

MIRFIELD PARISH CC

The Later Years

For Hire!

GROUND LOAN DOCUMENT

MIRFIELD PARISH CHURCH CRICKET CLUB

Application for Loan of Ground

SCALE OF CHARGES.

(1) Use of Ground (including Wickets, Balls, Cricketers' Coats and Telegraph Flags) £1 1s. 0d.
(2) Use of Stair, Paths, Gates and Cricket Balls) £1 1s. 0d.

Use of Ground is granted on the following Conditions—

1. The name of every responsible person must be forwarded to the Secretary at the time of application. This person will be expected to co-operate with the Committee during the booking.
2. It will be necessary for you to undertake to make good any damage beyond normal wear and tear to goods or property, and to meet any claim there and carry the public liability.
3. The Committee shall be sole judge as to the fitness of the ground, and its decision shall be final.

You and on behalf of the Committee,
..... Hon. Secretary,
M.P.C.C.C.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PART FOR REFERENCE

Name of Club or Party making application.....
Secretary.....
Address.....
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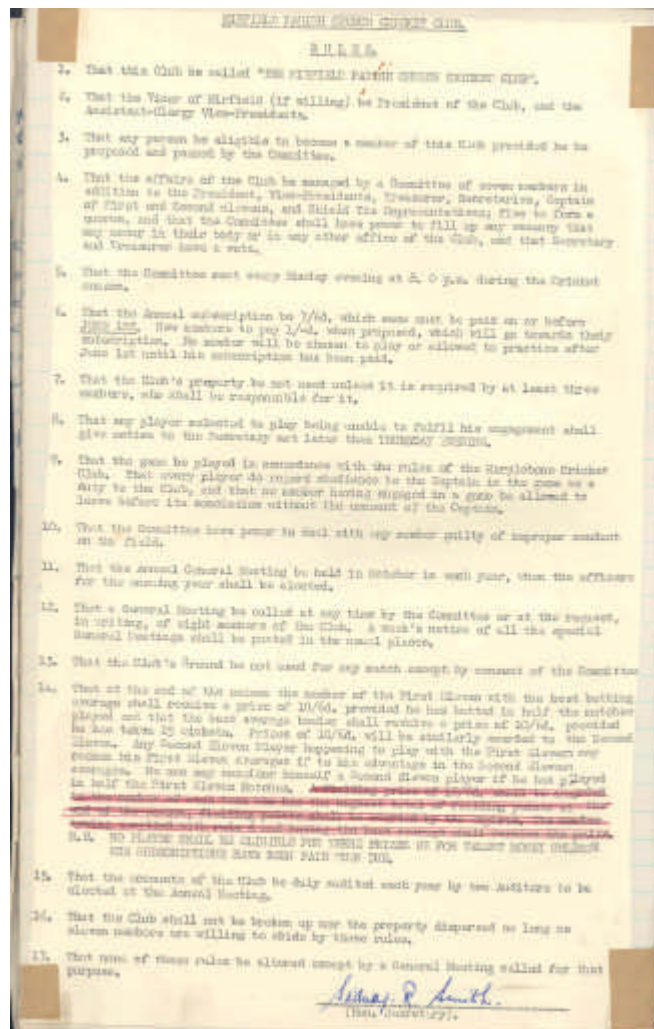
Time required..... Period chosen.....
State regulations—(a) or (b).....

I have read the conditions stated above and agree to abide by the same.
Signed.....
Date.....

Can anyone help us to date this significant Club document?

17 Articles

CLUB RULES



This is a set of rules issued by the old Mirfield Parish Cricket Club. Rule 2 is probably the most significant: ***‘That the Vicar of Mirfield (if willing) be President of the Club, and the Assistant-Clergy Vice-Presidents’***. This confirms the Club-Church link, but also gives the Vicar an ‘opt-out’ if he so desires!

Suit-and-Tie!

1948 – ANNUAL DINNER

The 'Annual Dinner' is an important part of any Cricket Club's life. Here we see 11 guests at the Mirfield Parish CC 'do' of 1948 (a famous cricketing year, when Bradman and his Australian Tourists team made such an impression in England).



Note the Vicar (also Club President) on the front row – a sure sign that the Club-Church relationship was strong in this period.

In the summer of 1948 Parish won the Jessop Cup and the Coronation Shield under the captaincy of H. Smith.

Parish V.I.P.s

1954 – CLUB PEOPLE



Committee members discussing club business are (left to right) Mr. P. Heeley, Mr. E. Maskill (secretary), Mr. S. R. Smith, Mr. W. H. Ashpool (treasurer) and Mr. H. Smith.

