

EARLY YEARS

SUCCESS STORY

CRICKET IN SOUTHOWRAM

Southowram Cricket Club is one of the success stories of today's sporting scene in Calderdale.

Founded in 1978 and therefore much younger than most of its rivals, it boasts an idyllic ground, excellent facilities and an honours board which includes the coveted Parish Cup.



But although the Club are the 'new boys' of local league cricket, they have interesting and intriguing predecessors in the hilltop village still famous for its quarrying industry.

VILLAGE PEOPLE

WELCOME TO 'KLONDIKE'

For centuries, Southowram has been famed for its quarrying or 'delving'. At one time the precious stone was actually mined, leading to the village acquiring the nickname 'Klondike'.

Later, steam cranes perched precariously on the edge of quarries became a characteristic Southowram sight.



The quarrymen worked hard. And they also played hard...

BANDS & BOOTS

PEOPLE WITH A PASSION

Victorian Southowram had a football team – Southowram Wellington – and, from 1901 to 1923, a successful brass band.



But for several decades, the principal passion was cricket. Over the years the village spawned as many as four cricket clubs. As one local put it:

Back in the 1920s it seems that every spare field was turned into a cricket pitch. One story is that after every match they didn't cover up the wickets but just put four posts around the square, roped it off and told the farmer to let the cows go on and eat the long grass.



LET US PLAY

CHURCH, CHAPEL...AND CRICKET

The example of Southowram helps us to understand the role played by churches in the expansion of cricket in late Victorian England.



All of the village's teams had a church or chapel link. There were teams from the Methodist chapels and both of the Anglican churches, St. Michael's at Bank Top (now demolished), and the Southowram Parish Church, St Anne-in-the-Grove, formed their own teams.



Southowram Methodist Church, which closed for worship in 2005. A Southowram Methodist cricket team was in existence until the late 1930s

CRICKETING CHOIRBOYS

1880s - ST. ANNE'S CHURCH C.C.



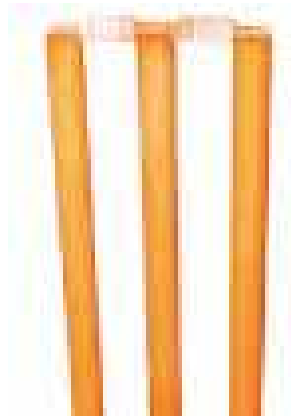
St Anne's-in-the-Grove, Southowram.
Replacing an ancient local chapel, it was
consecrated in October 1819

Of the various precursors to today's Southowram C.C., the St. Anne's Church team had the longest and most chequered history.

It probably began in the 1880s and in its early years the team was sometimes referred to as 'St. Anne's Church Choir' or 'Southowram Choir'.

LOCKING HORNS

1882/9 – EARLY ENCOUNTERS



HALIFAX CLARENCE V. SOUTHOWRAM. -- At Southowram, on Saturday last. Score: Halifax Clarence 76 (A. Bancroft 37, not out), Southowram 19.

HALIFAX CLARENCE V. SOUTHOWRAM. -- At Southowram, on Monday. Clarence -- J. Hanson 2, J. Hey 2, A. Wood 5, T. Bowers 7, A. Bancroft (not out) 37, J. Robertshaw 0, C. Spendlove 3, H. Uttley 6, E. Mallinson 2, L. Barstow 3, J. Bancroft 4, extras 9, total 80. Southowram: -- J. Chadwick 0, S. Gledhill 7, J. Broadbent 0, B. Garnett 0, A. Day 0, A. Rushton 1, W. Naylor 3, A. Naylor 0, Noble 0, Bottomley 4, Sutcliffe 1, extras 2' total 19.

