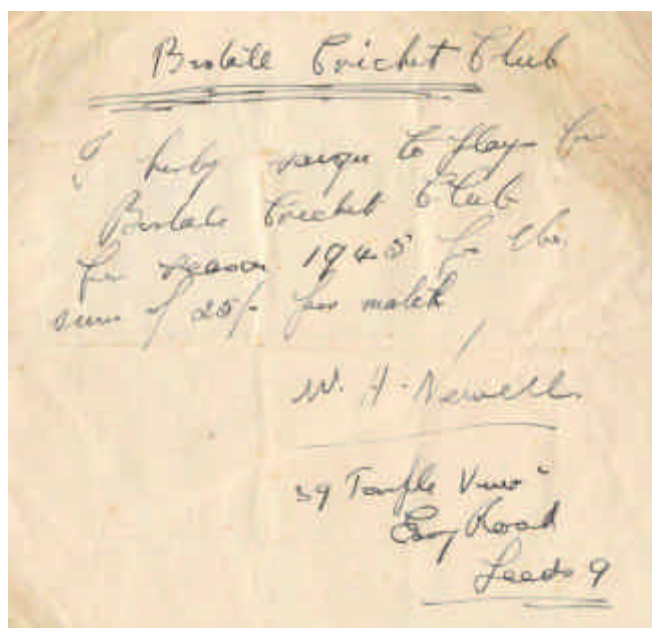


WELCOME, MR NEWELL!

1945 – WARTIME PROFESSIONAL

The hardships of wartime are evident in the informal nature of this contract to engage W.H. Newell as pro in 1945. His fee was 25/- per match.



Burbale Cricket Club
I hereby agree to play for
Burbale Cricket Club
for season 1945 for the
sum of 25/- per match
W. H. Newell
59 Temple View
Long Road
Leeds 9

It was written on the back of an invoice for a 12 volt 6 watt S.C.C. bulb from George Box Ltd.

THANK YOU, LADIES!

1947 – OFFICIAL LETTER

This letter was written in 1947 to thank the Ladies Committee for a gift of £50 - which they had donated to the Club after a stint of fundraising.



In the same year, this Birstall team reached the final of the Crowther Cup.



SPOT THE GROUND!

1948 – AERIAL VIEW



ELECTORAL DEBATE!

1949 – NEWSPAPER CUTTING

SHOULD VICE-PRESIDENTS
HAVE VOTES?
BIRSTALL C.C.
DISCUSSION

A discussion whether the 16 vice-presidents of the Birstall cricket Club should be allowed to vote in committee took up considerable time at the annual meeting on Wednesday. The president (Mr. H. H. Walker) presided.

Mr. G. A. Gibson, a member of the committee, said he did not think it right that 16 vice-presidents should be allowed to vote. There was nothing to stop them coming to a committee meeting and upsetting the whole working of the body if they wished to. All of them, he knew, had earned the honour of being a vice-president.

The President said he could not accept a proposition that vice-presidents should not be allowed to vote, but they could discuss the "pros" and "cons" if they wished.

Mr. Frank Goodall, a vice-president, said he did not think that the present vice-presidents would come to the committee room and upset the workings of that body.

The vice-presidents were re-elected; the matter of vice-presidents being allowed to vote will be debated at the next annual meeting.

TALENT SCHEME RESULTS.

Mr. H. H. Walker said that the team spirit had been responsible for Birstall's success on the field, and he hoped they were going to have a successful year in the first division. They had gone out to strengthen the side.

Last year, said Mr. Walker, severe criticism was received from the Press regarding the club's talents scheme, but he thought the club had been right, the scheme had brought playing results in addition to creating a different team spirit.

The secretary said there had been grumbling with regard to Sunday cricket, but had the weather been kind they would have topped the £100 mark.

Referring to the coming season, Mr. Hirst said that Leary Constantine had promised to come again and there was also a chance of the Somerset County team might be visiting Leeds Road for a Sunday game.

The financial statement presented by Mr. C. Austin showed a loss on the year of £25 1s. 6d. and a balance in favour of the club of £101 15s.

Officials elected were: President, Mr. H. H. Walker; chairman, Mr. T. Kaye; secretary, Mr. G. P. Hirst; treasurer, Mr. C. Austin; and auditors, Messrs. J. E. Thurman and T. Kaye; committee, Messrs. W. Waterworth, M. Bentley, F. Barnes, P. Wrigley, C. Neimes, G. Greshnough, G. A. Ibsen, S. Bromley, G. Thompson, A. Stott and W. Barber.

WELL DONE, BOYS!

1950/1 – CLUB NEWS



1950

Birstall CC.

1960.

