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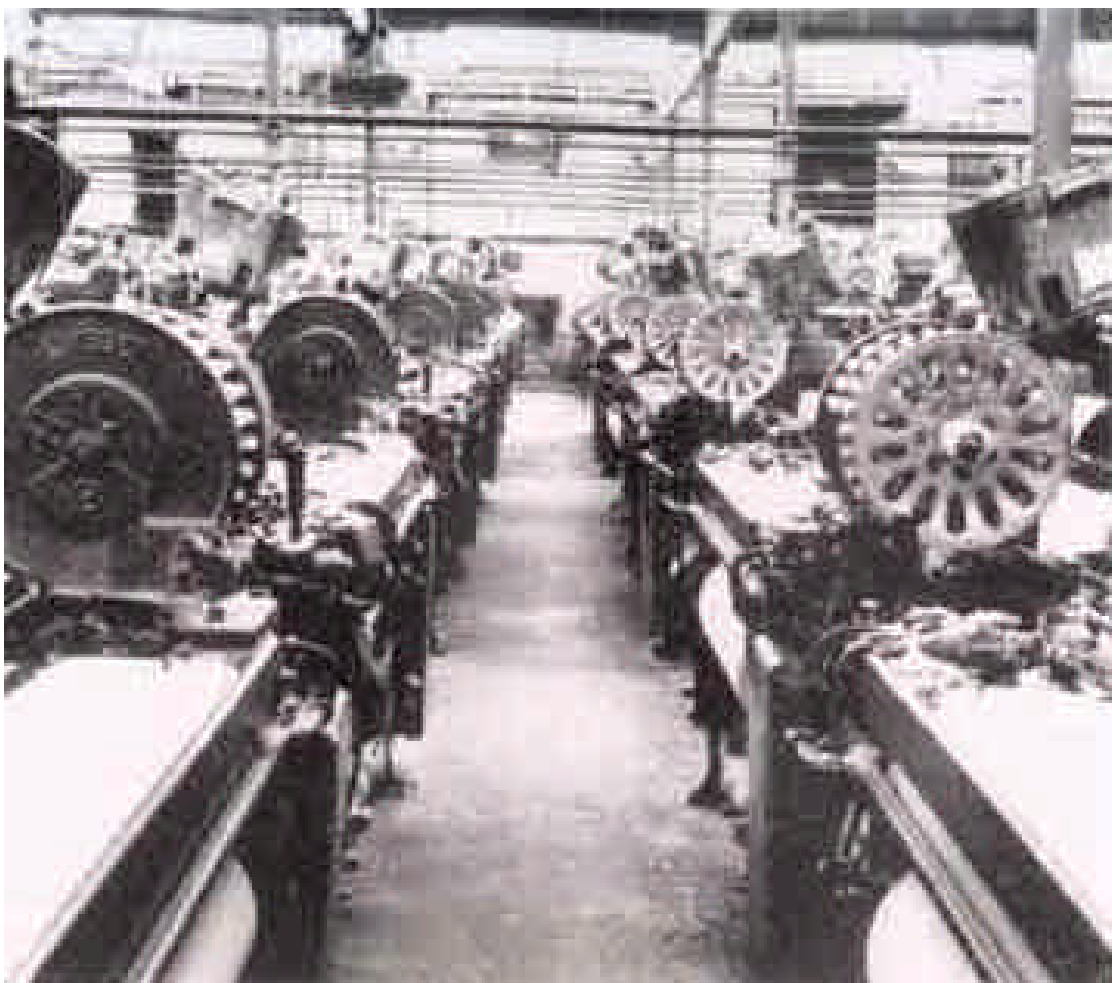
The Early Years

OPENING UP

1864 - ORIGINS

The Club today exists due to the efforts of the original members in 1864.

The Club was originally known as Hunsworth Mills Cricket Club and was set up as a workshop team.



As the Club website announces:

In that year [1864] a strip measuring 40 yards by 10 yards was laid out in the field on which the club still plays to this very day, and a year later in 1865 members subscribed to have a wooden hut erected to provide proper facilities.

