

## BIRSTALL CC

### ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS

First record of Birstall Albert playing near the Black Bull in Kirkgate.

Change of name to Birstall Victoria (in honour of Queen Victoria) and change of location to Scott's Field.

Club moves to Leeds Road.

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### EVENTS IN BIRSTALL, BATLEY & THE WORLD

Hughes' Tom Brown's Schooldays.

London postal districts introduced.

First Atlantic cable laid.

Darwin's *Origin of the Species*.

2nd Maori War begins.

Pasteur introduces Pasteurization.

Batley population = c.12,000. Composers push Russian music.

Battle of Gettysburg.

Birth of Red Cross.

Lewis Carol's *Alice in Wonderland*.

Strauss's *Blue Danube Waltz*.

Second Reform Bill passed.

Batley becomes borough. Meiji Restoration in Japan.

Suez Canal opened.

Death of Charles Dickens.

Chicago Fire kills 300 people.

Second Carlist War in Spain.

Batley Co-op building erected. *Verne's Around the World...*

Japan invades Taiwan.

Civil Rights Act passed in America.

Bell invents telephone.

Edison invents phonograph.

Batley Market Hall built. Berlin Congress.

Brief amalgamation between Birstall Victoria and local rugby club – birth of Birstall Cricket & Football Club.

'Official' birth of Club (according to Club diary). First Heavy Woollen Cup final victory (beating Dewsbury). Become first team to successfully defend Heavy Woollen Cup. Plans for grandstand passed.

'Leveling up' of pitch. Beat Batley in Heavy Woollen Cup final.

Club has problems with mortgage – Dr Forsyth to the rescue!

- 1879 Edison invents electric light bulb.
- 1880 Batley RLFC formed. Mosquito found to carry malaria.
- 1881 Cambridge Tripos open to women.
- 1882 Married Women's Property Act.
- 1883 French painter Manet dies.
  
- 1884 Greenwich made meridian.
- 1885 First electric tramcar in Blackpool.
  
- 1886 *The Mayor of Casterbridge.*
  
- 1887 Victoria's Golden Jubilee.
- 1888 First box camera.
- 1889 Eiffel Tower built.
- 1890 London's first Underground.
- 1891 Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.
- 1892 Electric oven invented.
  
- 1893 Batley Swimming Baths opened. Invention of the Aspirin.
- 1894 Dreyfus Affair.
- 1895 Invention of the X-Ray.
- 1896 First modern Olympic Games held.
- 1897 Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
- 1898 Birth of Bertolt Brecht.
  
- 1899 First Hague Peace Conference.
- 1900 Zeppelin invents the airship.
- 1901 Birth of Marlene Dietrich.
- 1902 Marie Curie discovers radioactivity.
- 1903 Henry Ford sets up company.
- 1904 Britain and France sign Entente.
  
- 1905 Revolution breaks out in Russia.
- 1906 First radio programme broadcast.
- 1907 First Daily Comic Strip.

Heavy Woollen Cup final victory over Hopton Mills – players don't receive medals until 1914!

Win Heavy Woollen Cup final v Heckmondwike.

Crisis as Dr Forsyth dies. Ground willed to Club but council assume possession – but Club continues.  
Heavy Woollen League Champions.

New pavilion opened (23 April).

Win Heavy Woollen Cup, defeating Thornhill in final.

Dispute over Heavy Woollen Cup semi-final against Ossett. Birstall quit the Heavy Woollen League – 'The suicide of Birstall cricket'. Club joins Leeds League.  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Leeds League. Club rejoins Heavy Woollen League.

- 1908 Cubism founded in Paris.
- 1909 Synthetic plastic invented.
- 1910 Floods hit Batley. Halley's comet.
- 1911 Amundsen reaches South Pole.
- 1912 King visits Batley. Titanic sinks.
- 1913 Batley Boys' Grammar School extended. Suffragette demos.
- 1914 Start of First World War.
- 1915 Einstein's *Theory of Relativity*.
- 1916 Battle of Verdun. Easter Rising.
- 1917 Russian Revolution.
- 1918 World-wide flu epidemic.
- 1919 Treaty of Versailles.
- 1920 First roadside petrol station in UK.
- 1921 3,000 Batley people unemployed. First birth control clinic.
- 1922 Mussolini's March on Rome.
- 1923 First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924 Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.
- 1925 Charleston dance.
- 1926 General Strike. Adoption legalised.
- 1927 Lindbergh's solo flight.
- 1928 Duke and Duchess of York visit Batley. *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.
- 1929 Wall Street Crash.
- 1930 Planet Pluto discovered.
- 1931 Empire State Building built.
- 1932 Leyland buses arrive in Batley. British Union of Fascists founded.
- 1933 Hitler becomes Chancellor.
- 1934 Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.
- 1935 Pedestrian crossings introduced.
- 1936 Edward VIII abdicates.

