

## HECKMONDWIKE & CARLINGHOW CC

The Later Years

# WELCOME HOME, BOYS!

1946 – RETURN OF PLAYERS



1946 was a year of joy for many with the ending of the War. However, as the Upper Chapel Manual shows, on returning from the forces, many ex-players were shocked at the state of the pitch and pavilion!

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## CRICKET SECTION OF U.C.Y.O.

On returning from the Forces, a number of ex-players in the pre-war Cricket Club were rather shocked by the state of the cricket pitch and pavilion. However, a meeting of all interested in the re-formation of the club, not only saw the restart of the Cricket Club, at Upper, but the foundation of the now well-known youth movement in our Church, called U.C.Y.O.

Work was started at once on the field, and, by the help of Mr. S. Harrison, a section was ploughed up and re-set with seed. The pavilion, much to our own, as well as older ex-members dismay, was pulled down, the timber being safely packed away until work can be begun on a smaller pavilion. We hope to do this in the coming season.

As for the future, we look forward with confidence to many happy hours in healthy recreation, and we hope to keep up the well-known name other Upper teams have made before us. We welcome old members and new to our ranks, and anyone who thinks himself past running about on a summers afternoon and would like to encourage our efforts by becoming non-playing members, your backing would be greatly appreciated.

# RENAISSANCE MEN

## POST-WAR YEARS: RE-FORMATION

This shock led to the re-formation of the Club, to work on the ground and other matters. A meeting of interested parties led not only to the re-start of the cricket club but the foundation of the now well-known church youth movement: U.C.Y.O.



Work was done on the field and pavilion. The Club was indebted to many non-players and also to the church for their financial backing during this time of need.

The Club welcomed back many old members and also encouraged new members to join. They now had the confidence to maintain the good name of Upper Chapel teams before them. The Club also stressed the importance of non-playing members – they had been crucial in the immediate post-war years.



This photo shows a happy cricket team! It also demonstrates the importance of ‘non-players’ at the Club. They supported and encouraged the players, and also helped with the running of the Club. Can you put a name to any faces?

# THE INVINCIBLES!

1947 – UNDEFEATED!

The hard work of the late summer of 1946, put in by the members of the re-formed cricket club, was justly rewarded during the 1947 season.

The Club's 1946 aim to keep up the high standards, and follow in the footsteps of its forbears, had clearly been achieved. In 1947 Upper Chapel lost no games at all!



They won the Batley & District Sunday School League Cup and the Batley & District Sunday School Challenge Cup. This was a great achievement considering that the Club were still in the process of reform.

The season saw them playing on half the original playing area and changing in the Sunday School rooms.



**This photo shows the undefeated team with their magnificent two trophies. It is important to note that the vicar is also pictured here with the team. This was a Club that was church-**

# SWINGING SIXTIES!

1962 – CUP WINNERS!



## UPPER CHAPEL - 81 CROSS BANK - 24

In July 1962 Upper Chapel won the Batley & District Sunday School final at Mount Pleasant against Cross Bank Methodists.

# STAR RISING?

## 1966/9/1970 – DEWSBURY LEAGUE

In 1966 the Batley Cricket League folded and Upper Chapel joined the Dewsbury & District League in Section 'C'. The League handbook shows that in 1969 the Club won Section 'C' and thus entered Section 'B' for the 1970 season.

### FINAL LEAGUE TABLES, SEASON 1969

#### " A " SECTION

	P	W	L	D	D	P
Birstall Carpet Co. ...	18	10	2	2	4	60
Mirfield Parish Church ...	18	10	3	1	4	57
Dewsbury Cavaliers ...	18	7	2	2	7	48
Howden Clough ...	18	6	5	1	6	39
Denby Grange ...	18	6	6	0	6	36
Earlsheaton ...	18	6	8	0	4	31
Upper Hopton ...	18	5	6	1	6	34
Netherton ...	18	4	8	0	6	26
Horbury Bridge ...	18	3	8	0	7	22
Cross Bank ...	18	2	11	0	5	15