**From the *Halifax Courier* of 8 July 1882 –
report of an encounter between Southowram
(St. Anne's) and one of the area's earliest
cricket teams, Halifax Clarence, who easily
came out on top**

LIGHTOLIFFE v. DEAN CLOUGH MILLS.—Played at Hopwood Lane, Halifax. Scores:—Dean Clough Mills—Mitchell 0, Fielding 12, Cahill 1, Chapman 1, Crowther 1, Hodgson 29, Sutcliffe 10, Crossley 0, Hogg 0, Nettleton 3, Patterson 1, extra 1, total 59. Lightcliffe—Wood 0, Smithson 3, Ingham 7, Torvell 1, Field 1, Dawson 4, Nettleton 1, Ferguson 4, Lloyd 2, Harrison 0, Naylor 0, extra 1, total 24.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH CHOIR, SOUTHOWRAM v. PELLON-LANE VICTORIA.—Played at Southowram last Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the home eleven. Score:—Southowram, 27; Pellon-lane, 7. Noble and Goodyear bowled well, the former taking five wickets for three runs and the latter three wickets for the same number of runs. Farrar (pro.) was unable to play with the home eleven. Southowram score:—J. W. Cockroft 3, W. Cockroft 1, Malkin 1, Goodyear 3, Noble 1, Rawlinson 2, Fawthrop 3, Sanderson 4, Jowett 3, Clayton 2, Beaumont 1, extra 1, total 27.

HOVE EDGE v. RANGE BANK.—At Swales Moor. The visitors won by three runs after a very even game. Allen and Oates bowled well for Hove Edge, the former taking 6 wickets for 11 runs, the latter 4 for 9 runs. Scores:—Range Bank—Milner 0, Haigh 4, Tankard 4, Brearley 1, Whiteley 4, Crossley 1, Bairatow 0, Crossley 1, Bottomley (not out) 5, Bennet 0, Crowther 0, total 20. Hove Edge—Oates 2, Turner 6, Marsden 4, Smith 0, Dennison 1, Allen 0, Hepworth 1, Rawnsley 6, Tiffany 2, Sykes 1, Hodgson (not out) 0, total 23.

BRIDGE END ("A" team) v. RASTRICK ROVERS.—At Woodhouse. Scores:—Bridge End—J. Lancaster 4, Wood 2, E. Rawlinson 0, M. Bottomley 0, Shaw 0, Rushworth 4, W. Bottomley 0, Webster 0, Fox 4, Southworth 3, Owen 0, extra 1, total 23. Rovers—G. Thackray 1, J. Waddington 2, Rayner 1, Cardwell 4, Bentley 2, Brook 0, Clarke 4, Jagger 2, Parker 2, Murgatroyd 1, Hallam 0, extras 2, total 21.

This report from the *Brighouse Echo* of 24 May 1889 records that St. Anne's Church Choir registered an easy win at home against Pellon Lane Victoria

WHERE DID THE GROUNDS GO?

VILLAGE VENUES I

Southowram is a village of lost cricket grounds. Some of the fields used over the years were gobbled up for quarrying, but many remain.

In its early years the St. Anne's team played at Cross Platts, close to the church.



A field at Cross Platts, Southowram. A candidate for the St. Anne's team's first home ground. Is this the field they played on?

PLACES TO PLAY

VILLAGE VENUES II



From the 1890s to the 1930s, Southowram's various cricket teams (there were by this time quite a few) are reported to be playing at grounds in Law Lane, Pinnar Lane and West Lane.

There is also evidence that at one time cricket was played on a ground adjacent to the now demolished Yew Tree House, in the heart of the village.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

