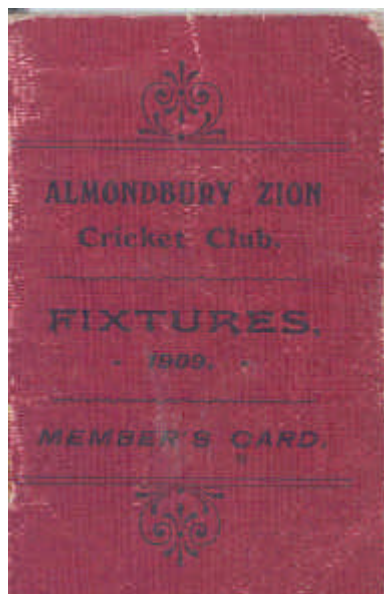


## ALMONDBURY WESLEYANS CC

The Early Years

# Z FOR ZION

1909 - ORIGINS



Almondbury Zion Cricket Club was the forerunner of Almondbury Wesleyans.

+ LIST OF OFFICERS. +

President: Mr. T. STANSFIELD.

Patrons:

J. A. Brooke, Esq., M.A., J.P., Coun.  
C. E. W. Hallas, Dr. Draper, Dr. Maffin,  
Coun. C. F. Sykes, Messrs. Ed. Jepson,  
A. Parr, S. Harper, J. Stansfield, B.  
Tunnicliffe, B. Smith, J. Lockwood, G.  
W. Mallinson, A. Mallinson, A. Beaumont,  
R. B. Harper, W. H. Harper.

Management Committee:

Messrs. P. Hall, J. Lodge, F. Mallinson, C. H. Mallinson, L. H. Wadsworth.

Selection Committee:

Messrs. A. Swift, J. Lockwood, F. Mallinson, S. Tyas, A. Sykes.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. T. Lockwood.

Financial Secretary: Mr. A. Swift.

Treasurer: Mr. T. Tunnicliffe.

Capt. 1st Eleven: J. Lodge.

Vice-Captain: C. H. Mallinson.

Capt. 2nd Eleven: F. Mallinson.

League Representatives:

Messrs. H. Stell and J. C. Shaw.

Umpires: Messrs. A. Parr and S. Tyas.

Ground: Hays Lane.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE JUNE 30th.

Annual General Meeting, Friday, October  
8th, 1909.

\* RULES. \*

1.—The Club be named "Almondbury Zion U. M. C. Cricket Club"

2.—That we have two committees, a Management and a Team Selection Committee

3.—That the Management Committee consist of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Five Members, along with the League Representatives, ex-officio, five to form a quorum

4.—That the Captains of the 1st and 2nd elevens be on the Selection Committee, three to form a quorum

5.—That the names of all new members be brought before the committee, and that they be accepted or rejected at the committee's discretion

6.—That annual subscriptions be 3/- for a playing member over 18 years of age; 2/6 for a playing member under 18 years of age; 1/- for boys (who are members of the Sunday School), between the age of 13 and 16; and not less than 2/6 for non-playing members. All members to pay 1/- upon receiving their card

7.—That all members not having paid their subscriptions before June 30th be suspended from the benefits of the club until they pay, unless prevented by some reason satisfactory to the committee. A defaulters list of all who have not paid in full be exhibited in the tent after the aforementioned date

8.—That members who have not paid their subscription at the end of the season be not re-admitted as members until all arrears are paid

9.—That no swearing or gambling be allowed. Members breaking this rule must appear before the committee, and be dealt with as the committee may decide. Should they refuse to appear, they shall be suspended until they comply with the rule

10.—That practice be as follows:—each member to bat 5 minutes whether his wicket fall or not, after that, another 5 minutes if he can keep his wicket intact, but, if out before the second 5 minutes expire, to deliver his bat to the next batsman, no batter to be at the wickets for more than 10 minutes at a time, late comers to have preference before anyone has a second innings

11.—That members selected for a match, who are unable to play, must give notice to the Secretary as early as possible

This membership card reveals much about society, and the nature of local league cricket, in the first decade of the last century.

12.—That players chosen for a match have preference to bat before the match commences

13.—That members must play in 10 matches before he can compete for the averages (or medals if won)

14.—That the hut be closed on Sundays

15.—That the Chairman of a meeting have a casting vote only

*Mr. J. Lodge*  
 Wollenden & Sons, Bickley, Hudd.