Outstanding performances

- April 22 H. HAINSWORTH 6 wickets for 48 runs. v Hanging Heaton
 June 10 H. Sugden. 58. v Orsett.
 24. H. Sugden. 65 K Haley 50* v Liversedge.
 July 1. J. Bedford 75 v Hanging Heaton.
 8 J. Bedford. 52 v Gomersall.
 29 H. HAINSWORTH. 6 wickets for 44 runs. f v Orsett.
 J. Bedford. 54* out of 90.
 August 5 S. Maylor. 63* v East Ardsley. 88 for 1 wicket. J Bedford 44 & Maylor. 55
 19 J. Bedford. 99 out of 182 v Stanncliffe
 Sept 2 H. HAINSWORTH 6 wickets for 39 runs. v Cleckheaton.

2nd XI.

- May 13. D. BROWN. 6 wickets for 21 runs. v Stanncliffe
 July 1 { D BROWN. 6 wickets for 59 runs v Cleckheaton.
 { R THOMPSON. 62*
 29 { D. LISTER 107 R. THOMPSON 104* - 172 partnership for 2 wickets.
 { v Orsett.
 August 26 R. CARBUTT 60 v Hanging Heaton

BIRSTALL CRICKET CLUB

President—Mr. H. H. WALKER.

— THE —

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in

LABURNUM HALL

Smithies Lane, Birstall,

On WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1951.

Chair to be taken by the PRESIDENT at 7.30 p.m. prompt.

AGENDA

Minutes of last General Meeting.

President's Address.

Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Balance Sheet.

Election of the President.

- Vice-Presidents.

- Chairman.

- Secretary.

- Treasurer.

- Auditors.

- Committee.

Members are earnestly requested to attend.

G. PETER HIRST, *Hon. Sec.*

All nominations, on plain paper, should be in my hands not later than February 7th.

Taylor, Printer, Birstall.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

1953 – TALENT SCALE

This document helps us to understand the finances of Birstall Cricket Club in the 1950s – and how the Club rewarded cricketing excellence.

BIRSTALL CRICKET CLUB

1st.XI. Scale of Talent 1953

WKT. KEEPER	5/- per wicket (Caught or stumped)
BOWLER	3/- per wicket (Bowled, ct.& bowled, L.B.W)
	2/- per wicket (Caught or stumped) <i>6/- 6 wickets</i>
BATSMAN	21/- per hat-trick
	3d per run over 10
	Under 10 not out added to following game.
FIELDSMAN	1/- per catch

Talent paid week following each match.



In the same year Birstall Cricket Club played host to a special coaching course

NAME THE YEAR!

UNDATED TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS



Can you help us?

Birstall's Team Spirit Criticised Cricket Club's Lively Annual Meeting

There was strong criticism of last season's team spirit at a lively annual meeting of Birstall Cricket Club in the Laburnum Hall on Wednesday, and among a varied bag of subjects discussed were a new scale of talent money to be adopted for amateurs and a decision to play no more than two professionals next season.

"I think that with a better team spirit and a share of luck we should still be in the First Division," said Mr. C. Austin, acting secretary, in his report. He never thought he would be called upon to report on such a disastrous season. After only one season in Division 1 they were again relegated. Of 19 matches played five had been won, three drawn and 11 lost. They had scored 2,275 runs for a loss of 173 wickets, an average of 13.15, and their opponents scored 2,284 runs for a loss of 148 wickets, an average of 15.65.

The only bright spot had been the 2nd XI who had been confident that they would bring the 2nd XI League Cup to

Mr. Walker said that if he had had his way, on occasion they might not have had a match and added as an afterthought "Yes, we would because the committee would have turned out en bloc."

On the subject of new players, Mr. Walker said certain of their committee had interviewed a really fast bowler, but they had not yet got his name on the dotted line. They would consider a groundsman-professional if the right man came along.

Mr. F. Goodall said he could not appreciate a club always wanting a fast bowler. Some Australians had complained because they were not sending their googly men over here next season and in the past 20 years slow men had invariably headed the 1st class averages.

The Captain

Returning to the team spirit question, Mr. C. Greenhough said some people might want to know what part the captain had played. He would not like any-

And do you know in which year this story came to light?

HAT-TRICK HEROES!

1954 – REMARKABLE YEAR

In 1954 Birstall Cricket Club claimed a remarkable treble: scooping the Central Yorkshire League, the Heavy Woollen Cup and the Wheatley Cup.

BIRSTALL—THE TEAM OF THE
Championship gained in Leeds Road thriller

BIRSTALL NOW HOLD: 1. H.W. CUP
 2. C.Y.L. CHAMPIONSHIP CUP
 3. "WHEATLEY" CUP

SOME OF THE CHAMPIONS



R. Thompson W. H. Smith K. Dabry K. Halsey
 Birstall ... 174 for 8 dec. Strainville ... 111

(BY DONALD BROOKE)

THIS has been Birstall's season and to get the Central Yorkshire League championship cup on the shelf alongside the Heavy Woollen Cup they emerged victorious from one of their most exciting duels this season. It lacked only an Elstall victory to go to Thimble Hill weekend to get those needed championship points but Hainsworth, Womersley, Hakeley and Co. had different ideas and with only an hour and a half to go at Leeds Road on Thursday.

