

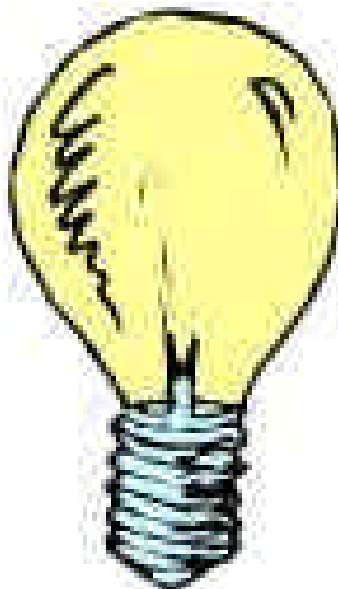
THORNHILL CC

The Later Years

SEEING THE LIGHT

1945 – LANDMARK MOMENT

At last, in 1945, Thornhill were connected to electricity. No more need for that oil lamp!



MOOR SUCCESS!

1952 – CUP ACHIEVEMENT

Thornhill won the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1952, beating Hartshead Moor by 3 runs.

THORNHILL, WITH CLEAR CUT WIN, TAKE H.W. CUP FOR SECOND TIME

(BY RAYMOND ODDY)

CLUB TALK

SOME 1952 H.W. CUP TALK

(BY RAYMOND ODDY)

When the Cup was last taken to Thornhill by Cyril Fenwick's 1932 team, a small boy—only 12 years of age—gazed admiringly at the shining trophy as it was being handed to the Thornhill skipper on the Heckmondwike ground.

That boy never forgot for one moment that ten years later, on the same ground, he would have led the same side to a Cup victory. Big that is what happened for Kenneth Senior on Saturday when he received the trophy on behalf of the Thornhill side.

Kenneth told that story to the

TWENTY-TWO YEAR OLD KENNETH SENIOR, the Thornhill skipper was a proud cricketer on Saturday evening when the Mayor of Dewsbury, Councillor R. S. Roberts, handed to him the Heavy Woollen Cup on the Heckmondwike ground. He had just led his side—in his first full season in Council cricket—to a clear-cut victory, and one which enabled the Thornhill Club to have their name inscribed on the trophy for the second time.

No run the most ardent Hartshead Moor supporters would say that Thornhill did not deserve their win. They outclassed their opponents in every phase of the game, and had it not been for a really first-class last-wicket stand by young Squire and Hodgson, the Hartshead total would not have reached the 100 mark.

For their victory Thornhill had first to thank those two grand openers, George Meetham and Stanley Cooper, who, in a partnership which was worth 150 runs, curbed the Hartshead attack to pieces, and set their side on the road to success. Then there was professional Arthur Calvert, with his inspired bowling. Apparently the Scarborough ace—be returned from the East Coast to play in the final—had given him that extra

seven overs, three of which were maidens, for five runs. Surely, he deserved a longer spell.

In nine overs Curran took two for 30. He must be the slowest bowler in this area, and at times you get the opinion that it's almost too much trouble for him to bowl. You even wonder whether the ball will reach the wickets! But he furnished the ball appreciable and only Meetham was at home with him.

The other wicket was taken by H. Hirst (1-29). Holmes, Squire, Whiteley and D. Hirst all failed to take a wicket for 39, 19, 15 and six runs respectively.