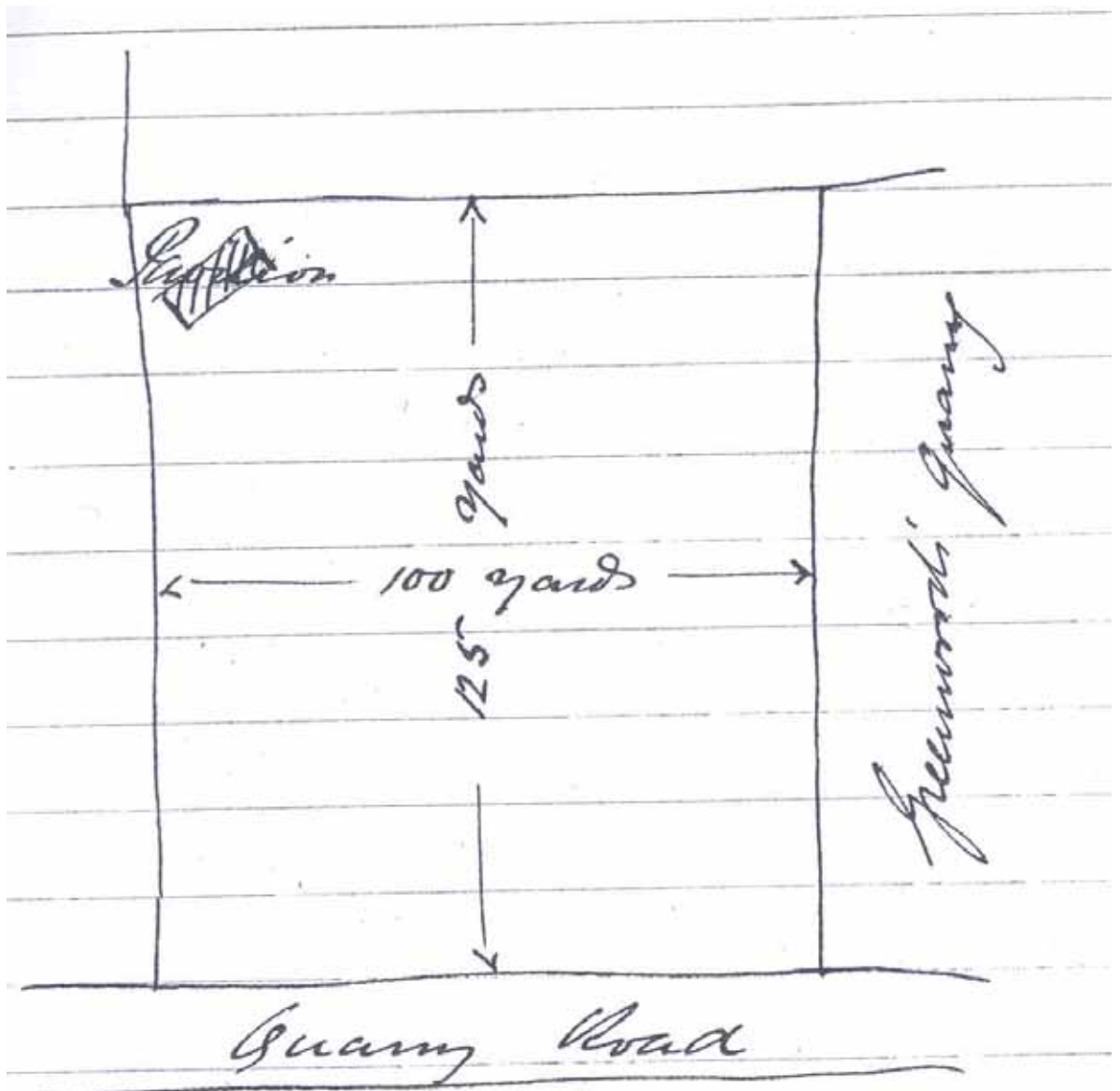
1891 – PARISH CUP GROUND REPORT

In 1891 the Halifax Parish Cricket Challenge Cup Committee appraised the grounds of all the clubs that had entered the competition. Here is their description of the Southowram St. Anne's pitch:

This field adjoins Greenwood's Quarry near the Pack Horse Inn. It measures 125 x 100 yards and has a laid crease 30 x 20 yards, a good though small pavilion and seating for about 60. Both crease and outfield are good though the later is somewhat uneven in contour.



The Pack Horse in Southowram – the cricketers' local in Victorian times



The Parish Cup report included this map of the Southowram St. Anne's ground in 1891.

At this period there was a quarry called Greenwood and Marshall at Milking Hill. If this is where the 1891 ground was, then it would be remarkably close to the location of the present pitch, developed in the 1980s.

SHAW THE SHAMATEUR?

