

MIRFIELD CC

The Early Years

Ground work

1863 – FIRST CLUB AGM

This early newspaper cutting – wedged in between items relating to Mirfield Prosecution Society and Mirfield Cotton Districts Relief Fund – from 9 May 1863 tells us that Club membership stood at 66, the cricket field was being 'levelled and re-laid', and Gomersal Perseverance Club were soon to be challenged in a friendly fixture.

purpose. The owners of these water gates are, of course, driving a roaring trade.

MIRFIELD PROSECUTION SOCIETY.—This society held its annual meeting on Thursday evening last, at the Shepley's Arms Inn. There have been three rather heavy prosecutions during the year, and which would have pressed heavily upon the individuals prosecuting had they not been in this society. It is well worth the consideration of those individuals having property who have not yet become members. There were a few entered. It was resolved that a gratuity of half a guinea be given to P.C. Smith, who was very energetic in apprehending the person who cut down three box trees at Broad Oaks.

MIRFIELD CRICKET CLUB.—The members of this club held their first annual meeting last Monday evening, in the Towngate School room, Mr. R. Denton in the chair. The report was read by the returning secretary, Mr. T. Haworth, showing the number of members at present on the books to be eleven honorary members, and fifty-five ordinary, in all sixty-six. The expenses during the past year have been heavy, they having purchased a large number of bats, &c., and also having had their field levelled and re-laid. There is, however, a small balance in hand. Mr. G. Moffatt, of Over Hall, was voted secretary for the ensuing year. The admission fee has been advanced to 10s. It has been arranged to play a friendly game with the Gomersal Perseverance Club on the 1st of June.

MIRFIELD COTTON DISTRICTS RELIEF FUND.—A committee meeting was held in the Parish Church school-room on Monday evening last, the Rev. Ralph

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1863 – BEATEN BY THORNHILL LEES CHURCH INSTITUTE

This was an early-season encounter staged at Mirfield's 'excellent ground'. The scores were low – to be expected given the rudimentary state of ground-maintenance equipment – and Lees just came out on top. The day was rounded off with a single-wicket match.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1863.

CHURCH INSTITUTE, THORNHILL LEES v. MIRFIELD.
—This match, as advertised in our last issue, came off on Saturday last, on the excellent ground of the Mirfield Club, and attracted a considerable number of spectators. It is the first match of the season for the Church Institute players, and when their friends and others heard of the challenge having been sent to the Mirfield gentlemen, they characterised it as a "piece of impudence," and prophesied that they would have to repent of their audacity. The contrast in appearance of the two elevens when they entered the field rather justified such opinions, but the result proved a victory for the Thornhill Lees players, who beat their opponents with seven wickets to fall. The bowling of Hill and J. Wilson was very good, as was also the batting of the latter and Thompson. Scitcheon's bowling was "too impetuous," and of course did not do much damage. We subjoin the score:—

MIRFIELD.—First and Second Innings.—P. Thornton, b Crabtree 1, b Crabtree 7; S. Scitcheon, b Wilson 4, b Crabtree 7; W. Noble, b Wilson 0, b Crabtree 8; H. Dransfield, c H. Wilson b Crabtree 4, c Walker b Wilson 5; A. Hill, b Crabtree 1, b Crabtree 1; J. Holmes, b Crabtree 2, c Crabtree b Wilson 4; J. Evers, c Walker b Wilson 2, b Crabtree 0; B. Hobbethwaite, b Crabtree 3, run out 0; S. Broadbent, c and b Crabtree 0 not out 3; G. Bailey, not out 2, b Wilson 4; E. Schofield, run out 0, run out 0; b, 3, 1; 1 b, 1, 1; w, 1;—total, 23 and 42.

CHURCH INSTITUTE.—First and Second Innings.—G. Bailey, b Hill 2; G. Walker, b Hill 0; H. Wilson, b Hill 0; J. Woodhead, c Hill b Scitcheon 7; J. E. Charlesworth, c and b Scitcheon 0; T. Drake, b Scitcheon 2; K. Newcome, b Scitcheon 6; A. Crabtree, c Noble b Scitcheon 6, c Evers b Holmes 0; D. Hanson, run out 0, b Holmes 0; J. Wilson, not out 1, not out 13; K. Thompson, run out 0, b Hill 0; b, 19 and 6; 1 b, 1; w, 1;—total, 40 and 28, with 3 wickets down.

As the close of the above game, a single wicket match was played by Crabtree, of one eleven, and Holmes, of the other, which was won by the former in a "canter."

Although the committee of the Church Institute Cricket Club cannot hope for a practice ground before the beginning of July, they are determined not to remain idle, and take this opportunity of soliciting the continued support of their friends and subscribers.—ADWT.

