

# THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale & Kirklees

## MIRFIELD / MOORLANDS TIMELINE

### ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS

Original Mirfield CC formed?

Mirfield Rifles Club CC, Mirfield CC and Mirfield Young Alma CC in existence.

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### EVENTS IN **MIRFIELD** & **THE WORLD**

Composers push Russian music.

Battle of Gettysburg.

Birth of Mirfield Territorials. Founding of Red Cross.

Lewis Carol's *Alice in Wonderland*.

Strauss's *Blue Danube Waltz*.

Second Reform Bill passed.

Meiji Restoration in Japan.

Suez Canal opened.

Death of Charles Dickens.

Mirfield Parish Church built at cost of £22,000.

Chicago Fire kills 300.

Second Carlist War in Spain.

Verne's *Around the World...*

Japan invades Taiwan.

Civil Rights Act passed in America.

Bell invents telephone.

Edison invents phonograph.

Berlin Congress.

Edison invents electric light bulb.

Mosquito found to carry malaria.

Cambridge Tripos open to women.

Mirfield play in first-ever Heavy Woollen Cup.  
Dewsbury Moorlands Methodist CC born.

Mirfield club listed in *Athletic News*.

Mirfield help form West Riding Central League.

Mirfield join Spen Valley Cricket League.

- 1882 Married Women's Property Act.
- 1883 French painter Manet dies.
- 1884 Greenwich made meridian of world.
- 1885 First electric tramcar in Blackpool.
- 1886 Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
- 1887 Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.
- 1888 First box camera.
- 1889 Eiffel Tower built.
- 1890 London's first electric Underground.
- 1891 Dewsbury & District Golf Club formed. Pope condemns socialism.
- 1892 Electric oven invented.
- 1893 Memorial Cottage Hospital built as infirmary. Invention of the Aspirin.
- 1894 Dreyfus Affair begins in France.
- 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 Ford sets up motor company.
- 1904 Britain and France sign Entente.
- 1905 Revolution breaks out in Russia.
- 1906 First radio programme.
- 1907 First Daily Comic Strip.
- 1908 Cubism founded in Paris.

Dewsbury Moorlands Methodist Cricket Club help form  
Dewsbury & District League.

Mirfield leave Spen Valley Cricket League; join Heavy Woollen  
League and Yorkshire Council.

Original Mirfield club disbands. Mirfield Parish Church's first  
Heavy Woollen Cup competition.

- 1909** Synthetic plastic invented.
- 1910** Co-op store opens in Mirfield. Halley's comet reappears.
- 1911** Amundsen reaches South Pole.
- 1912** Titanic sinks.
- 1913** Suffragette demonstrations.
- 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** First birth control clinic.
- 1922** Mussolini's March on Rome.
- 1923** Salvation Army founded in Mirfield. First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924** Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.
- 1925** Charleston dance fashionable.
- 1926** General Strike. Adoption legalised.
- 1927** Lindbergh's solo flight over Atlantic.
- 1928** Lawrence's *Chatterley's Lover*.
- 1929** Wall Street Crash.
- 1930** Planet Pluto discovered.
- 1931** Last girder laid on Newgate Bridge. Empire State Building built.

Dewsbury Moorlands Methodist Church win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cup; also win Junior Cup.

Mirfield Parish Church withdraw from Heavy Woollen Cup but win Junior Cup. Win Dewsbury League 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cup. Dewsbury Moorlands Methodist Church win Jessop Cup.

Dewsbury Moorlands Methodists win Jessop Cup. Mirfield Parish win Coronation Shield.

Dewsbury Moorlands Methodist Church joint winners of 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Challenge Cup.

Mirfield Parish win Coronation Shield.

Mirfield Parish win Jessop Cup; also win Dewsbury & District League Shield.

Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury & District League Cricket Shield under H. Smith.

Mirfield Parish win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Challenge Cup.

Mirfield Parish win Jessop Cup.

