorer), John Normanton, Mark Doyle, Neil Whiteley, Billy Waddington, Mick O'Neil (captain), Mike Shorthose. (Front) Mike Dixon, Mick Walker, Chrs Fox, Andy Deighton and Chris Walker

GOOD NIGHTS OUT

1991 – HUDDERSFIELD EVENING LEAGUE

In 1991 SNOBS entered a team in the local Evening League.



ON TOP OF THE WORLD

1993 - SECTION 'C' CHAMPIONS



Section C champions Salendine Nook Old Boys are pictured being presented with the winners cup by league assistant secretary Brian Hopton (from left): Neil Whiteley, Graham Herbert, Colin Harris, Steve Thomas, Martin Travis, Malcolm Peach, Jeff Lockwood, Brian Hopton, Chris Walker, Mick Walker, Joshua Walker (scorer), Craig Westoby, Gary Haigh

BEST MATES

RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOL



When they were not playing cricket, SNOBS officials and players were actively involved in the Salendine Nook Former Pupils Association, which dabbled in football, hockey and badminton.



It also coordinated various fundraising efforts with the development of the cricket clubhouse in mind, and with Chris Walker particularly involved in these initiatives.

UPWARDLY MOBILE

1997 – CLUB NEWS

In 1997 SNOBS left the Huddersfield Central League and Evening League and joined the Halifax League for the following season.

The Club also received a grant for £3997 from the English Sports Council towards installing an artificial wicket.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2000 – SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY



The Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a function at the Golf House Hotel, Outlane.



TIME TO CALL IT A DAY

2005 – CLUB FOLDS

SNOBS folded in 2005.

In the years preceding their demise, they had established a pair of websites and been a part of the Huddersfield-Halifax cricketing scene for the best part of three decades.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Outlook window displaying the website for Salendine Nook Old Boys CC. The browser address bar shows the URL: <http://salendinenookoldboys.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>. The website header features the club's logo (a purple eagle) and the name "Salendine Nook Old Boys CC". A prominent red banner contains the text: "Call Frizzell FREE on 0800 373 534 For English Cricket to benefit, quote 'BAIL'". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: [ecb.co.uk](#) | [network home](#) | [clubs](#) | [leagues & cups](#) | [county boards](#) | [ecb ca](#). A registration form is visible with fields for "username" and "password", and buttons for "register", "login", "forgotten password", and "help/FAQs". The main content area is titled "welcome to SNOB CC Play Cricket site" and includes a detailed paragraph about the club's history: "SNOB CC is based in the grounds of Salendine Nook High School. The club was established in 1976, playing firstly in the Association League, moving into the Central League in 1987, before settling in the Halifax League in 1998, where we presently are playing in Sections B and D. The club was established to provide cricket opportunities for pupils in school, staff, ex-pupils, and interested parents. We have been successful, but the emphasis of the club has always been to 'enjoy' the game." Below this is a link to the club's website: "Salendine Nook Old Boys CC has an existing Web Site at : www.snobcc.co.uk". There are also sections for "Make this site your home page", "Apply to become an on-line Member of the Club" (with a photo of the team), and "SNOB CC Web Site" (with the eagle logo). On the right side, there are two boxes: "Consultation on smoke free public places (3/5)" with a CCF logo and a link to a White Paper, and "Upcoming Fixtures (1/1)" with a link to view fixtures.