A further year down the line the pitch was extended to a much more impressive 40 yards by 40 yards. The year 1872 saw the building of a brick pavilion to replace the wooden hut that had by now become too small for the ever-increasing band of new members.



This pavilion built by the club's own members during their leisure hours probably stood close to where today's main bar area is situated.

In this same year, the club operated with 1st & 2nd teams for the first time, and Mr William Hatton, a wicketkeeper from Liverpool, became the club's first professional player to be engaged for a full season.

UP FOR THE CUP

1883 – HEAVY WOOLLEN DEBUT

Only 19 years after formation, in 1883, Cleckheaton became one of the 'original' teams to compete in the highly prestigious Heavy Woollen Cup.



Currently Cleckheaton stand 10th in the all-time list of successful clubs in the Cup with three final victories.

They have also finished runners-up on four occasions.

In addition, the final has been played six times at Moor End.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

1885 – CLUB RE-CHRISTENED

The Club changed its name in 1885 - from Hunsworth Mills C.C. to Cleckheaton C.C.. This was a popular move by the Club, as there was no cricket club bearing the town's name.

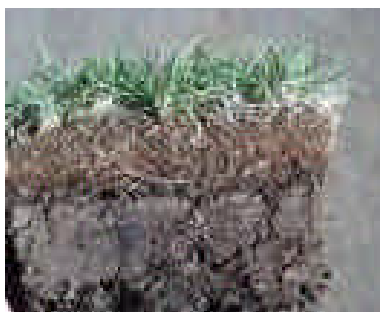
'Cleckheaton Alexandra', who had played near Whitcliffe Mount, had ceased to exist in 1863.



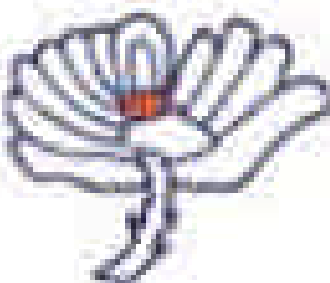
TUNNICLIFFE HELPS OUT!

1894 – MOMENTOUS MATCH

Cleckheaton's ground, close to the mills, underwent some major changes in 1894. Over 30,000 square feet of turf was re-laid.



The President of the Club officially opened the 'new' ground on 19 May 1894. This was a joyful day and the occasion was marked with an unforgettable cricketing encounter.



A match was arranged against Rastrick – and Yorkshire star J. Tunncliffe joined the Cleckheaton side.

BOWLED OVER!

1896 – NEW CLUB SECTION

In 1896 the Cricket Club amalgamated with the Crown Green Bowling Club.

Since then the Bowling section has gained fame throughout Yorkshire and the North of England.

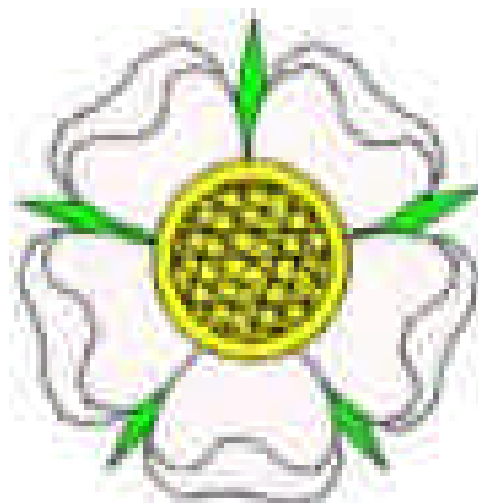


In recent years Cleckheaton have twice hosted the finals of the All England Crown Green Bowling Association.



COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP!

1903 – YORKSHIRE COUNCIL



In 1903 Cleckheaton joined the prestigious Yorkshire Council cricket competition, having previously competed in the Spen Valley League.