FIRST ELEVEN.				SECOND ELEVEN.			
Date.	Name of Club.	At	Ret.	Date.	Name of Club.	At	Ret.
1909				1909			
May 1				May 1			
8	Rastrick .....	away	.....	8	Rastrick .....	home	.....
15	Cowcliffe Church .....	home	.....	15	Cowcliffe Church .....	away	.....
22	Brighouse Park Ch. ....	home	.....	22	Brighouse Park Ch. ....	away	.....
29	Hillhouse U.M.C. ....	away	.....	29	Hillhouse U.M.C. ....	home	.....
June				June			
5	*Skelmanthorpe Prim. ....	away	.....	5	*Skelmanthorpe Prim. ....	home	.....
12	Huddersfield Mission .....	home	.....	12	Huddersfield Mission .....	away	.....
19				19			
26	Rastrick .....	home	.....	26	Rastrick .....	away	.....
July				July			
3	Cowcliffe Church .....	away	.....	3	Cowcliffe Church .....	home	.....
10	Brighouse Park Ch. ....	away	.....	10	Brighouse Park Ch. ....	home	.....
17	Hillhouse U.M.C. ....	home	.....	17	Hillhouse U.M.C. ....	away	.....
24	Huddersfield Mission .....	away	.....	24	Huddersfield Mission .....	home	.....
31	*Skelmanthorpe Prim. ....	home	.....	31	*Skelmanthorpe Prim. ....	away	.....
Aug.				Aug.			
7				7			
14				14			
21				21			
28				28			
Sept.				Sept.			
4				4			
11				11			
18				18			
* Ordinary Match.				* Ordinary Match.			
Sheepridge League.				Sheepridge League.			

At one point the Club played in the Sheepridge & District League.



# POST-WAR LEVELING UP

## 1920/1 - ORIGINS

The Club was founded back in November 1920, and 1921 was their first full season. It was around this time that the Club started work on levelling up their Kaye Lane ground.



**Yorkshire and England legend Brian Close unveils a new plaque at Kaye Lane, detailing the Club's origins**

They were obviously helped by the fact that many local men were unemployed following the War.



They thus had plenty of time on their hands to help.



ALMONDBURY WESLEYAN C.C.

Back Row (L to R) Harry Stell, Wm Arthur Crowe, Arthur Haigh, Hamer Lockwood  
Ernest Armitage (Scorer) Middle Row (L to R) Arthur Wood, Ernest Hickman, Harold Crawshaw  
Joe Sheard, Charlie Dawson. Front Row (L to R) Stanley Dawson, John Charles Shaw  
1921

# NEW RELIGION

## METHODIST CONNECTION



John Wesley, the  
founder of Methodism

Cricketers from opposing teams are always interested in the club's Methodist links, and Keith Crawshaw, club secretary, is happy to explain:

***In the early days there was a strong connection between the club and the local Wesleyan church. Most of the cricket team were regular attenders - in fact, they were actually obliged to go to church a certain number of times each month. Today, the situation is different, with only a few club members still having links with the church. But that said, we're very proud of the connection and we're pleased that the minister at the church still holds the position of club president.***

He goes on:

***Today, we see ourselves as a community club - indeed, being involved with the Lottery meant we had an obligation to expand our profile in the local area. We've got a good junior set-up and it's a very friendly organisation.***

For the record, the village has an impressive Methodist heritage.

The first Methodist sermon was preached in Almondbury in 1766, Abraham Moss emerged as the 'local leader' of the new denomination, and John Wesley visited the place on 9 July 1784.

Until 1960 there were two Methodist chapels in Almondbury - one close to the cricket ground on Kaye Lane, and one called Zion.

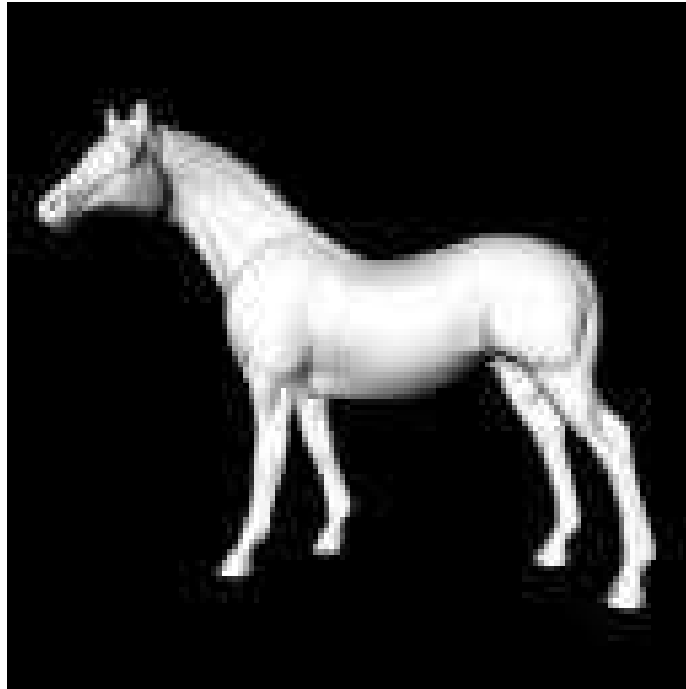


But in 1960 the two churches merged. Kaye Lane became the 'joint' church, and in 1968 this building was renovated at a cost of £27,000.