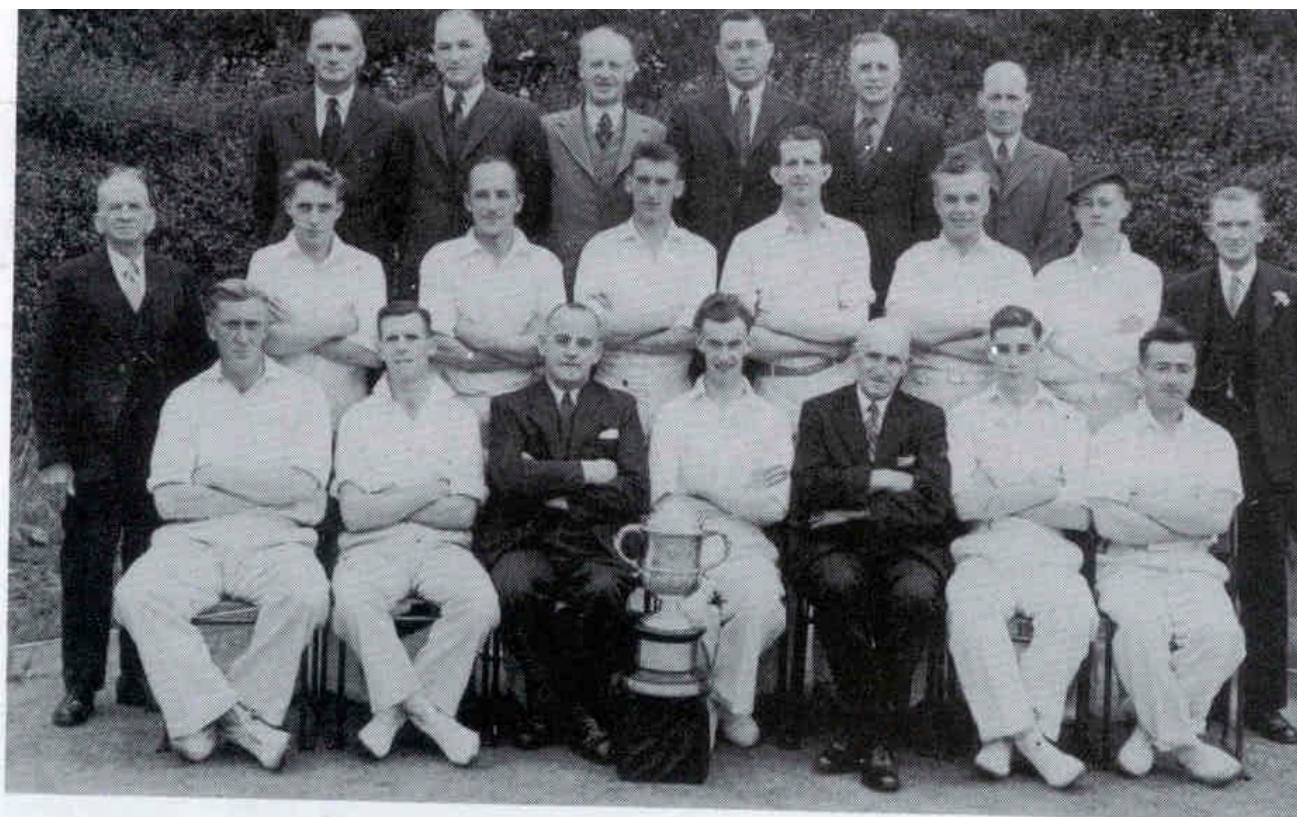
Hartshead Moor started their reply shortly before 6 p.m., and immediately, Donald Hirst was on the look-out for runs. It took his partner 25 minutes to open his

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M. Cooper, b Curran	63
G. W. Meetham, st Hodgson	b Curran 70
A. Hipsan, c Hodgson	b R. Hirst 6
J. Senior, not out	6
A. Pearson, not out	4
Extras	1
Total (for 3 wickets, susp.) 150	

HARTSHEAD MOOR

D. Hirst, c Arran b Pearson	10
E. Bellwood, b Calvert	2
N. Mounsey, lbw b Calvert	1
H. Walker, c J. Senior	b K. Senior 1
W. Booth, b Calvert	23
R. E. Curran, c Pearson	b Calvert 15
N. Hirst, c Meetham b Pearson	35
H. Holmes, st Tingle b Calvert	0
R. C. Whiteley, c Hipsan	b Calvert 1
F. Squire, not out	32
C. Hodgson, c Meetham	b Pearson 25
Extras	2
Total 147	



HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP WINNERS, 1952

(Left to Right) Back Row: H. Perkins, E. Ingham, G. Crowther, F. Riley, J. Wood, J. Senior. Middle Row: H. Cunningham, B. Crossley, A. Higson, G. W. Arron, A. Pearson, S. Cooper, J. Senior, G. Wilcock. Front Row: G. Meetham, A. Calvert, Booth, K. Senior, K. Holdroyd, J. Tingle, A. Child.

TOP TRUMPS!

1952 – STAR PERFORMERS

THORNHILL STARS

Best performances

BATTING: G. W. Meetham (Thornhill), 110; L. Squire (Scholes), 103; J. Ward (Dewsbury), 94; V. Brook (Heckmondwike), 84; J. W. Murphy (Birstall), 77; D. Raine (Staincliffe), 68; G. N. Smith (Staincliffe), 67; J. Speak (Batley), 59.

BOWLING: A. Pearson (Thornhill), 5-66; H. Hainsworth (Birstall), 5-92; R. G. Whiteley (Hartshead), 4-30.