PRINCE OF WALES v. BATLEY VICTORIA.—A friendly game of cricket was played on Saturday last, between the Prince of Wales' Cricket Club, Clerk-green, and the Victoria Cricket Club, Clerk-green. The former won easily. The following is the score:—

PRINCE OF WALES.—O. Hall 2, W. Shaw 4, G. Berry 7, G. Smith 2, H. Smith 17, A. Pyrah 0, G. Parker 14, H. Wright 2, M. Harrison 4, R. Brazier 4, J. Collinson (not out) 0; byes, &c., 10.—total 66.

VICTORIA.—W. Jenkinson 4, J. Parkinson 6, W. Warren 1, G. Fozard 1, H. Hall (not out) 14, R. Smith 4, J. T. Hall 2, E. Ellis 1, J. Smith 0, J. Warren 2, W. Grinstead 3, byes 8.—total 44.

Money, Money...

1882 – FUNDRAISING EFFORT

Mirfield Town Hall was the venue for one of the Cricket Club's big events – a fundraising 'Entertainment'. This sounds like an evening of variety and cabaret, with all proceeds going to a cricketing cause.

Mirfield Cricket Club.

THE ANNUAL

Entertainment

for the benefit of the above Club, will be given in the

Town Hall, Mirfield,

On Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23rd & 24th, 1882,
Commencing each Evening at 7-30.

Admission :—Front Seats, 2/6 ; Second Seats, 1/- ; Third Seats, 6d.

Tickets may be purchased of Mr. Thos. Rogers, Caxton Buildings, Mirfield.

CARRIAGES TO BE ORDERED AT TEN.

At the request of several of the patrons of the Entertainment, Front Seats will be reserved for those who purchase their Tickets for the **THURSDAY** Evening performance, on or before the 16th of November.

A plan of the Seats will be on view at Mr. Rogers' shop, from the 9th to the 16th of November, both inclusive, after which date no seats will be reserved.

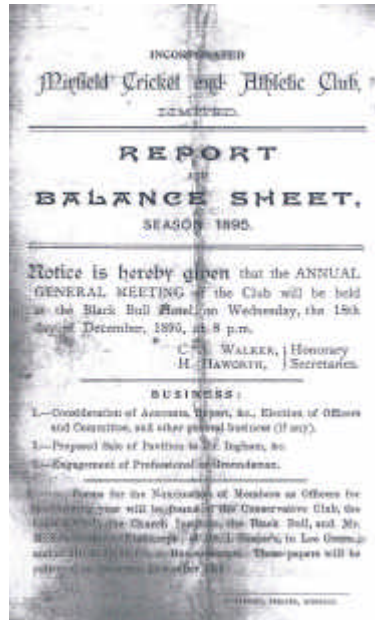
The Second Seats will be the two front rows of the end gallery and the side galleries.

T. Rogers, Printer, Caxton Buildings, Mirfield.

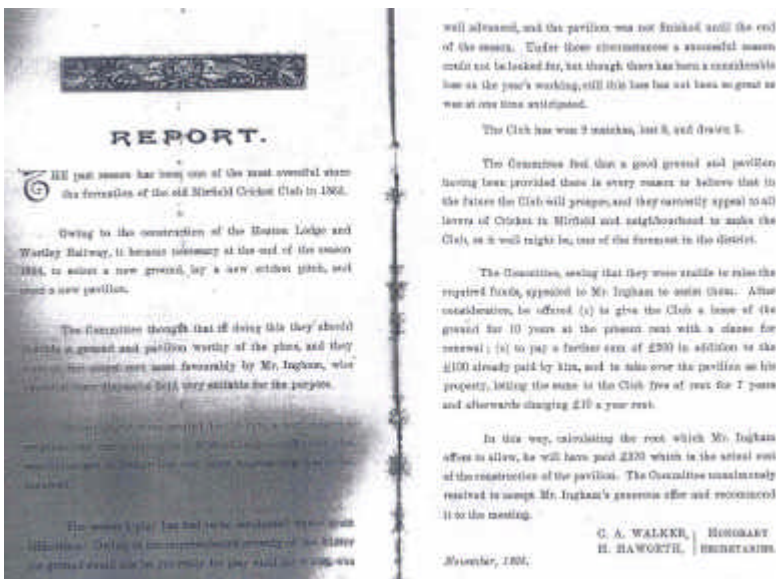
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TA, MR INGHAM!

1895 – ANNUAL REPORT



The Club's Annual Report revealed that a Mr Ingham had paid £370 to build the Club a new pavilion. He had also come to the Club's rescue when, at the end of Season 1894, the Club had been forced to re-locate due to the construction of Heaton Lodge and the Wortley Railway.



In the Press...

1904 – 'CRICKETERS' TALES'

By the first decade of the twentieth century, cricket was receiving its fair share of column inches in the local paper.