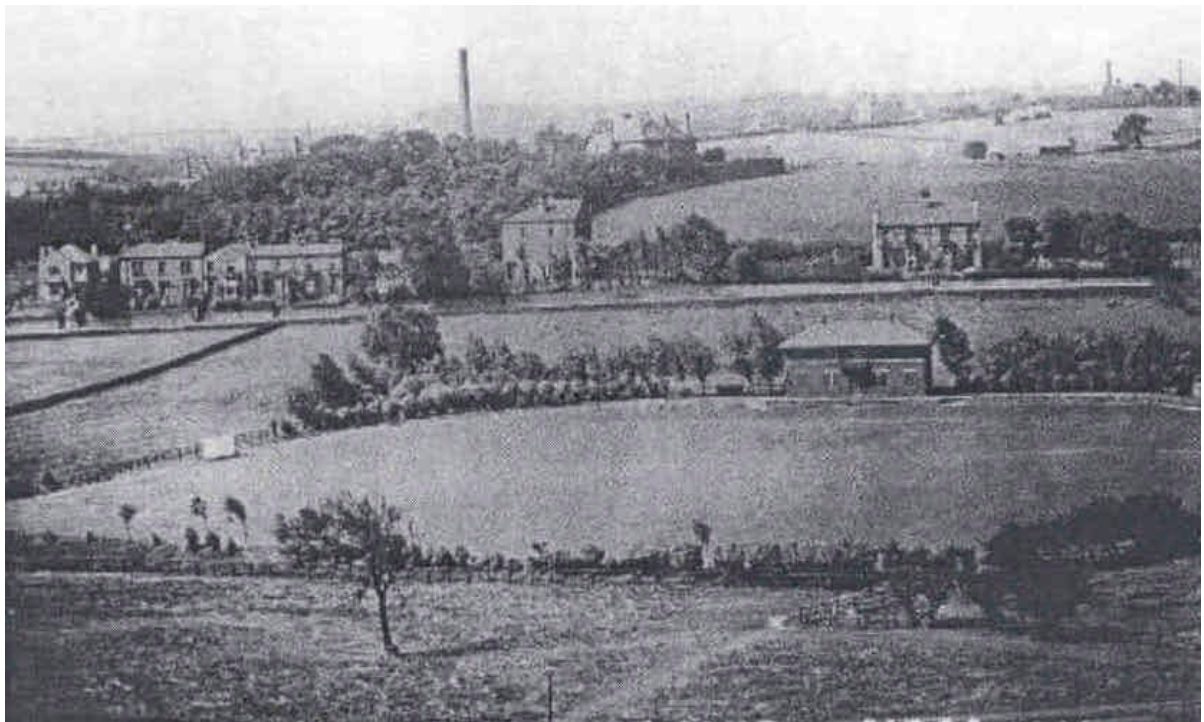


A CENTURY AGO...LONG BEFORE THE M62 ARRIVED

c. 1910 – PHOTO OF GROUND

This is one of the earliest surviving photographs of Moor End.

Can you identify any of the buildings or local landmarks?



IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST

1928 – SPEN ENCOUNTER



EVER since he saw the article on the Heavy Woollen Cup-tie between Cleckheaton and Spen. Victoria, in which we reproduced pictures of the two sides taken in 1928, Ernest Clifford Brearley has been just itching to tell me his story, writes Reg Law.

This Hightown man, now 77, resides at Harepark, Grange, Hightown. It seems that way back in the days just before the First World War, he played cricket for Cleckheaton Tradesmen's Association Cricket Club, and the picture he is so proud of is of their side, taken in the July of that fateful year when war broke out, and as you can see in this reproduction he also showed me his membership card for that season.



GONE SHOPPING!

1932 – GROUND PURCHASE

In 1932 Cleckheaton C.C. became the proud owners of their ground.



During this period, Frank Morton had become associated with the Club and become its main driving force.

He was also one of the founding fathers of the Central Yorkshire Cricket League in 1937, and remained its president until 1958.