HAINSWORTH—PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Birstall had lots of confidence in Robert Hainsworth, when they

Batley's ... keeps the
 Batley ... 10
 TOUGH luck, Batley. You ...
 take you both into disrepute
 been from a splendid position
 Batley's fate to stay down in
 second division after a 100
 matches, but without
 being able to win a
 match at all, Batley's
 position was not good, although
 they were not far from
 winning the cup again and the
 of Hainsworth as well as a
 team. As it turned out, it
 was in the final that the
 Birstall team, composed of
 the best players, won the
 trophy. They were a team
 which was the team
 which, having to bat
 first, scored 100 runs and
 then with a few more
 runs won the cup.

LONG STAY

Among the players was
 Robert Hainsworth, who was the
 Birstall player of the year
 after being the player of the
 year in 1953. He was the
 only player to play for
 Birstall in all three cups.
 Hainsworth's last year was
 very successful.

Hainsworth's effort was to win
 the cup and he was the
 only player to play for Birstall
 in all three cups.

Heckmondwike
Cricket & Tennis Club

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP FINAL

BIRSTALL

VERSUS

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**BIRSTALL CRICKET
CLUB**

PRESIDENT: MR. H. H. WALKER



DINNER

TOWN HALL, BATLEY

THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH
1954

TO CELEBRATE WINNING

The Heavy Waulfen District Challenge Cup,
The Aislen Cup (C.Y.C.L. 1st Division Championship),
The Wheatley Cup (Leading C.Y.C.L. Team in Yorks. Council).



The Boys of '54

HONOURING KAYE

1960 – SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER

9, Oxford Road,

BIRSTALL.

January, 1960.

Dear Member,

You may be aware that our very worthy Chairman, Mr. Thurman Kaye, has left the district, thus severing a long and valued service with the Club.

For some thirty years he has served the interests of the Club with a loyalty and enthusiasm far beyond praise and has by his very cheerfulness and good humour gained the admiration of all with whom he has come in contact. It would be impossible to assess his value to the Club.

Sincerely yours,

J. HARRISON,

Hon. Sec.

SWINGING SIXTIES

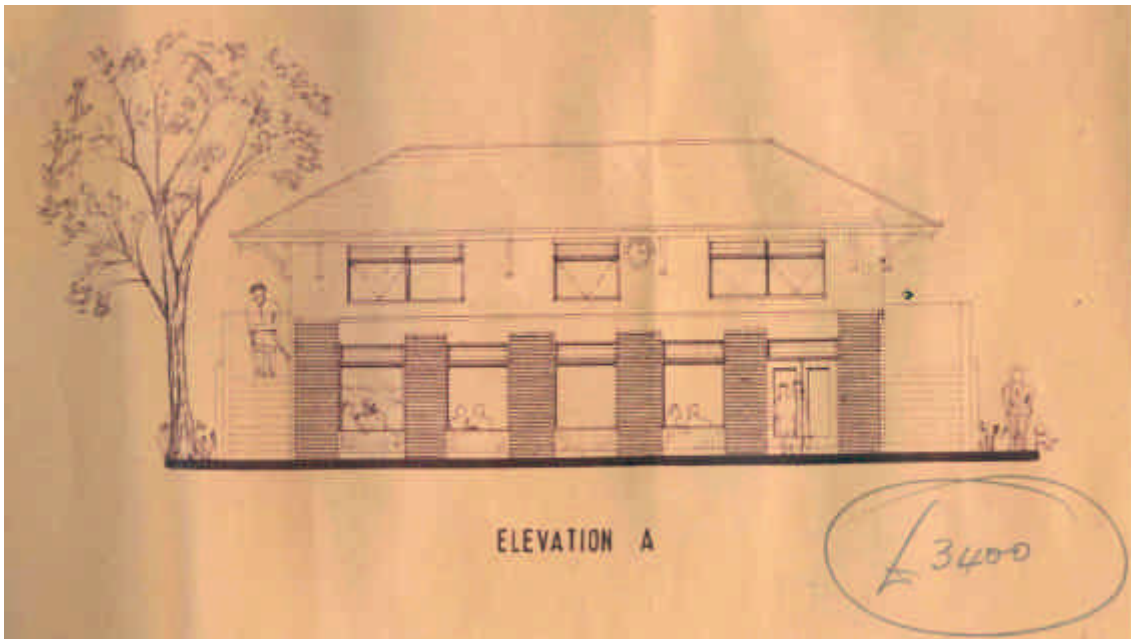
1965 – TEAM PHOTOGRAPH



Birstall cricket team pose for a "News" photographer before their home game with Staincliffe on Saturday. Back row: (left to right), T. Thompson, D. Peel, H. Myles, D. Johnson, T. Williamson, D. Gill; front row: B. Hales, H. Smith, J. K. Binn, J. Watson.

