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Early History and Formation of the Club

There is evidence that cricket has been played in some form or another at Wainstalls since 1898. There is documentation of fixtures in the local papers at this time and it is widely thought that this was part of the local church activities. In later years there was the formation of the local Sunday School league and there was a team from Wainstalls in this league.

In 1922 a meeting was held between the then Halifax and District Cricket League and the Halifax Amateur Cricket League. There was an amalgamation of clubs from both leagues which resulted in the formation of the Halifax League and the Halifax and District Amateur Cricket Association, both of which remain in operation at the present date.

In 1950, E C Calverts (who were one of the leading local industrialists at the time) donated a piece of land at the junction of Cold Edge Road and Wainstalls Road to the local community that during the war had been used for food production. At this time a community centre was erected and the field transformed into a cricket pitch and Wainstalls Cricket Club as we know it today was formed. In 1951 Wainstalls Cricket Club applied and were accepted into the Halifax and District Amateur Cricket Association and have run two teams in this league until the present day.

The club played on this ground behind the public house now known as the Delvers (New Delight as was known) from

1951 until 1979 some 28 years. In 1979 Samuel Websters who had played cricket in the Halifax League on their own ground behind the Crossroads Public House (which is at the junction of Mount Tabor Road and Balkram Edge just outside the village of Wainstalls), had a meeting with their sports and social committee and it was decided that due to lack of interest the cricket club of Webster's Brewery would disband.

At this time the use of the ground at the Crossroads was offered to Wainstalls Cricket Club for a nominal yearly fee and as the ground and facilities were much better than the ones that had been previously used it was decided by the club to take up the offer from the brewery. This arrangement continued between the two organisations up until 1985 when following a takeover and subsequent reorganisation of the brewery they decided that it was time to dispose of assets which no longer figured in their long term planning. One of these unwanted assets was the cricket ground. The club was informed of the company's preference to sell the property freehold of the land and buildings giving the first purchase option to the club.

At the end of the 1985 season a concerted effort was made by the club members at the time to raise the necessary capital to purchase the ground. Along with pledges of money from the members the club was able to obtain a grant from the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council and Calderdale Council and finally the necessary finance was accumulated. In 1986 the first aim of the club was achieved and the purchase of the ground from Websters Brewery was

completed.

When the club bought the new facilities at the Crossroads the first hurdle to overcome was to make sure that it did not overstretch itself and between 1986 and 1990 there was a period of consolidation. In 1990 the club took stock of its situation and it could be seen that in a number of ways it had become stagnant, but with a lot of work the club had considerably more to offer both to its members and to the community in general.

During 1990 and 1991 a report was produced on the club's activities and this report was eventually submitted to the Foundation for the Sport and the Arts for grant aid purposes. The basis of this report outlined the condition of the facilities at the ground and how these were hindering the progression of the club. An application was made to the Foundation in 1992 to refurbish the pavilion facilities and eventually a grant was offered. An application was also made to Calderdale Council and the club was granted further financial assistance towards this project.

Building of the pavilion commenced in April 1993 and was completed for the start of the following season and thanks must go to the Club's President Mr Derek Shaw who was responsible for the construction of the new facility.

Club Honours.

During the past fifty years both the club and individual players have won many awards whilst being members of the Halifax and District Amateur Cricket Association.

1st Division Champions 8 Times.
2nd Division Champions 4 Times.
3rd Division Champions Once.
Collinson Cup Winners 3 Times.
Collinson Cup Runners Up 4 Times.
Best 2nd Team Award 10 Times
League Sportsmanship Award 6 Times.

1st Division Batting Award 3 Times.
1963 - Roy Gibson.
1969 - Roy Gibson.
1988 - Steve Smith.

1st Division Bowling Award 9 Times.
1956 - Tommy Bolton.
1960 - George Tate.
1961 - David Wilson.
1962 - Malcolm Bannister.
1963 - George Tate.
1970 - Ian Kitson.
1987 - Lee Smith.
1989 - Lee Smith.
1990 - Lee Smith.

1st Division Fielding Award 6 Times.
1956 - Leslie Jackson.
1972 - William Blackburn.
1981 - Graham Brazier.
1987 - Lee Smith / Andrew Smith (Shared).
1988 - Andrew Smith.
1989 - Andrew Smith.

2nd Division Batting Award Once.
1970 - David Wilson.

2nd Division Bowling Award 5 Times.
1952 - Sutcliffe Smith.
1973 - John Kemp.
1979 - Terry Tucker.
1986 - Steve Smith.
1993 - Craig Tucker.