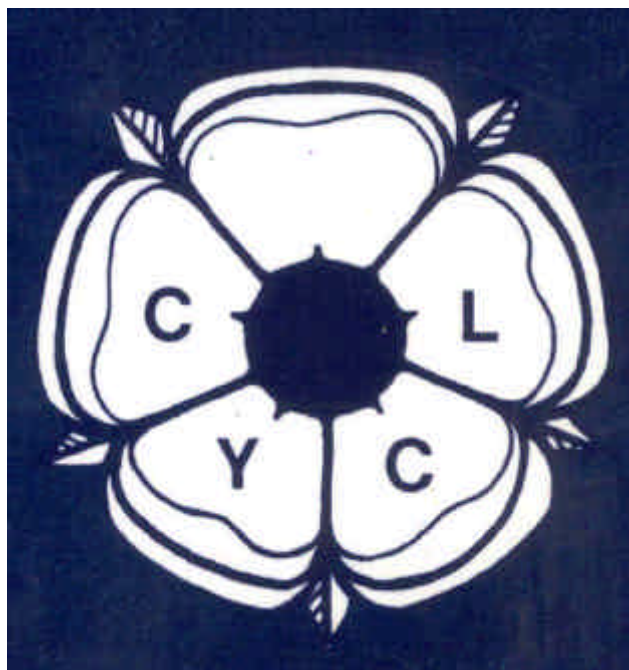
INTO THE BIG LEAGUE!

1938 – CENTRAL YORKSHIRE

After a spell in the Heavy Woollen League, Cleckheaton joined the Central Yorkshire League as founder members in 1938.

They remained there until 1975, when they left to join the Bradford League.

Here they played teams such as Ossett, Batley, Staincliffe, Birstall and Mirfield.



AT LAST!

1939 - HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP CHAMPIONS

After coming close so many times in the past, finally, in 1939, as war approached, Cleckheaton become Heavy Woollen Cup winners.

They beat local rivals Scholes by 65 runs in the final at Hartshead Moor.

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP.

CLECKHEATON'S FINE VICTORY.

Cleckheaton were at home to Ossett in the second round of the Heavy Woollen Cup, and although Ossett were regarded as having a good chance of winning the cup Cleckheaton beat them by three wickets. Owing to the rain it was not possible to start the game until 4.30 and at some periods play was slow and uninteresting. Ossett, who had first use of the wicket, opened carefully, Greenwood, one of their opening batsmen, scoring 22 out of his 38 runs in singles. The first wicket fell at 25 and the second at 31. L. Dews evened things up a bit by scoring 16 in three scoring hits—two sixes and a four before being caught by Weatherall off Garthwaite. G. Dews was top scorer with 29, four fours being included in the total. When Ossett finished their innings after seven o'clock they had 147 runs to their credit. Joe Hirst bore the brunt of the attack, bowling 17 overs and taking five wickets for 36 runs (three maidens). Garthwaite had three for 37 in 12, Burnhill one for 14 in three (one maiden) and Deadman one for 21 in 8.6 (two maidens).

It was 7.25 when Cleckheaton went out to bat, but so well did they set about their task that they had won by nine o'clock. Barraclough and Preston quickly got to work and put on 73 runs for the first wicket when Preston was caught by G. Dews off Greenwood for an excellent 41, which included six fours and a six. Barraclough continued to bat steadily, and when the winning hit was scored he had 53 to his credit and was still at the wicket, seven fours being included in his score. A. Walker and A. Weatherall each added 17 the former scoring three fours and the latter four, the winning hit coming with three wickets in hand. Armitage took four for 30 in ten overs (one maiden), Greenwood one for 17 in one, Fozard one for 31 in five and Armitage one for 48 in seven.

OSSETT.

R Greenwood	s	Lighthowler	b	Garthwaite	22
A Gust	c	Wood	b	Hirst	19
F Fozard	c	Lighthowler	b	Hirst	3
E Varley	c	Preston	b	Garthwaite	10
L Dews	c	Weatherall	b	Garthwaite	16
G Dews	b	Burnhill			29
L Armitage	b	Hirst			15
C Barker	c	Holmes	b	Hirst	5
B Armitage	c	Holmes	b	Hirst	3
H C Brooke	not out				11
O Bentley	c	Holmes	b	Deadman	3
Extras					6

Total 147

CLECKHEATON.