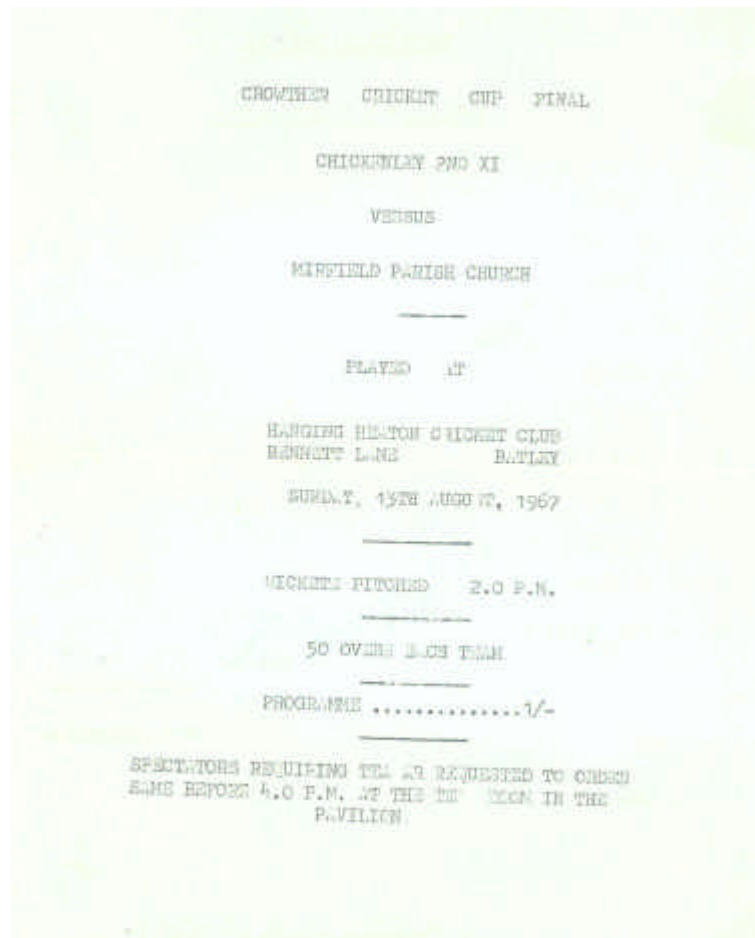
Do you recognise any of these faces?



Practice night at the Parish. Moving in for the "kill" are (left to right) Stanley Smith, Donald Banks, stumper Rodney English (captain of the second team), George Hirst and Kenneth Jackson. Batting is John Mallinson.

CHICKENLEY DUEL

1967 – CROWTHER CUP FINAL



1967 was a good year for Mirfield Parish: they won Section 'A' of the Dewsbury & District League, and also scooped the prize for 'best performance in last seven League matches'. They also reached the final of the Crowther Cup.

FIRST CENTURY!

3 OCTOBER 1980 – CLUB CENTENARY

CRICKET CLUB KNOCKS UP 100

ONE HUNDRED years ago, a group of choirboys decided to form a cricket team simply for their amusement. The club they formed was called Mirfield Parish Cricket Club. From its unlikely beginning, the team has grown and become one of Mirfield's strongest and most successful clubs.

And on Friday, the club celebrated its centenary at The Marmaville Country Club with a dinner and dance — and their special guest was former England and Somerset player, Brian Close.

For more than 75 years, local people have watched cricket played on the picturesque ground in Dunbottle Lane. This pitch is a marked contrast to their previous one at Primrose Farm in Crossley Lane, which subsided due to nearby coal workings!

Things have changed since they first moved to this ground. The players originally had no pavilion and had to change in the nearby public house, The Sheppers Arms, now been converted to cottages.

Eventually, a small pavilion

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was built and later a tea room was added, which was also used as a committee and store room.

Since then the club has prospered, but hasn't had a completely smooth run. In the summer of 1965, a large hole suddenly appeared, where groundsman Harold Smith was cutting the grass. It was at least six feet in diameter and 12 feet deep.

Tons of rubble were used to fill the hole and members gave up their time in order to have the ground ready for a game the following Saturday.

The cause of the trouble was due to a tip at the bottom of the ground. In 1977 the whole wicket had to be relaid at a cost of £5,000, when it was found that parts of the pitch had begun to ripple and sink in places. Again the dedication of the members, non-members and ground staff ensured that the pitch was rescued.

During the past decade, the

club has made large steps forward, with new and improved facilities.

For many years the President was the Vicar of Mirfield, but in recent times, local businessmen have held the office — at present it is Mr. Bill O'Donnell, of Ossett.

But at Mirfield Parish, the members have made sure that cricket is not totally male dominated. They have a good ladies' section.