Mirfield club re-forms and joins Central Yorkshire League. Move into Memorial Ground. Mirfield Parish win Sections 'A' & 'C' of

1932 British Union of Fascists founded.  
1933 Hitler becomes German Chancellor.

1934 Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.  
1935 Pedestrian crossings introduced.

1936 Wheatsheaf Inn closes. Edward VIII abdicates.

1937 Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.  
1938 Paid holidays start. Biro invented.  
1939 Beginning of Second World War.

1940 National Government formed.  
1941 Germany invade USSR.  
1942 British victorious at El Alamein.  
1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising.  
1944 D-Day. Paris liberated.  
1945 Auschwitz liberated.  
1946 Iron Curtain descends on Europe.  
1947 Truman Doctrine unveiled.  
1948 Train crash at Heaton Lodge. State of Israel founded.

1949 NATO established.

1950 Petrol rationing ends in Britain.  
1951 Festival of Britain opens.  
1952 Tithe Barn demolished. Elizabeth II crowned. Pill invented.

Dewsbury & District League, and Junior Cup.

Mirfield win Crowther Cup and gain promotion after only two years in Division 2; Wilf Barber wins League batting prize.

Mirfield Parish win Section 'C' of Dewsbury League.

Mirfield Parish win Section 'A' of Dewsbury League and Coronation Shield.

Albert Holroyd becomes first Mirfield player to score 100 at Memorial Ground; George Curry finishes top of League batting averages.

Dewsbury Moorlands (name changes in 1950s) win Dewsbury League Challenge Cup. Mirfield Parish win Section 'C' of Dewsbury League.

Win Central Yorkshire League Division 1 under captaincy of Hurst Barber. Birth of St. Andrews Church CC with aid of £10 loan from Church Council; come bottom in Batley Sunday School League. Later known as Dewsbury Cavaliers.

Mirfield win Central Yorkshire League Division 1 again under captaincy of Hurst Barber; Colin Peacock wins League batting prize. Mirfield Parish win Section 'C' of Dewsbury League, Junior Cup and Sheard Cup. St. Andrews Church are runners-up in Batley Sunday School League and win knockout competition.

Mirfield bag hat-trick of Central Yorkshire Division 1 titles under captaincy of Hurst Barber; Colin Peacock scores 1,000 runs and wins League batting prize. Mirfield Parish win Section 'C' of Dewsbury & District League. St. Andrews Church runners-up in Batley Sunday School League and beaten finalists in cup.

St. Andrews Church join Leeds & District Sunday School League; win B section and are Cup runners-up. Mirfield Parish win