H Barraclough	not out	53			
F Preston	c	G Dews	b	Greenwood	41
A Walker	lbw	b	E Armitage	17	
E Holmes	b	L Armitage	4		
R Wood	b	L Armitage	3		
A Weatherall	c	Bentley	b	L Armitage	17
J Lighthowler	c	and	b	Fozard	3
J Hirst	b	L Armitage	3		
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Total for seven wickets 149

This is a report from Cleckheaton's match against Ossett in the second round of the competition

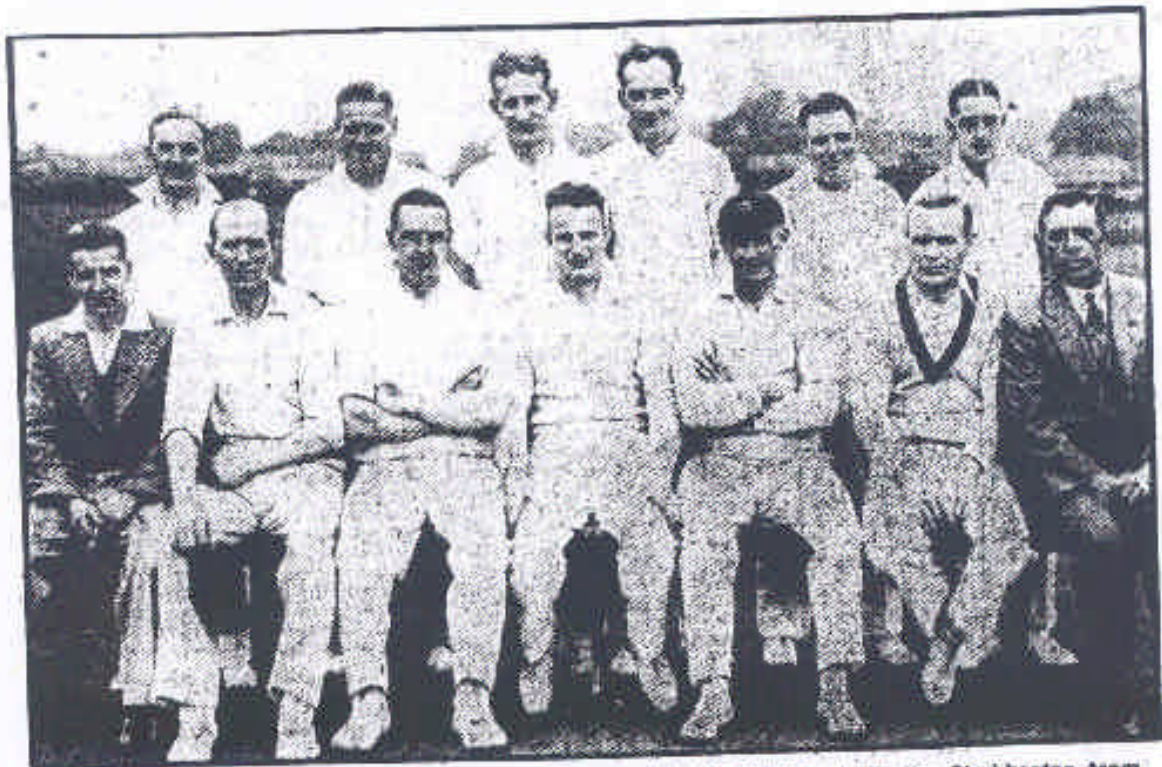


Cleckheaton Win The Heavy Woollen Cup.

Decisive Victory Over Scholes.

After having been in three previous finals, Cleckheaton won the Heavy Woollen Cup for the first time by a decisive victory over Scholes, on the Hartshead Moor ground, on Saturday. The game was full of interest and very open until it was evident that the Scholes batsmen were not rising to the occasion, and once the Cleckheaton bowling got on top it was only a matter of time before victory was theirs. Cleckheaton had first use of the wicket

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP FINALISTS.



The Heavy Woollen Cup final will be played to-morrow. The top picture shows the Gieckheaton team and the second one Scholes.