1897 – AN OBJECTION IS RAISED

HALIFAX PARISH CRICKET CHALLENGE CUP.

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DRAW FOR SEASON 1897.

—:0:—

The Preliminary, First, and Second Rounds to be played on the ground of the first-named Club.

PRELIMINARY ROUND.—May 29th.

- A—Birchcliffe v. Lord Nelson.
- B—Copley Athletic v. Gymnasium.
- C—Southowram St. Anne's v. Shelf.
- D—J. and J. Baldwin's v. Booth.
- E—St. Augustine's v. Bradshaw Mills.
- F—Sowerby Bridge West End v. Mytholmroyd.

BYES.

The following have byes:—Halifax, Elland, King Cross, Queensbury, Sowerby Bridge, Greetland, Holy Trinity, Mountain, Illingworth, and Luddenden Foot St. Mary's.

FIRST ROUND.—June 12th.

- G—Holy Trinity v. Winner of Round B.
- H—Greetland v. Sowerby Bridge.
- I—Illingworth v. Winner of Round F.
- K—Winner of Round A v. Elland.
- L—Luddenden Foot St. Mary's v. Winner of Round C.
- M—King Cross v. Winner of Round E.
- N—Halifax v. Winner of Round D.
- O—Queensbury v. Mountain.

SECOND ROUND.—June 26th.

- P—Winner of Round H v. Winner of Round I.
- Q—Winner of Round L v. Winner of Round K.
- R—Winner of Round O v. Winner of Round G.
- S—Winner of Round M v. Winner of Round N.

THIRD ROUND.—July 10th.

- T—Winner of Round P v. Winner of Round Q.
- U—Winner of Round S v. Winner of Round R.

FINAL ROUND.—July 24th, on Halifax Ground.

- Winner of Round T v. Winner of Round U.

J. EDGAR CROSSLEY, 30, Park View,
Secretary.



Southowram St. Anne's were regular entrants in the Halifax Parish Cup in the 1890s, although the team enjoyed little success, usually losing in the first round or even the preliminary round.

But the Club caused a stir in June 1897 after they had been knocked out of the cup by Shelf C.C..

St. Augustine's vanquished Bradshaw Mills, and Shelf easily brought about the downfall of Southowram St. Anne's.
Shaw was mainly responsible for the latter achievement, totalling 56.
Other members of the team also made useful individual scores.

Brief report in the Halifax Courier,
5 June 1897

What happened next was that a special Parish Cup committee meeting was convened ***'to consider an objection made by Southowram St. Anne's against Shelf'***.

Committee Meeting.

June 4/99

The Meeting adjourned from Tuesday last was held at the Upper George Hotel, to consider the objection made by Southworum Dr Amos against Shelf Mr. Clarkson took the Chair. The Minutes were read by the Secy but their Confirmation were left over till next meeting.

Southworum representatives gave evidence respecting J Shaw alleging that he received his travelling exp's, a letter was also read from Mr Campbell one of the Vice Presidents of Great Horton Club in which he stated that in his opinion J Shaw was a professional but how he was paid he could not state.

Shelf representatives then gave his view of the case & stated that he acknowledged that J Shaw had his expenses paid, but only bus or railway fares. Mr Harrison vice-president of Shelf Club, also Assistant Secy & Shaw were examined at length by the President each of whom denied that Shaw received a penny beyond his travelling expenses, a letter was read from Mr Hind

President of Shelf Club in which he stated that Shaw was not a Professional in any Shape or form. The books of the Shelf Club were also produced.

The representatives & witnesses were then asked to withdraw & the Committee considered the matter & the feeling was that Southworn had not brought any proof of Professionalism &

Mr. Crother moved

" Crossed and seconded

That not sufficient evidence had been brought by Southworn to make Shaw a Professional.

Mr. Sumner moved

" Penitence seconded

That Southworn's deposit of 10/6 be returned to them.