BUILDING A FUTURE

1967/8 BIG PLANS



RENTALL CRICKET CLUB

Special General Meeting C.U.C.C. Monday 5th April 1968

The meeting has been called to consider and if approved to pass the following resolution:-

It is resolved that the President Mr. George Peter Hirst, the Chairman, Mr. Charles Austin and the Treasurer Mr. Joseph Kenneth Binnis be and are hereby authorised to negotiate a loan of £3400. 0. 0, with interest thereon at 2½% repayable over a period of ten years from Barnsley Brewery Co. Ltd. for the purpose of improving and extending the Club premises and the said George Peter Hirst Charles Austin and Joseph Kenneth Binnis are hereby further authorised, on the grant of such loan, to enter into a Deed of Covenant on behalf of the members of the Club (but without incurring any personal liability beyond that of other members of the Club) for repayment of the said loan and interest thereon as aforesaid and further that the members of the Club shall be responsible for the repayment of the said loan and interest thereon in accordance with the rules of the Club.

After some difficult years in the mid-1960s, the Club started to plan for the future. A new bar was opened in

1969. The clubhouse extension was then officially opened by Brian Sellers, the former Yorkshire captain, in the following year and the bar was extended in 1974.

DOUBLING UP!

1978 – 1ST & 2ND XIs BOTH WIN TITLES



BIRSTALL Cricket Club achieved a Central Yorkshire League Championship "double" when their first and second elevens finished at the top of their divisions. First eleven, back row (left to right): A. Wright, secretary; A. Sidle, A. Howden, M. Ellis, D. Johnson, D. Robb, K. Haley, G. D. Wolfenden, vice-president, J. Daniels. Front row: G. Hobson, M. Walmsley, A. H. Smith, C. Manby, captain, A. Townsley, G. Hutchinson. Second eleven, back row (left to right): Miss J. Sidle, G. D. Wolfenden, T. Williamson, D. Johnson, G. Johnson, D. Robb, B. Peel, C. Purslow, A. Hobson, D. Gill, J. Dalton. Front row: D. Sadler, P. Haley, G. R. Gaunt, K. Haley, captain, G. Hutchinson, R. Sidle, P. Morris.

FIRST ELEVENS
First Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Heckmonwike	22	7	0	15	85
Hanging Heaton	22	5	2	15	74
Altofts	22	8	2	12	72
Ossett	22	5	4	13	69
Chickenley	22	7	4	11	64
Morley	22	6	4	12	60
Thornhill	22	5	3	14	60
Liversedge	22	2	1	19	52
Drighlington	22	3	7	12	49
Slazengers	22	2	6	14	33
Staincliffe	22	2	7	13	24
Sowerby Bridge	22	0	12	10	13

SECOND ELEVENS
First Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Ossett	22	19	0	3	102
H. Heaton	22	16	5	1	82
Altofts	22	12	4	6	77
H'mondwike	22	10	7	5	65
D'lington	22	8	7	7	64
Liversedge	22	11	7	4	63
Morley	22	7	11	4	46
Chickenley	22	7	11	4	42
Thornhill	22	6	9	7	42
Slazengers	22	6	10	6	38
S. Bridge	22	2	18	2	16
Staincliffe	22	2	18	2	13

Second Division

Birstall	26	15	1	10	98*
Dewsbury	26	10	2	14	93
Wakefield	26	7	4	15	85
Cavalliers	26	7	4	15	81
East Ardsley	26	8	6	12	72
Gomersal	26	9	5	12	72
Hunslet Nelson	26	7	5	14	71
Batley	26	9	8	9	65
Mirfield	26	8	7	11	65
Scholes	26	4	11	11	47
Huddersfield ICI	26	6	11	9	41
W. Thornes	26	4	12	10	39
King Cross	26	3	12	11	33
Brook Motors	26	3	11	12	32

Second Division

Birstall	26	21	1	4	117
E. Ardsley	26	12	2	12	95
Dewsbury	26	13	6	7	82
Cavalliers	26	12	9	5	75
Batley	26	10	8	8	71
Gomersal	26	9	8	9	66
Wakefield	26	5	8	13	65
Brook Motors	26	8	10	8	53
Scholes	26	7	11	8	51
King Cross	26	7	13	6	49
W. Thornes	26	4	11	11	47
Mirfield	26	5	10	11	46
Hunslet N.	26	6	11	9	42
Hudds. ICI	26	5	15	6	39

BRIGHT FUTURE!

CLUB TODAY