**1953** Maurice Dew purchases Eastthorpe Villa. Fire destroys part of Mirfield train station. Everest conquered.

**1954** Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*.

**1955** Commercial TV starts in Britain.

**1956** Elvis releases *All Shook Up*.

**1957** Local council buys area around Fenton Street. Queen's first Christmas broadcast.

**1958** Munich air disaster.

**1959** Postcodes introduced in Britain.

**1960** Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.

**1961** First oral contraceptive.

<p>Dewsbury League Section 'A'. A. Smith wins batting prize. Mirfield win Heavy Woollen Cup; 2nd XI win Championship under captaincy of Cyril Spencer. Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury &amp; District League Section 'A' and Section 'C'. St. Andrews Church join Dewsbury League.</p> <p>Mirfield win Heavy Woollen Cup and Central Yorkshire League 'Double'. Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury League Section 'A'.</p> <p>Mirfield 2nd XI win Central Yorkshire League Championship under captaincy of Cyril Spencer. Mirfield Parish win Sheard Cup. Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury &amp; District League Section 'A' and also Section 'C'. Huge hole appears in middle of Wellhouse Lane ground.</p> <p>Mirfield 2nd XI win Championship. Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury League Section 'A' and Section 'C'. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI runners-up in Junior Cup.</p> <p>Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury &amp; District League Section 'A' (and trophy for 'best performance in last seven League matches'). St. Andrews Church CC change name to St. Andrews CC.</p> <p>Mirfield win Central Yorkshire League Division 2 Championship under Clive Brook; Colin Peacock wins League batting award.</p> <p>St. Andrews Church CC change name to Dewsbury Cavaliers CC in January.</p> <p>Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury Lge Section 'D'.</p> <p>Dewsbury Cavaliers CC join Mirfield &amp; District Evening League. Win Sheard Cup.</p> <p>Mirfield win Wheatley Cup and Division 2; Peter Wood wins League bowling award. Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury League Section 'A', Section 'D', and Sheard Cup. Players start eating tripe to help improve performance.</p>	<p><b>1962</b>     Beatles release <i>Love Me Do</i>.</p> <p><b>1963</b>     Kennedy assassinated.</p> <p><b>1964</b>     <i>Sun</i> founded. First <i>Top of the Pops</i>.</p> <p><b>1965</b>     First US raids against Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1966</b>     England win World Cup.</p> <p><b>1967</b>     First heart transplant. Six Day War.</p> <p><b>1968</b>     BST introduced. Riots in Paris.</p> <p><b>1969</b>     Pobjoy writes <i>A History of Mirfield</i>. First men land on moon.</p> <p><b>1970</b>     Heath becomes PM.</p> <p><b>1971</b>     Decimalisation of coinage.</p> <p><b>1972</b>     Britain begins direct rule in NI.</p>
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Mirfield Parish win Section 'C' of Dewsbury League and Sheard Cup.

Mirfield Parish win Dewsbury League Section 'A', and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Section 'C' of Dewsbury League. Also win Ruddlesden Cup.

Dewsbury Cavaliers CC form 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

Dewsbury Cavaliers 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI both win leagues. Mirfield Parish relay wicket at Wellhouse Lane at a cost of £5,000. **Harry Lime join the Dewsbury & District League.**

Dewsbury Cavaliers join Central Yorkshire League. Mirfield PC win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Challenge Cup. **Harry Lime win Section C of Dewsbury League.**

Dewsbury Cavaliers win Ted Gill Competition. Mirfield PC win Section 'A' of Dewsbury & District League and AV. Kitchen Junior Cup. **Harry Lime move to Castle Hall School ground.**

Mirfield Parish win 6-a-Side Homfray Trophy.

**Mirfield win Division 2 Championship; Richard Needler wins League bowling award.** Dewsbury Cavaliers are finalists in H.J. Knutton Trophy.

Mirfield Parish win Section 'A' of Dewsbury League and re-enter Heavy Woollen Cup; Dewsbury Cavaliers Under-13s win Heavy Woollen League title and represent Yorkshire.

**Mirfield 1st XI win promotion to Division 1. Harry Lime leave Mirfield Evening Cricket League.** Mirfield Parish win League 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cup.

**Indian batsman Ghulam Parkar stars as Mirfield's professional.**

**Harry Lime 1<sup>st</sup> XI win Section C of the Dewsbury League. For the 1<sup>st</sup> XI D. Lodge wins the divisional bowling prize.** Mirfield Parish join Leeds & District League and win Division 2 in debut season. Club leaves Heavy Woollen Cup. **Dewsbury Moorlands win**

**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.

Hopton 6-a-side Competition.

Mirfield's Clive Brook retires after a 30-year playing career.

Dewsbury Cavaliers are finalists in H.J. Knutton Trophy.

Dewsbury Moorlands win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Challenge Cup. Harry Lime 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win section E of Dewsbury and District League.

Geoff Boycott opens new extension at Parish ground. Dewsbury Moorlands win Halford and Hartington trophies. Club celebrate Centenary.

Russell Heritage wins League bowling award. Clubhouse extended. Harry Lime 1<sup>st</sup> XI win Section B of Dewsbury League.

Russell Heritage wins League bowling award for Mirfield.