Meetham—110



Pearson—5 for 66

Two Thornhill players had one particular Saturday to remember in 1952: G.W. Meetham who scored 110 and A. Pearson taking 5 for 66.

GROUND FORCE

1960s/1970s – DEVELOPMENT WORK

The 1960s and early-1970s saw lots of money being spent on the ground - with four phases of ground extensions.



TROPHY JOY

1973 – CROWTHER CUP TRIUMPH

The 2nd XI brought the silverware home in 1973 following a 100-run victory over Upper Hopton in the Crowther Cup final.

**Thornhill
coast
to Cup
success**

Thornhill 115
Upper Hopton 18

THORNHILL COASTED to a five-wicket over Upper Hopton in the final of the Crowther Cup at Heckmondwike on Sunday, writes Stephen Harris.

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Thornhill skipper Graham Smith takes the Crowther Cup from Heavy Woollen Cup Committee Vice-president Mr Bert Bellfield after his side's 100-run win over Upper Hopton at Heckmondwike on Sunday

HEATON HUMBLLED

1975 – HEAVY WOOLLEN SURPRISE

As Thornhill headed into the final of the Heavy Woollen Cup, the *Dewsbury Reporter* considered them to be underdogs with *'little chance of winning'*. But the newspaper, and many others, were to be surprised!



By humbling Hanging Heaton, Thornhill brought the trophy back to The Combs for the first time in 23 years.

David upsets Goliaths

IN THE space of a year David Bruce has progressed from being a little-known one-day player at Dewsbury and District League cricket to being the star of the Hampshire League Winton Cup Final.

He was the magnet round which the choice of goals Hamath Beaton who captained them this season in 12 months and since was from toward the target of the Central Yorkshire League club championship for 1930.

Like much as Bruce displayed the qualities of the mind, and as much as Thornhill through his own fine batting, less than his own, of the old English club never was. Then he had a figure of 100 in the first half when the captain of that batting club had a figure of 100 in the second half.

However, the Winton Cup was the first for the first time in 27 years by a player in this in 1908 and Bruce, one of the best batsmen in the Hampshire League, was himself the captain of the Winton Cup team which he had captured with a total knock of 100.

It was his batting, perhaps, which gained him the title for the second year. He was named as the batsman who also scored in a one-day tournament of 100 in 1910 in an unbroken total of 200 runs, which was the highest in the league.

Leather, the Thornhill pair, instead of being able to play in his second year in 1911, but was injured with a strain in his leg, and was unable to play in 1912, and was injured in a further tournament.

MOVEMENT

The writing was on the wall for the famous "Lace" side when David Bruce and Bruce Beaton both fell to Fletcher.

Thornhill triumph after 23 year wait

who against some well-placed batsmen through the air and off the pitch.

Then Jerry Binks making a first-class hit and taking in a superb midwicket catch by Malcolm Whitaker, secured at 25 and was followed by Alec Jackson at 37 — a breakthrough at which Thornhill really began to relax their nerves and not flinch.

Malcolm Preece, who struck more than 600 runs for W.K. 24, was the only other batsman to hold up Thornhill, whose innings in the field illustrated as the bats crossed more and more got behind them.



Thornhill's Peter Leather hits out on his way to his top score 48.

Preece, whose technique in the Hampshire League was bettered only by that of Crawshaw, watched jealously as May Wigglesworth went "right behind" at 100. Then the match came to the end in the next 20 minutes as Atkinson found out in the covers and Ralph Mayhew and Keith Bunker departed for the addition of these runs.

Baker, having had the ample experience of bowling two matches which would otherwise have earned him wickets, was mentioned at the end, along with Fletcher, by Thornhill's large supporters. Not at the same time had looked black indeed in those same days.

Wainman, on winning the two and having made a quick run along with Chapman and Jagger, about the latter to a dubious run, was a meagre 15 runs, and the match concluded with Thornhill capturing 30 for 8, 24 of which were contributed definitely by Arthur Deane.

However, Peter Leather, both of these matches was over. He had made 100 runs in 1911 with a hard-hitting innings of 48, which explained "four fours and two sixes, both off Wigglesworth. With Whitaker (21), Leather put in 44 people's runs in a two-day match which was a record.

Middleton, his chief competitor, in looked certain to bag a big collection of 50 but Wigglesworth had his innings when he trapped him for 12 for none.

The local seemed far from healthy, but

Bruce came in to contribute to the match with a figure of 100 in the first half, and a figure of 100 in the second half.