<b>1937</b>	Urban District of Birstall incorporated into Borough of Batley. <b>Billy Butlin opens camp.</b>
<b>1938</b>	Batley carpet industry develops. <b>Paid holidays start. Biro invented.</b>
<b>1939</b>	<b>Beginning of Second World War.</b>
<b>1940</b>	<b>National Government formed.</b>
<b>1941</b>	<b>Germany invade USSR.</b>
<b>1942</b>	<b>British victorious at El Alamein.</b>
<b>1943</b>	<b>Warsaw Ghetto uprising.</b>
<b>1944</b>	<b>D-Day. Paris liberated.</b>
<b>1945</b>	<b>Auschwitz liberated.</b>
<b>1946</b>	<b>Iron Curtain descends on Europe.</b>
<b>1947</b>	<b>Truman Doctrine unveiled.</b>
<b>1948</b>	<b>State of Israel founded.</b>
<b>1949</b>	<b>Rock star Robert Palmer born in Batley. NATO established.</b>
<b>1950</b>	<b>Petrol rationing ends in Britain.</b>
<b>1951</b>	<b>Festival of Britain opens.</b>
<b>1952</b>	<b>Elizabeth II crowned. Pill invented.</b>
<b>1953</b>	<b>Everest conquered.</b>
<b>1954</b>	<b>Dylan Thomas's <i>Under Milk Wood</i>.</b>
<b>1955</b>	<b>Coach &amp; Six pub knocked down. Commercial TV starts in Britain.</b>
<b>1956</b>	<b>Elvis releases <i>All Shook Up</i>.</b>
<b>1957</b>	<b>Queen's first Christmas broadcast.</b>
<b>1958</b>	<b>Munich air disaster.</b>
<b>1959</b>	<b>Postcodes introduced in Britain.</b>
<b>1960</b>	<b>Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.</b>
<b>1961</b>	<b>First oral contraceptive.</b>
<b>1962</b>	<b>Beatles release <i>Love Me Do</i>.</b>
<b>1963</b>	<b>Kennedy assassinated.</b>
<b>1964</b>	<b><i>Sun</i> founded.</b>
<b>1965</b>	<b>First US raids against Vietnam.</b>

Concede 411 to Cleckheaton (Birstall make 197).

'Treble' season – win Central Yorkshire League, Heavy Woollen Cup and Wheatley Cup.  
Heavy Woollen Cup runners-up (lose to Ossett in final).  
Ossett bowl 120.2 overs!

Central Yorkshire League 2<sup>nd</sup> Division winners.

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Dennis Johnson takes 8-37 v. Drighlington.  
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Bar installed to rescue Club's finances and restore 'Glory Days'.  
New clubhouse opened by Brian Sellars, ex-Yorkshire captain.

All-amateur side win promotion.

Bar extended.

Dennis Johnson takes 9-27 v Altofts.  
Narrowly miss out on promotion.  
Side storm to 'Double' – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs win leagues. Pros back on books with signing of Andrew Townsley. Charles Manby appointed captain.

New tearoom, scoreboard and showers erected.

Centenary celebrated; also celebrated is 25 years of service by Dennis Johnson and David Gill.

Win Crowther Cup. Win 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.  
Win Crowther Cup and Stones Cup.  
Crowther Cup 'hat-trick'.  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Stones Cup.  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI win 1<sup>st</sup> Division.  
Yorkshire Council Champions.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Wheatley Cup.

1966 England win World Cup.  
1967 The Bachelors open Batley Variety Club. First heart transplant.  
1968 BST introduced.  
1969 First men land on moon.  
  
1970 Heath becomes PM.  
  
1971 Decimalisation of coinage.  
1972 Britain begins direct rule in NI.  
1973 Britain enters EEC.  
1974 Nixon resigns over Watergate.  
1975 First North Sea oil. Equal Pay Act.  
1976 Drought Act during hot summer.  
1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.  
1978 World's first 'test tube' baby.  
  
1979 Thatcher becomes PM.  
1980 Lennon assassinated.  
1981 SDP launch. Charles and Di wed.  
1982 Argentina invades Falklands.  
1983 Start of breakfast TV.  
  
1984 IRA bomb at Tory conference.  
1985 Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.  
1986 GLC abolished.  
1987 Zeebrugge tragedy.  
1988 Lockerbie disaster.  
1989 Berlin Wall torn down.  
1990 Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.  
1991 Population of Batley reaches 45,582. Maxwell drowns at sea.  
1992 Coal industry privatised.  
1993 Maastricht Treaty.  
1994 Channel Tunnel open.

Crowther Cup win.  
Win Crowther Cup and Evening League. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win 1<sup>st</sup>  
Division.  
1<sup>st</sup> XI win Barry Winstanley Trophy.

1<sup>st</sup> XI win Premier Division.  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI win 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. YCB Indoor 6- a-side Champions.

CRICKET HERITAGE EXHIBITION

**1995** Batley RLFC promoted to old Div 1. Leeson brings down Barings.  
**1996** BSE beef scare in UK.  
**1997** Princess Diana killed in car crash.  
**1998** Good Friday peace agreement.  
**1999** World population hits 6 billion.  
**2000** Hatfield train disaster.  
**2001** 9/11 terrorist attack. Foot & Mouth.  
**2002** UK snubs Euro.  
**2003** England win Rugby World Cup.  
**2004** EU enlarged to 25 states.  
**2005** Tsunami hits Asia.