Mr. Crother moved

" Penitence seconded

That the Prizes in Preliminary round be awarded as follows —

J. Shaw for Shelf who scored 56 runs against

Southernman Dr. Amos K. A. Turner who took 5 wickets
for 9 runs with St. Augustine's against Bradshaw-Mills.

The Ding then read a letter from Mountain Club
objecting to 2 players names in the Quensberry list; but
as the Mountain representatives knew nothing of the matter
the question was allowed to drop.

Thanks to Chairman concluded the meeting.

It was alleged that the match-winner, J. Shaw, was in fact a professional, in contravention of the cup's strict amateurs-only rule.

Shelf acknowledged that Shaw had received his bus and rail expenses but that was all. After lengthy deliberation the committee dismissed the objection, although it was not considered to have been a frivolous one.

Shaw went on to pick up batting and bowling prizes in subsequent rounds.

LOOKING UP

1896 - PRESS ARTICLE

Southowram St. Anne's had little success over the years, with a second placing in the 1899 Akroydon League being one of its best achievements.

But the club was usually optimistic, as this May 1896 report shows:

SOUTHOWRAM ST. ANNE'S.

As the result of the bazaar held last October the above club is in a good financial position. Already something like £40 has been spent in the purchase of a new tent, roller, nets and other necessary cricketing material. The members, who have promise of a successful season, opened on Saturday with the usual members' match. Sides were chosen by Mr. Carnelley and Mr. Raynor (captain and vice-captain), and the match ended in a win for Mr. Carnelley's team by 12 runs, after an exciting finish, the scores being 54 and 42. After the match the players, at the invitation of Mr. Carnelley, had tea together at the Pack Horse Hotel. When the cloth was cleared Mr. S. Addy took the chair, and at his request Mr. Carnelley (this year's captain) had the pleasure of presenting Mr. T. Noble (last year's captain), who has recently been married, with a handsome copper kettle, mounted on a brass stand. Mr. Noble suitably replied, thanking the members for their kind wishes and very handsome present, also for their support last season, and promised his best efforts and services towards the club's success in the coming season. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner, most of the members contributing songs, etc.

LEAGUES APART

1898/1901 – LOCAL COMPETITION

During its 50-year-plus existence, the Southowram St. Anne's team played in a number of different leagues. In the late 1890s they had a stint in the Brighouse Cricket League.

BRIGHOUSE CRICKET LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO DATE.

	P	W	L	D	P
Primitive Methodist ..	14	10	2	2	22
Bridge End Congregational	14	6	2	6	18
Hove Edge	14	6	3	5	17
Clifton Britannia	13	6	4	3	15
Park Church	14	5	5	4	14
Southowram St. Anne's ..	12	4	5	3	11
Parish Church	14	3	10	1	7
Bastrick Church	13	1	10	2	4

League table from 10 September, 1898,
published by the *Brighouse Gazette*

In the early 1900s Southowram St. Anne's tried their hand in the Halifax-based Akroydon League:



SOUTHOWRAM ST. ANNE'S C.C.

The above club have again joined the Akroydon and District League, and are hoping for a successful season. The team will be captained by Mr. J. W. Carter, with Mr. H. Sutcliffe as vice-captain. The fixtures are as follow:—

April	20	Ebenezer	...	home
	27	Ovenden United	...	away
May	11	Ploughcroft	...	home
	18	Elland Southgate	... N	away
	25	South View	...	away
June	1	Square	...	away
	8	Whitegate	...	home
	15	Ebenezer	...	away
	22	Westfield	...	away
	29	Wheatley Albion	...	home
July	6	Elland Southgate	...	home
	13	Northgate End	...	away
	20	Ovenden United	...	home
	27	South View	...	home
Aug.	3	Ploughcroft	...	away
	10	Square	...	home
	17	Whitegate	...	away
	24	Northgate End	...	home
	31	Wheatley Albion	...	away
Sept.	7	Westfield	...	home

In April 1901 the *Brighouse Echo* looks ahead to Southowram's new Akroydon League season

A DRY SEASON?