#### " B " SECTION

	P	W	L	D	D	P
Whitley Lower ...	18	10	1	2	5	61
Salem ...	18	10	1	1	6	59
Jas. France & Co. ...	18	8	5	1	4	47
Soothill ...	18	8	4	0	6	46
Dewsbury Moorlands ...	18	7	6	0	5	40
Carlinglow St. John's ...	18	7	7	0	4	39
Dewsbury N.A.L.G.O. ...	18	7	8	0	3	38
Wormalds & Walker ...	18	5	9	0	4	29
Muslims ...	18	2	11	0	5	15
Manorfields ...	18	0	12	0	6	6

#### " C " SECTION

	P	W	L	D	D	P
Upper Chapel ...	18	9	2	2	5	56
Spencer & Halstead Ltd ...	18	9	5	1	5	53
Ruddiesdens ...	18	8	5	1	4	47
Hanover St. Congs ...	18	8	4	0	6	46
Gawthorpe St. Mary's ...	18	7	4	0	7	42
Thornhill Collieries ...	18	7	6	1	4	42
Cleckheaton St. John's ...	18	6	7	0	5	35
Flush Sports ...	18	5	9	0	4	29
Heckmondwike Parish Ch. ...	18	3	12	0	3	18
Cross Bank Muslims ...	18	2	12	0	4	14

#### " D " SECTION (2nd XI's)

	P	W	L	D	D	P
Whitley Lower ...	18	12	1	1	4	67
Soothill ...	18	9	2	0	7	52
Horbury Bridge ...	18	8	5	0	3	45
Birstall Carpet Co. ...	18	7	7	1	3	41
Howden Clough ...	18	7	7	0	4	40
Netherton ...	18	6	7	0	5	36
Wormalds & Walker Ltd. ...	18	6	9	0	3	33
Mirfield Parish Ch. ...	18	4	8	1	5	28
Upper Hopton ...	18	3	9	0	6	21
Dewsbury Moorlands ...	18	2	11	0	5	15

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# YO-YO TEAM

1970s - UPS AND DOWNS

By 1974 the Club had been relegated to Section 'C'. Throughout this decade the Club yo-yoed between Sections 'B' and 'C'. Again, in 1977 the Club gained promotion to Section 'B' but were relegated at the end of the 1978 season.



# UPPER CHAPEL C.C.

## HECKMONDWIKE

SEASON 1974

Full Teas and Minerals  
available at all  
Home Matches

"C" Section

### UPPER CHAPEL (HECKMONDWIKE)

Ground: Chapel Lane, Heckmondwike. Secretary: G. R. Sykes, "South Lea," Kester Road, White Lee, Batley. Tel. Heckmondwike 402537. Mr. W. A. Atkin, Assistant Secretary. League Representative: as above

Date	Opponents	Gr'd. Rch.
Apr. 20	Cleckheaton St. Johns	Home.....
27	Mirfield Parish Church	Away.....
May 4	Woodkirk	Home.....
11	Crisplestone	Away.....
18	Dewsbury Young Star	Home.....
25	Calder Grove	Away.....
June 1	Wrenthorpe	Home.....
8	Flush Mills	Away.....
15	Wormalds and Walker	Away.....
22	White Hart I.D.	Away.....
29	Batley Muslims	Away.....
July 6	Cleckheaton St. Johns	Away.....
13	Mirfield Parish Church	Home.....
20	Woodkirk	Away.....
27	Crisplestone	Home.....
Aug. 3	Dewsbury Young Star	Away.....
10	Calder Grove	Home.....
17	Wrenthorpe	Away.....
24	Flush Mills	Home.....
31	Wormalds and Walker	Home.....
Sept. 7	White Hart I.D.	Home.....
14	Batley Muslims	Home.....

In mid-decade the side was based around three families: the Sykeses, Walkers and Aspinalls. It is significant that the woman scorer is related to one of the players.



Upper Chapel C.C. side, seen here before the start of Saturday's game at Chapel Lane. Back row: A. Sykes, G. Sykes, N. Tazner, P. Kemp, S. Winn, K. Stone, D. Walker. Front row: R. Walker, R. Lodge, B. Cooper (Capt), G. Aspinall, D. Crowther and S. Aspinall (scorer).

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