2nd Division Fielding Award Twice.
1965 - Ian Kitson.
1986 - Lee Smith.

Best League Bowling Average (all divisions) 10 Times.
1951 - Sutcliffe Smith.
1953 - George Tate.
1956 - Tommy Bolton.
1957 - Leonard Mottram.
1963 - George Tate.
1973 - John Kemp.
1986 - Ian Kitson.
1989 - Lee Smith.
1990 - Lee Smith.
1993 - Craig Tucker.

Best League Batting Average 4 Times.
1951 - David Wilson.
1960 - Malcolm Verity.
1963 - Roy Gibson.
1969 - Roy Gibson.

3rd Division Batting Award Twice.

1951 - David Wilson.

1960 - Malcolm Verity.

3rd Division Bowling Award 4 Times.

1951 - Sutcliffe Smith.

1953 - George Tate.

1957 - Leonard Mottram.

1986 - Ian Kitson.

3rd Division Fielding Award Twice.

1967 - Ken Broadbent.

1981 - David Wright.

Young Player of the Year Award 3 Times.

1975 - Michael Gaukroger.

1986 - Lee Smith.

1992 - Cameron Tait.

League Fielding Award Once.

1989 - Andrew Smith.

Most Sporting Cricketer Twice.

1998 - Terry Kerskin.

1999 - Shaun Wyatt.

Aims For The Future.

During the past fourteen years since the initial purchase of the ground there have been many changes. The club has now one of the best facilities for playing cricket within the league but improvements are still being sought. The club is

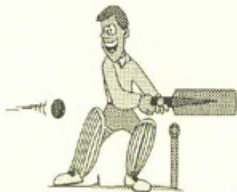
fortunate to have a committee made up of elected officers, players and non players both men and women who have the success of the club at heart. The playing surface over the past five years has improved but to a great extent we are still reliant on getting good weather being in our exposed location. There is still a lot of hard work to be done in this area and once this has been achieved the club will be the envy of many.

Another project the club has been working on is the youth of the area. For the past six years the club has had a connection with the local Junior and Infants School at Wainstalls amongst others. Each year the club has run taster sessions for both boys and girls and this has proved successful, but it is the objective of the club to eventually run a junior team at the club in the local youth league. The committee of the club see this as the life blood of the future of Wainstalls Cricket Club and an open invitation to any

children who wish to play cricket is available to them.

Over the past two years we have attracted a number of under twenty year old players to the club and they have now established themselves as regular first and second team members. We have at

present five or six junior members under the age of sixteen who have also joined the club recently and if they show the dedication, practice and patience required, I am sure they will also be pushing for regular places.



Since 1950 there have been many occasions when all the hard work put into the club has made it all worth while. On the playing front, as you have previously seen, the club has been quite successful over the years. The progression with regards to the facilities at the club has been quite phenomenal when you take into account that in 1985 the club was near to disbanding and the accommodation at the ground was of a very poor standard.

All the hard work over the last fifteen years has paid dividends as the playing surface has greatly improved, the accommodation is now second to none within our league and the welcome and provision of refreshments you will now receive at the ground are the envy of many.

Taking all these points on board it was with much satisfaction and pride that the club earned the privilege of staging our leagues most prestigious competition the final of the Collinson Cup, a venue usually staged at a Halifax League ground. On Sunday 15th August 1999 the club hosted this the last Collinson Cup Final of the Millennium between Kashmir Foundation C.C and Walsden C.C. and this has been another stage in the success of our club since its foundation 50 years ago.

On behalf of the committee I hope you have found this booklet of some interest. During the year 2000 the club will be holding various functions and events to mark the 50th anniversary since it's foundation and we hope that with some decent weather you will come and join us at some of these events which I am sure you will find very enjoyable.

Each week between April and September all league matches are played on Saturdays commencing at 2.00 pm.

If you wish to pop along for an hour and relax in the "sunshine" have a cup of tea and generally enjoy yourselves you will be made quite welcome.

Anyone who might wish to play cricket for the club can obtain any information from the committee members present on the day and if you ask for one of the persons listed below they will be pleased to assist you in any way.

Derek Shaw-President.

Derek Holroyd-Chairman.

Paul Womersley-Secretary.

Andrew McInall -Treasurer/ Groundsman.

Pauline Womersley- Catering Manageress.

Trevor Midgley- Trustee.

Stuart Lambert - Trustee.