Over the years the club have won more than 50 trophies, including the Crowther Cup which they won last year. Since the war, the club's players have won the League's and President's batting, bowling, and wicket-keeping individual prizes on 26 occasions.

Many Test and County cricketers have also visited the club including Geoff Boycott, Ray Illingworth, and John Edrich. Foreign players have also come to the ground, including Wasim Raja and Madan Lal.

During the club's centenary year, they are holding benefit evenings for Geoff Cope and Barrie Leadbetter.



Brian Close (right) at the centenary dinner with Mr. Brian Tattersfield (left), treasurer, Mr. Bill O'Donnell, president, Mr. John Balmforth, secretary, and Mr. Richard Ingham and Mr. Harry Fretwell, second and first team captains. — (RN).

Champions!

1982 - LEEDS LEAGUE ACHIEVEMENT

Title success at first attempt

MIRFIELD Parish Church celebrated their first season in the Leeds and District League by clinching the second division title following two fine wins over the weekend.

On Saturday they cruised to a ten-wicket victory at Garforth, dismissing the home team for 93 and knocking off the runs in only 22.3 overs.

Fretwell (5.30) and Woolard (3.16) tore the heart out of the Garforth innings and Parish openers Laycock (42 not out) and Lumb (45 not out) were both in great form.

Laycock went without scoring against Leeds Police on Sunday but Lumb (46) was again in good touch and with Woolard hitting 35 and Fretwell an unbeaten 39 Parish made light work of a target of 136.

Earlier Fretwell (3.30) had reduced Leeds Police to 58-6 and although a stand of 78 between Spark and Chippendale gave the scoreline some respectability the last four wickets fell without a run being added.

LEEDS POLICE

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| D Spavin c G Woolard b H Fretwell | 7 |
| S Cockerham c and b R Smith | 6 |
| I Williamson b C Fretwell | 11 |
| E Dill c D Lawson b R Smith | 1 |
| A Ryan c and b C Fretwell | 10 |
| P Spark st C Briggs b D Lawson | 21 |
| H Smith b C Fretwell | 5 |
| G Chippendale (b G Woolard) | 48 |
| M Shilleto lbw D Lawson | 0 |
| T Grege run out | 0 |
| R Spavin not out | 0 |
| Extras 10 | |
| Total | 135 |

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| Bowling: H Smith | 8-3-15-3 | H Fretwell | 6-1-14-1 |
| G Chippendale | 10-3-31-0 | C Fretwell | 12-5-50-3 |
| D Lawson | 4-2-0-1-2 | C Woolard | 1-1-0-1 |

MIRFIELD PARISH

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| D Laycock b Chippendale | 42 |
| M Lumb lbw R Smith | 45 |
| G Dawson c Williamson b C Chippendale | 3 |
| G Woolard c and b Cockerham | 35 |
| H Fretwell not out | 39 |
| L Dawson c P Spark b Chippendale | 0 |
| C Briggs not out | 12 |
| Extras 2 | |
| Total (for 5 wks) | 137 |

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| Bowling: C Chippendale | 10-4-5-26-5 | A Ryan | 13-1-49-0 |
| R Smith | 13-2-35-1 | S Cockerham | 3-0-17-1 |

GARFORTH

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| D Burniston b R Smith | 15 |
| B Butterworth lbw R Smith | 17 |
| P Stanton b G Woolard | 10 |
| K Leatham b C Fretwell | 10 |
| T Siberry not out | 21 |
| I Nicholls c D Lawson b C Fretwell | 9 |
| R Brown st C Briggs b C Fretwell | 0 |
| D Lambert st C Briggs b C Fretwell | 0 |
| K Shires b G Woolard | 0 |
| R Hill c G Dawson b C Fretwell | 0 |
| R Lawn b G Woolard | 1 |
| Extras 2 | |
| Total | 93 |

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| Bowling: H Smith | 9-2-24-2 | H Fretwell | 7-5-21-0 |
| G Woolard | 12-1-3-16-3 | C Fretwell | 11-3-30-5 |

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| D Laycock not out | 42 |
| M Lumb not out | 45 |
| Extras 7 | |
| Total (for 0 wks) | 94 |

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| Bowling: K Lawn | 7-1-22-0 | H Brown | 5-0-30-0 |
| P Stanton | 2-0-8-0 | D Lambert | 2-0-6-0 |
| I Nicholls | 3-1-9-0 | T Siberry | 2-0-12-0 |

Legend Pops In

1984 – SIR GEOFFREY IN TOWN



Three years later, in 1987, Mirfield Parish Cavaliers CC was born following a 'merger' between Mirfield Parish Church CC and Dewsbury Cavaliers CC (another local team that was on the verge of folding).