THORNHILL

F. Wainman	b Goddard	
R. Chapman	& Dunkin	b Aik
A. Deane	& Garner	b Gidd
C. Jagger	b Atkinson	
M. Fletcher	b Wigglesworth	
R. Archer	b Wigglesworth	
M. Whitaker	b Wigglesworth	
R. Wood	b Atkinson	
D. Bruce	not out	
D. Thompson	not out	
Extras 18		
Fall of wickets: 4.1, 10.2, 13.3, 113.7, 118.8, 122.8		
Bowling: Atkinson 16.4-4 10-6-29-2, Crawshaw 2.0-2.1 13.1-26.2		

HANGING HEADS

D. Garner	b Fletcher	
F. Crawshaw	b Bruce	
A. Jackson	b Bruce	
R. Hudson	b Fletcher	
G. Brook	b Whitaker	b Field
M. Preece	b Fletcher	
M. Wigglesworth	& Thompson	
H. Atkinson	& Archer	b Field
R. Mayhew	b Bruce	
K. Bunker	b Bruce	
K. Goddard	not out	
Extras 12		
Fall of wickets: 40.1, 50.2, 5 105.6, 121.7, 122.8, 124.8		
Bowling: Fletcher 25.7-49.8, Bruce 22.2-53.5		

By John

THORNHILL

I. Walmsley b Goddard	5
R. Chapman c Donkin b Atkinson	5
A. Dennison c Garner b Goddard	24
C. Jagger b Atkinson	0
M. Fletcher lbw Crowhurst	8
R. Archer b Wigglesworth	46
M. Whittaker b Wigglesworth	20
R. Wood b Atkinson	0
D. Bruce run out	15
D. Thompson not out	3
Extras 19.	Total 151

Fall of wickets: 9-1, 15-2, 15-3, 39-4, 48-5, 69-6, 113-7, 118-8, 132-9.

Bowling: Atkinson 16-6-48-3, Goddard 18-6-29-2, Crowhurst 3-0-17-1, Wigglesworth 13-3-38-3.

Hanging Heaton

D. Garner b Fletcher	16
J. Crowhurst b Bruce	26
A. Jackson lbw Bruce	30
R. Hudson lbw Fletcher	6
G. Brook c Whittaker b Fletcher	3
M. Preston b Fletcher	24
M. Wigglesworth c Thompson b Bruce ..	4
H. Atkinson c Archer b Fletcher	3
R. Mayhew b Bruce	0
K. Donkin b Bruce	3
K. Goddard not out	2
Extras 12.	Total 132

Fall of wickets: 40-1, 50-2, 67-3, 75-4, 97-5, 103-6, 121-7, 122-8, 124-9.

Bowling: Fletcher 23-7-49-5, Wood 3-0-18-0, Bruce 22-2-53-5.



After 23 years the Heavy Woollen Cup returns to Thornhill — skipper Ian Wainwright and his team are all smiles as they get their hands on the trophy at last

SIGNING ON

1978 – COLIN PEACOCK ARRIVES

The opening of the 1978 season saw Thornhill sign Colin Peacock, Staincliffe's opening batsman. He was one of three players who had shocked the Batley club by leaving with only a few days to go before the start of the season. Only one of them came to Thornhill though.

STAR BATSMAN FOR THORNHILL?
Three players
leave Staincliffe

THORNHILL were this week expected to sign Staincliffe opening batsman, Colin Peacock, one of the three players involved in a shock move from Halifax Road only a few days before the start of the season.

"I live near Thornhill's ground, with considerably less travelling involved, and it is more than likely I will be playing with the local side at Hanging Heston on Saturday," said the 42-year-old batting star.

He scored more than 1,000 runs in 1962 to establish a Central Yorkshire League record of most runs in a season and he made 600 last year in spite of not having recovered from a broken nose.

He was injured in a match



Colin Peacock

Former Staincliffe and Commercial paceman Stephen Walters and all-rounder Bob Howard returning to the club unexpectedly last week went

champions Heckmondwike an expected victory at Cemetery Road in addition to runners-up Hanging Heston being held to a draw by a below-strength side.

Accomplished all-rounder Eric Loxton held Slaughters' innings together with an unbeaten 88 out of a total of 194-7 in reply to Heckmondwike's 133-9 and David Rayner had some impressive bowling figures for the Horbury team — eight for 53 in 19 overs, two of them maidens.

Scoring was unusually high at Thornhill, where more than 400 were scored, with Sowerby Bridge batsman Keith Asher hitting 112 not out. Thornhill made 191-9 in reply to a formidable total of 213-5, with a defiant innings

NAME THE DATE!