Dewsbury Moorlands leave Sands Lane ground and move to Memorial Ground. Win Keith Halford Trophy; win Hopton 6-a-side.

Russell Heritage appointed Mirfield captain. Dewsbury Moorlands apply to join Huddersfield Central League. Mirfield Parish Cavaliers born.

Dewsbury Moorlands' first season in Huddersfield Central League. Win Section D of League and Osbaldwick 6-a-side Competition.

Dewsbury Moorlands win Section E of Huddersfield Central League.

Mirfield win 'Double' of Central Yorkshire League Division 1 and Heavy Woollen Cup. Dewsbury Moorlands win Hopton 6-a-side. Mirfield win Wheatley Cup. Moorlands Under-17s win Armitage Cup; Sunday XI win Wakefield Cup; 2nd XI win Tinker Cup.

Dewsbury Moorlands' Under-17s win Armitage Cup. Mirfield Parish Cavaliers win Central Yorkshire League Division 3 and

**1983** Start of breakfast TV. Seat belt law.

**1984** IRA bomb at Tory conference.

**1985** Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.

**1986** GLC abolished. Chernobyl accident.

**1987** Zeebrugge disaster.

**1988** Lockerbie disaster.

**1989** Berlin Wall torn down.

**1990** Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.

**1991** Robert Maxwell drowns at sea.

**1992** Coal industry privatised.

**1993** Maastricht Treaty.

Stones Cup.

Mirfield win Jack Hampshire Trophy. Dewsbury Moorlands' Under-13s win Reporter Trophy. Mirfield Parish Cavaliers share Stones Cup.

Harry Lime leave Castle Hall School ground. Dewsbury Moorlands' Under-13s win Dewsbury Reporter Trophy and Tom Austin Trophy.

Dewsbury Moorlands' 1<sup>st</sup> XI win Allsop Cup; Evening League side win Denby Grange League. Mirfield Parish Cavaliers win Central Yorkshire League Division 3 and Stones Cup.

Mirfield win Wheatley Cup. Harry Lime leave Dewsbury League for Huddersfield Central League. Paul Newton wins H. Whittaker Trophy for batting with a season's average of 117.40. Official name of Club switches from 'Dewsbury Moorlands' to 'Moorlands'. Win H. Armitage Cup. Club joins Central Yorkshire League. Moorlands' new pavilion opens.

Moorlands' 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Championship under R. Wood's captaincy and Mirfield Sports Council Team Award; Under-17s win Brackenbury Cup. Mirfield Parish Cavaliers win Central Yorkshire League 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Division 1 under N. Ledgard.

Mirfield win Jack Hampshire Trophy and Yorkshire Council play-offs. Mirfield Parish Cavaliers win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Division 1.

Mirfield Parish Cavaliers win Central Yorkshire League Division 1 and Bradley Trophy; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Wheatley Cup. Mirfield join Bradford League. Moorlands 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Championship.

Mirfield club celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Harry Lime 2<sup>nd</sup> XI disbanded due to lack of players.

Mirfield win Heavy Woollen Cup, beating Spens Victoria in final; gain promotion to Division 1. Mirfield Parish Cavaliers win Jack

**1994** Channel Tunnel open.

**1995** Nick 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. Dome opens.

**2001** 9/11 terrorist attack. Foot & Mouth.

**2002** Clubhouse at Dewsbury & District Golf Club rebuilt. UK snubs Euro.

**2003** England win Rugby World Cup.

Hampshire Memorial Trophy. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win Wheatley Cup.  
Moorlands 1<sup>st</sup> XI win President's Trophy. Under-15s win  
Ruddlesden Trophy & Heavy Woollen Society Cup; Under-17s  
win Brackenbury Cup.

Merger between Mirfield CC and Harry Lime CC to form Mirfield  
Harry Lime CC.

**2004**

EU enlarged to 25 states.

**2005**

Tsunami hits Asia.