1899 - SIGNING THE PLEDGE



From 1896, an example of the famous 'pledge' signed by members of the Band of Hope

In 1899 a St. Anne's team is sometimes, though not always, referred to as Southowram St. Anne's Band of Hope. This suggests the church and team had come under the sway of the most influential temperance movement of the time.

Founded in Leeds in 1847, the Band of Hope was, by the end of the century, patronised by Queen Victoria and millions of people 'signed the pledge' that they would forswear alcohol. Did this mean a 'dry' season for the team?

SAINTS GO MARCHING ON

1900 – FIXTURE LIST

SOUTHOWRAM ST. ANNE'S C.C.

The members of St. Anne's Cricket Club, Southowram have commenced their fifth season, and anticipate even greater success than fell to their lot last year. The club is again in membership with the Airedale and District League, in which they ran second to Warley St. John's last season. Two league matches and one ordinary game have already been played, the "Saints" having met with success on each occasion. Mr. G. Stuart has charge of the first eleven, Mr. J. W. Carter being vice-captain. Mr. E. Hutchiffe is the secretary, and Mr. H. Goodison treasurer. The players intend putting forth every effort to secure the medals this season. The list of fixtures is as follows:

April 28	Ebenezer	away
May 5	Lee Mount Victoria	away
12	Holywell Green Con. 2nd	away
19	South View	away
26	Wheatley Alliance	away
June 2	Westfield	home
9	Ovenden United	home
16	Lee Mount Victoria	home
23	Holywell Green Con. 2nd	home
30	Ebenezer	home
July 7	South View	home
14	Ovenden United	away
21	Westfield	away
28	*Nurwood Green	away
Aug. 18	Haley Hill 2nd	away

* Ordinary match.

From the *Brighouse Echo*, 27 April 1900. The team's nickname is 'The Saints'. It is a puzzle why the report claims that this is only the team's fifth season

WARS OF RELIGION

1907/15 – THE CHURCH LEAGUE

Between 1907 and 1915 there was a Halifax and District Church League for teams connected with Anglican churches in the area.

Southowram St. Anne's took part in this competition, winning it in 1914. A team from the now-demolished St. Michael's at Bank Top also played in the Church League.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT CHURCH LEAGUE.
ST. MICHAEL'S v. ST. ANNE'S.—At West-lane.
Scores.—St. Michael's: E. Bake 10, G. Stewart 2, H. Hargreaves 46, S. Haigh 0, H. Holroyd 17, G. Broadley 11, H. Turner 1, D. Firth 0, M. Helliwell 0, A. Wood not out 3, B. Hargreaves 0, extras 5, total 96. St. Anne's: J. Haigh 2, S. Goodyear 2, J. W. Carter 2, G. Stewart 1, Fred Noble 0, E. Farrar 0, A. E. Goodyear 4, G. Whiteley 2, L. Ingham not out 3, W. Dobson 0, M. Holmes 4, extras 6, total 26. Bowling analyses.—St. Michael's: J. Carter, 13 overs, 3 maidens, 43 runs, 2 wickets; G. Whiteley, 11-5-18-3; S. Goodyear, 2-0-9-0; J. Haigh, 2-0-9-0; A. E. Goodyear, 2-0-7-2; N. Farrar, 2-0-4-3. St. Anne's: H. Holroyd, 8-4-6-5-3; G. Broadley, 8-7-15-6.

From the *Halifax Evening Courier*, 23 May 1910
– a local derby played at West Lane between
two Southowram church teams,
St. Michael's and St. Anne's

END IS NIGH

1920s – LOCAL COMBAT

Southowram St. Anne's had several spells in the Halifax Amateur Cricket League - the last being from 1916-20 - and also played in the Halifax and District Cricket League up to 1922, when the Club was a founder member of the Halifax and District Amateur Association, created in 1923 as an amalgam of the Amateur and District Leagues.

The 'Saints' played on until 1929, latterly sharing a ground with the village's Methodist team until a lack of support caused the St. Anne's club to fold after some 50 years.

