

GREETLAND VILLAGE CC

The Early Years

VILLAGE PEOPLE

ORIGINS

Greetland Village C.C. was formed by a group of local footballers who were looking for something to do during the summer.



Unable to get a game with some local clubs, they decided to form their own cricket team.

Greetland Village C. C. was born!

TOP TRUMPS!

1985 – HALIFAX & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS

The first trophy success for Greetland Village C.C. came in 1985 when the Halifax and District Cricket Association Division 3 championship was secured.



After suffering defeat only once during the season, a massive 29 points separated the Club from second-place Paris Gates.

CRICKET

ASSOCIATION

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	D	D1	Pts
QR Muslims	20	13	2	4	1	126
Bfd Indians	21	13	5	0	3	107
Peglars	21	12	5	1	3	104
Southwram	21	11	7	1	2	98
Ovenden	20	10	6	2	2	91
Todmorden	21	9	6	0	7	79
Hbd Bridge	21	8	7	1	5	74
Hx Muslims	21	7	11	1	2	63
Walsden	21	6	8	0	7	56
Wainstalls	21	5	12	0	4	44
Moorside	21	3	14	1	3	32
Wesley	21	1	18	0	4	12

DIVISION TWO FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	D	D1	Pts
Paris Gates	14	11	2	0	1	68
Hx Salem	14	7	4	1	2	63
Bfd Pennine	14	7	3	0	4	60
King Cross	14	7	4	0	3	59
Southwram	14	6	8	0	0	48
Hbd Bridge	14	5	7	0	2	42
Moorside	14	4	9	0	1	33
N/III/Libs	14	1	11	0	2	10

DIVISION THREE FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	D	D1	Pts
Greetland V	18	15	1	0	1	120
Paris Gates	16	10	3	2	1	91
Bridgeholme	16	10	3	1	1	87
Ovenden	16	9	6	0	1	73
Bridgeholme II	16	8	8	0	0	64
Wainstalls	16	5	9	0	1	42
Greetland V II	16	4	9	0	3	35
Wheatley	16	2	14	0	0	16

MOVING ON UP!

1995 – HALIFAX & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS

After achieving Second Division status 10 years earlier, Greetland Village finally earned a place in the Halifax and District Cricket Association top flight in 1995.

The championship was secured after an 8-wicket victory over Hebden Bridge 2nd XI.

Greetland Village had little trouble beating Hebden Bridge seconds by eight wickets to finish as champions in Division Two with Wheatley finishing as runners-up.

Pete Driver's 4-38 took his tally for the season to 48 as Hebden Bridge were bowled out for 73 and Jack Yarker (35 not out) and Andy Scott (41 not out) saw Greetland safely home.

BRIDGE BEAUTY

1998 – HALIFAX & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS

The Club's first term in the top division was a short one - and by the beginning of the 1998 season Greetland Village C.C. were back in the Second Division of the Halifax and District Cricket Association League.

But a return to Division 1 was equally swift and by the end of the season another Division 2 title was being celebrated.

This time the championship race went down to the wire, and only a last-day victory over Hebden Bridge 1st XI secured the title.

CRICKET

Greet the champs at a Trickey time

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

GREETLAND VILLAGE became Division Two champions and Walsden were relegated on the last day of the season.

Pete Driver gave Village a chance of beating second-placed Hebden Bridge 1 with a haul of six for 70 as the home side reached a creditable 181.

Chris Trickey's 78, which included eight sixes, was a championship-winning knock.

He and Bob Doyle put on 101 after

Jack Yarker had gone for nought.

Fifteen-year-old Andrew Butcher did his best to keep Walsden in the top flight with a knock of 26 in his side's 104 and four wickets for 34.

But Bridgeholme won by four wickets after a 71 second-wicket stand by Keith Hudson and Richard Davy-Day.