UNDATED TEAM PHOTO



BIGGER AND BETTER

1985 – CLUBHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

The Thornhill clubhouse was extended in 1985 – and today stands as a warm, welcoming and multi-purpose facility.



100 NOT OUT!

1987 – CENTENARY YEAR

In 1987 Thornhill were celebrating the 100th Anniversary of their move to The Combs.

Thornhill hit undefeated century

THORNHILL Cricket Club celebrates a very special kind of century this season, writes RICHARD HOPWOOD.

For it is exactly 100 years since the club moved to its current base at The Combs and, to celebrate, there's a special family day out at the club next weekend and a centenary booklet published next week.

Author of "A History of Thornhill Cricket and Bowling Club" its current cricket chairman at Thornhill Herbert Wood far whom it has been very much a labour of love.

"Last year the Central Yorkshire League asked for information about the club for its jubilee brochure and in doing that I found out that it is 100 years since we started at The Combs," said Mr. Wood.

The club was originally formed in 1861 and played on a field at Thornhill Edge where the Valley Road estate is now.



finals, winning again in 1952 when they beat Hartshead Moor and in 1975, when they defeated Hanging Heaton.

Thornhill joined the Central Yorkshire League in 1944, seven years after its formation and, although they are currently languishing in Division Two, they have of course played for

At present bowls is so strong in the area that Thornhill can run ten teams.

The club celebrates its centenary next Saturday September 12 with a full day of activities.

In the morning there is a junior cricket match between Thornhill and Ovsorthorpe and in the afternoon the Thornhill chairman's XI takes on the Thornhill captain's XI.

There will also be an inter-club bowling tournament in the afternoon and the evening will see old-time music hall with a buffet plus guest speakers.

As for the book, "A History of Thornhill Cricket and Bowling Club" is available from the club or from Mr. Wood at 28 Valley Road, Thornhill, price £2 plus s.a.s. with all proceeds going towards the club.



The victorious Thornhill side who won the 1942 Heavy Woollen Cup final are, back row, from left: Seth Parker, Leonard Halstead, Cyril Peace, Harold Perkins, Harry Kaye. Front, from left: Joe Burgin, Ernest Green, Andrew Byrse, Ernest Jubb, Clifford Fawcett, Rufus Peace. — (N.S.)

ON THE MARCH!

2004 – LEAVING DIVISION 2

Thornhill promoted after home triumph

THORNHILL clinched promotion in Central Yorkshire League Division Two with a five-wicket win at Wakefield Thornes.

Mohammed Ghouse claimed 4-21 from 15 overs to move on to 69 for the season and with support from Eddie Portman (4-19) and Paul Brook (2-6) they dismissed Thornes for 141.

Derek Colquhoun



Mohammed Ghouse 4-21 for Thornhill.

In the race for the title.

them home.

John Anderson helped Woodkirk to a 70-run victory over Gildersome A to ensure his side's place in Division Two. Anderson reached 900 league runs by carrying his bat for 99 against Gildersome.

Munaf Navsarku (25) supported as Woodkirk made 173-9. Dave Smithen claimed 4-18. Roy Trueman (6-47) and



Thornhill's Eddie Portman took 4-19.

the final day Umar Sulim hit a

86-run victory over Stanley A.

Staincliffe A and Moorlands A are battling for the second promotion spot in Division Four. Staincliffe hold a three-point advantage following their maximum win over Woodkirk A.

Andy Bradley (50) and James Thompson (33) were the leading scorers in Staincliffe's 172-8, of which Chris Brew-

Thornhill's 1st XI gained promotion to the 1st Division of the Central Yorkshire League when they clinched second place in the 2nd Division after beating Wakefield Thornes by five wickets.

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	L	4	3	2	1	Pt
C Wake Cry	21	14	1	3	0	3	1	103
P Thornhill	21	14	3	1	0	3	2	96
Birstall A	21	10	7	2	0	2	3	75
Craggstone	21	8	9	1	0	3	3	61
Woodkirk	21	7	10	3	0	1	3	59
Methley A	21	5	9	5	0	2	5	59
Waketfield Th	21	6	9	3	0	3	4	58
Hopton Mills	21	8	12	0	0	1	1	51
Townville A	21	0	8	9	0	4	4	48
Liversedge A	21	5	13	1	0	2	7	45
Gildersome A	21	4	11	2	0	4	0	40
R H Nelson A	21	0	19	0	0	2	1	5

BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

CLUB TODAY