From the *Halifax Evening Courier*, 7 September 1920, the final tables of the Halifax and District Amateur League. The St. Anne's 'A' team has finished a creditable fourth and, strangely, its 'B' team is also in the division for 1st XIs, although coming in last. Another Southowram team, St. Michael's, is runner-up in the division for 2nd XIs and yet has no representative in the 1st XI league

HALIFAX & DISTRICT AMATEUR LEAGUE.						
FINAL TABLES.						
1st Teams.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	AV.
Northowram	12	12	0	0	24	100'00
Stones	12	11	1	0	22	91'66
Copley	12	10	1	1	21	83'33
St. Anne's 'A'	11	9	2	0	18	81'81
Rishworth	10	8	2	0	16	80'00
Barkisland	11	7	4	0	14	63'63
Ripponden Cons.	11	5	5	1	11	50'00
Turner & Wainwright Ld.	12	6	6	0	12	50'00
Illingworth Wesleyan	12	5	6	1	11	43'96
Norland	12	5	7	0	10	41'66
Providence	12	5	7	0	10	41'66
Sowerby Bridge C.I.	10	4	6	0	8	40'00
Luddenden	10	4	6	0	8	40'00
Standard Sorew Co.	11	4	7	0	8	38'36
St. Hilda	11	3	8	0	6	37'37
Zion Cong.	11	2	9	0	4	18'18
Fleming, Birby & O'dell	12	2	9	0	4	18'18
Y.M.C.A.	12	2	10	0	4	18'18
St. Anne's 'B'	10	1	9	1	3	15'00
Second Teams.						
Northowram	12	11	1	0	22	
St. Michael's	12	11	1	0	22	
Stones	12	11	1	0	22	
Rishworth	12	9	3	0	18	
Barkisland	12	7	5	0	14	
Norland	12	6	6	0	12	
Copley	12	5	6	1	11	
H.B.C.I.	12	4	8	0	8	
Luddenden	12	4	8	0	8	
Ripponden Cons.	12	4	8	0	8	
Asquith's Jews	12	3	9	0	6	
St. Hilda's	12	3	9	0	6	
Y.M.C.A.	12	2	10	0	4	
Zion Cong.	12	2	10	0	4	

THE METHODIST CONNECTION

1920s – ENTER THE WESLEYANS

By the end of the 1920s Southowram St. Anne's had gone into terminal decline.

But the village's Methodist cricket team would stay in business until the eve of World War Two.



John Wesley – founder of Methodism

Having earlier played in the Halifax and District Nonconformist League, the team usually known as Southowram U.M.C. (United Methodist Church), moved into the Association in 1925.

Second Division - First Teams					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bradshaw	17	12	4	1	25
St. Michael's	17	11	5	1	23
S.B.C.I.	17	9	7	1	19
St. Paul's	17	9	7	1	19
Skircoat	17	8	8	1	17
Webster's	17	8	8	1	17
Eye Nest	15	8	7	1	17
Northowram	17	7	9	1	15
Providence	17	6	10	1	13
St. Anne's	18	3	14	1	7

Second Teams					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Northowram Was.	17	13	2	2	27
Webster's	17	11	5	1	23
S.B.C.I.	17	10	6	1	21
St. Michael's	17	9	7	1	20
St. Paul's	17	9	7	1	19
Skircoat	17	8	8	1	17
Elland Wesleyan	17	7	9	1	15
Eye Nest	17	6	10	1	13
Ripponden	17	4	12	1	9
Northowram	17	3	14	1	7

Third Division					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Ripponden	17	11	5	1	23
Wiley and Beamon's	17	11	5	1	23
Southowram U.M.	17	10	6	1	21
Webster's	17	9	7	1	19
Providence	18	8	8	2	17
Elland Wesleyan	17	7	9	1	15
S.B.C.I.	17	6	10	1	13
Eye Nest	17	5	11	1	11
Skircoat	17	4	12	1	8

From the Halifax Daily Courier and Guardian, 4 September 1929. Southowram St. Anne's, in their last season, are rooted to the foot of the Second Division of the Association. Southowram United Methodists, who would play on for ten years, are third in Division 3