Queens Road Muslim preserved their

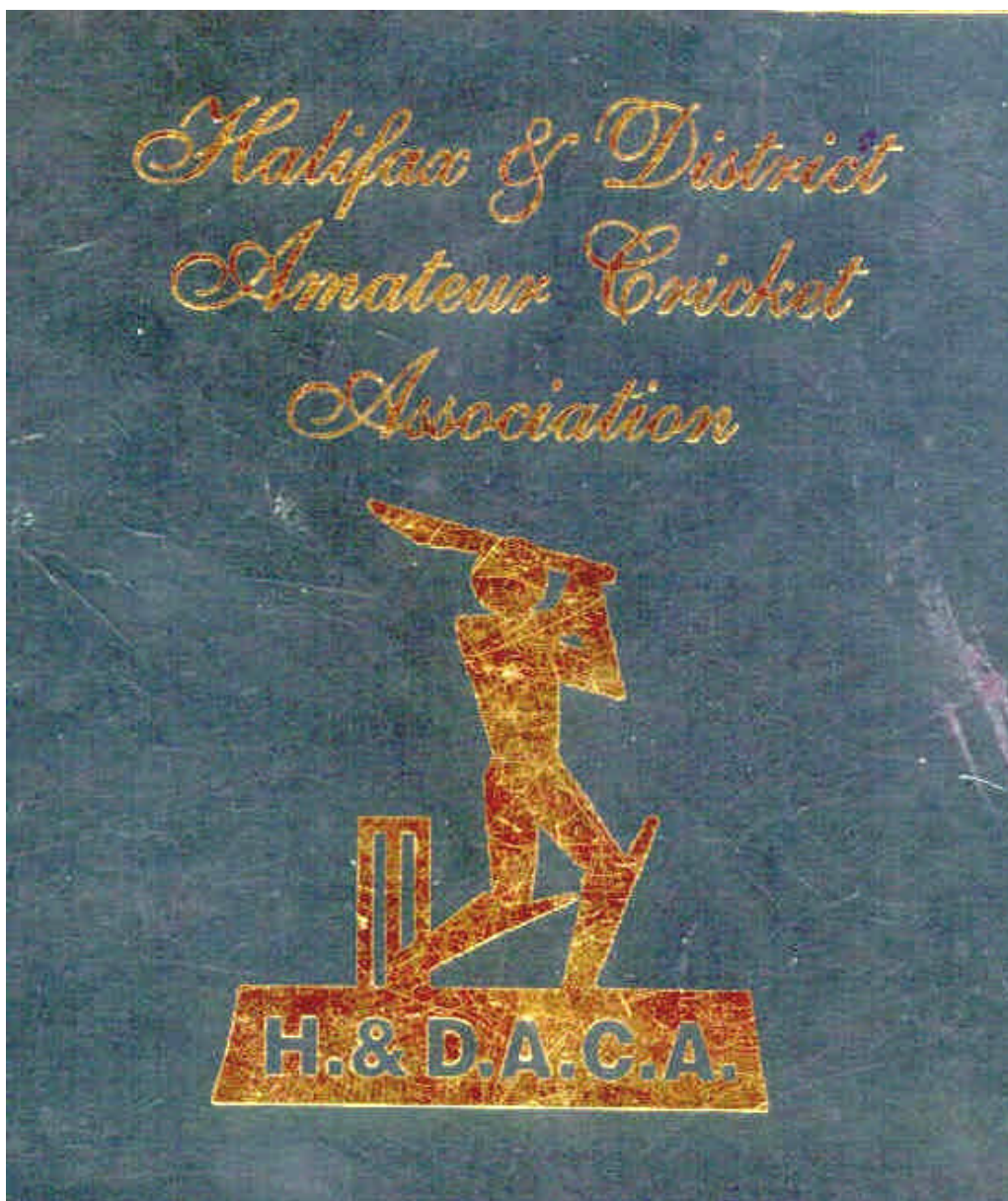
Division One place with a seven-wicket win over West End who were already relegated. Farhan hit 52 for QRM.

The showdown match between champions Taxes and Collinson Cup holders Kashmir Foundation was rained off.

Mark Knapton had a hat-trick in his six for 13 as Paris Gates put out Hebden Bridge 11 for 49.

END OF AN ERA

2005– HALIFAX & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
LEAGUE DISBANDS



At the beginning of 2005 Greetland Village C.C. were dealt a huge blow. After much discussion at the AGM, the Halifax Association League was disbanded.

The withdrawal of Halifax Salem proved to be the catalyst.

Other clubs too were encountering difficulties in raising sufficient players for the forthcoming season.

Another major problem was caused by the work being undertaken on the council-owned playing fields at Spring Hall.

A new athletics track was being built, which meant that the cricket pitches would be unavailable for most of the 2005 season.



With no suitable alternative venue available, the four Association clubs that played at Spring Hall were effectively homeless.

The Association was no more.