



# Bat & Ball

## The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"

A Heritage Lottery Fund/University of Huddersfield Project in partnership with Calderdale Libraries, Kirklees Libraries, West Yorkshire Archive Service, The Townergate Halifax Cricket League, The Drakes Huddersfield Cricket League, The Arrow Huddersfield Central Cricket League and The Solly Sports Central Yorkshire Cricket League.

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### Welcome!

Welcome to *Bat & Ball: The Newsletter of "The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees"*. Our aim is to keep you regularly informed of our progress and involved in our activities. We will publicise forthcoming events and news about the Project.

### Project Mission Statement

In partnership with the cricket clubs, leagues and communities of Calderdale and Kirklees this Project will preserve, celebrate and broaden recognition of cricket and its rich cultural traditions in this region.



Bridgeholme CC, 1950

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## SPEAKER'S CORNER

*We will be speaking about the Project to the following groups and societies:*

22 Apr 2010 - Talk at Dewsbury Matters  
3 Sep - Friend-to-Friend Talk on Cricket in Meltham  
13 Oct - Talk at Brighouse Historical Society

*If you belong to a community group or society that would enjoy an evening on the heritage of local cricket, please do get in touch*

## NEW! Yorkshire Cricket Collection

Have you got any spare, duplicate or unwanted cricket books or magazines?

If so, why not donate them to the Yorkshire Cricket Collection? This is a new collection established at the University of Huddersfield - and it is on the lookout for paperbacks, hardbacks, pamphlets, brochures, videos, DVDs and other material.

We're interested in items relating to cricket in Yorkshire (particularly club histories and biographies) and in other counties/countries. The Yorkshire Cricket Collection will be housed in the newly refurbished University Archives.

Contact the University's Archivist, Mrs E.A.Hilary Haigh via [archives@hud.ac.uk](mailto:archives@hud.ac.uk) / 01484 473168 or the Coordinator of the University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre, Dr Peter Davies, via [p.j.davies@hud.ac.uk](mailto:p.j.davies@hud.ac.uk) / 01484 472405

# Latest News

## CRICKET RESEARCH CENTRE

- > University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre launched
- > David Frith and Professor Jeff Hill deliver first two quarterly lectures
- > Monthly seminars cover topics such as cricket and religion, cricket and identity, cricket and war, cricket and social integration, cricket and memorialisation – see <http://www2.hud.ac.uk/mhm/history/research/cricket>

## SPECIAL AWARDS

- > Warley, Stones and Rastrick win league history and heritage awards

## ONGOING RESEARCH

- > History of current clubs, but also former clubs, cup finals and leagues/former leagues

## ARCHIVES

- > Electronic archive of c.25,000 images relating to the history of local cricket open to public at University of Huddersfield
- > West Yorkshire Archive Service 'Cricket Collection' now open to public at Huddersfield/Halifax libraries

## STUDENTS

- > Four Phd students have now started work on cricketing topics at the University of Huddersfield: the latest are Sean Reid (social history of cricket in Ireland) and Bob Horne (origins and development of cricket in Brighouse)

## PUBLICATIONS

- > *Two Men and a Blog* and *Heavy Woollen Heritage* just published

## OTHER ASPECTS OF PROJECT

- > Dr Peter Davies to write new histories of Honley CC and the Dewsbury & District League
  - > New 'Professional Cricket Watchers' section on project website launched
  - > Dr Peter Davies and Prof Cedric Cullingford attend meeting on 'local communities' with Barry Sheerman MP
  - > Project features in *Asian Express*
  - > Dr Peter Davies leads workshop session on cricket and community at Plymouth University
- >>>Regular archive updates on the Project website, <http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk>.



Cross Bank Wesleyans, 1922

# And in 2010

- ❖ Sat 20 March: 6th Annual Pennine Cricket History Conference at the University of Huddersfield
- ❖ 'Cricket & Pubs' exhibitions in Halifax and Huddersfield
  - ❖ Project anthology to be published
- ❖ Dr Peter Davies will be delivering a paper as part of the Barnsley University Campus Lecture Series: **Women and Cricket in Yorkshire c.1880-2000. This lecture will trace the emergence of women as a key influence in local cricket in Yorkshire over the last century and a quarter.**

## Pongo partnership

The University of Huddersfield Cricket Research Centre has teamed up with Pongo Cricket - the brainchild of Yorkshire CCC opening batsman Joe Sayers. And the agreement will cover a range of matters. Research Centre coordinator Dr Peter Davies will contribute a regular blog to Pongo Cricket - entitled 'Dr Cricket' - and BA (Hons) Sports Journalism students at the university will be encouraged to write about cricket on Sayers' innovative website, <http://pongocricket.com>.

Meanwhile, the White Rose star has written the foreword to *Two Men and a Blog: Cricket Diary 2009* - a new book written by Dr Davies and co-blogger Tony Hutton - and will also visit the Centre for a special Q&A session in 2010. Dr Davies explained: "Joe has developed an excellent multi-platform website and we look forward to working with him and welcoming him to Huddersfield in the New Year."

# Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has helped us so far: league officials who have given us their support; club administrators who have supplied us with official records and artefacts; club webmasters who have publicised the Project on their site; and individual members of the public who have donated memorabilia; and many, many other people. It is much appreciated.