FINAL INNINGS

1930s – AN ERA ENDS

SOUTHOWRAM V. ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT		SOUTHOWRAM.	
G. Firth	b Lassey	2	1
J. Mellin	b Thomas	1	2
A. Robertshaw	lby b Thomas	2	4
R. Naylor	c Lassey b Thomas	4	0
G. Brook	b Lassey	0	0
W. Firth	b Thomas	0	0
O. Turner	c Styler b Lassey	0	5
J. Litch	b Lassey	5	2
G. Paling	c Lane b Thomas	2	0
W. Ingham	b Lassey	0	0
R. Gillett	not out	0	0
Total		29	
ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.			
L. Smith	b Firth	0	9
G. Hirst	c Paling b Firth	9	0
E. Lassey	not out	0	0
H. Whiteley	not out	0	1
Extras		1	
Total (for 2 wickets)		30	
Electricity Dept. won by eight wickets.			

During the 1930s the United Methodists team was sometimes referred to solely as 'Southowram' in match reports such as this one from 26 April 1930.

The Wesleyans now carried the honour of the whole village!

WAR CLOUDS

1939 – CLOUDS OF CONFLICT



From the *Halifax Daily Courier and Guardian*, 12 August 1939

THIRD DIVISION.					
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.	
Brunswick	15	10	2	3	23
Keighley Mills	15	8	4	3	19
Smiths	15	9	5	1	19
St. Thomas's	15	6	5	2	18
Dyers	15	7	7	1	15
Wesley	15	6	8	1	13
Whittakers (K'g'n)	15	5	8	2	12
Beaumont Bros. ..	15	0	15	0	0

SMITHS RETURN TO FORM.

Against Wesley, SMITHS returned to winning vein with an easy victory by seven wickets. Wesley made a decent start, and 17 runs were obtained before the second wicket fell. A rot set in, however, and the whole side were dismissed for 34 runs. No player obtained double figures, H. Ingham being the highest contributor with nine. For Smiths, H. Stocks took four wickets for 18 runs, and C. Lister three for seven. Smiths commenced in hurricane fashion and eleven runs were scored in the first over. Some great bowling by I. Thomson quietened matters considerably, and the home team eventually lost three wickets before passing their opponents' total. W. Savoney gave an attractive display in compiling 17 (not out). Thompson had the splendid figures of three wickets for four runs.

DYERS entertained St. Thomas's at Pinnar-lane in an interesting encounter which resulted in the latter winning by a margin of two wickets. Dyers' opening pair, H. Hilley (13) and L. Akroyd (7) commenced well. After Hilley's dismissal, H. Kitch and W. Flather scored 28 and 15, respectively. Then followed a rot and the remaining four wickets fell cheaply for five runs. For Dyers, only nine men batted and the total realised 66. Bowling for the Saints, A. Neville took four wickets for 18.

Smart work in the field was mainly responsible for most of the Saints' wickets, no fewer than five players being caught.

J. Wallis (28) and C. Seed (13) were the only two to reach double figures. Dyers total was passed with two wickets in hand.

FOURTH DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Coley	15	13	1	1	27
Fletcher Bros.	15	9	3	3	21
Priestley Bros.	15	9	3	3	21
Electricity	15	6	7	2	14
Sagars	15	5	8	2	12
Luddenden	15	5	9	1	11
Clough Mills	15	4	10	1	9
Southowram M.	15	2	11	2	6

Southowram Methodists are rooted to the foot of the Fourth Division of the Halifax Amateur League. Three weeks later, war would be declared. Cricket would be much scaled down for the duration.

When the Halifax and District Amateur League resumed in August 1945 it would be down to just two sections, with no Southowram team in either of them.

In the Third Division table seen here, a team named Dyers is in fifth place and the report refers to the fact that they played at Pinnar Lane, the Southowram ground.

This team was in existence between 1934 and 1953, formed by the Dyers Club on St James's Street in the heart of Halifax. In addition to Pinnar Lane it also played games at Roils Head.