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BOOK**

1873-1933

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INTRODUCTION

Cricket had been played in Brighouse for many years prior to 1873 on a ground behind the Parish Church, fostered by influential local gentlemen, who formed a Club called Brighouse Alexandra. In 1873 the Club was re-formed when the old Brighouse Alexandra and the Brighouse Working Men's Institute amalgamated. The new Club, Brighouse New Alexandra Cricket Club (from late 1870s Brighouse Alexandra) rented the ground in Clifton Rd, which was behind the Working Men's Institute's clubhouse. This ground remained the home of Brighouse Cricket until the beginning of the 21st century. In 1893, Brighouse became founder members of the West Riding League, an attempt to form a regional cricket league along the lines of the Football League. It included Leeds, Huddersfield, Bradford, Sheffield United, Dewsbury, Keighley, Barnsley, Brighouse and Halifax. It allowed open professionalism to coexist alongside payments for "broken time". By 1899, however, the League had folded as the financial demands of semi-professional cricket were not met by public interest. In 1918 the Club enjoyed their first major successes in both league and cup competitions when they won both the Yorkshire Council Championship and the Halifax Parish Cup. In 1924 the Club joined the Bradford League and in 1930 they won the first of their 3 consecutive Bradford League titles. In 1960 they again won the Bradford league title the first time since 1932. In 2002 the Club sold its ground to Tesco and left Clifton Rd. They played the 2003 season at Bradford Park Avenue then moved to their new ground in Russell Way, Bradford Rd for the 2004 season.

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Record book . Presented to the Club by the compiler, Henry Marsden, 28 Jan 1934.
Contains history of the Club, scores, results, averages, lists of officers, etc
[1 volume]