# HORSES FOR COURSES (AND CRICKET GROUNDS)

## 1920s – IMPORTANT EVENTS

The 1920s were a busy decade.



The Club bought a heavy roller off Huddersfield Borough Council.

They also borrowed a horse from one of the local farmers to pull it. The horse died the next day.

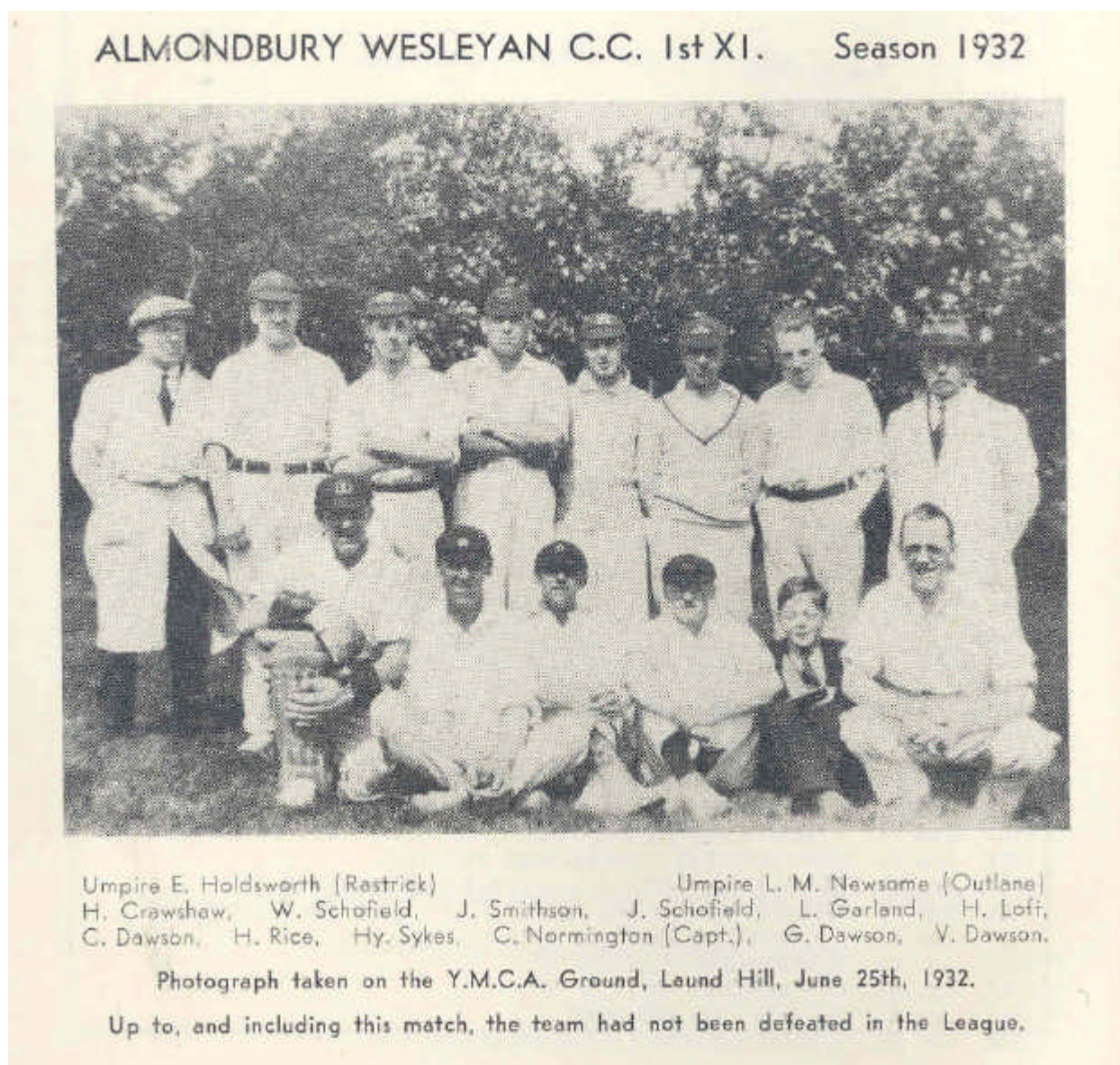


**Two team photos from the 1920s**



# NORMINGTON'S BOYS

1932 – CLUB PHOTO



Note the presence of two neutral umpires in this photo – and also a little boy who appears to be the son of one of the players. A lucky mascot perhaps?

# CAN YOU NAME THE YEAR?

## UNDATED TEAM PICTURES



H. Loft, K. Eastwood, H. Rice, C. Longbottom, H. Curry, W. Schafield  
H. Rice (Scorer), J. Brook, W. Nichols, H. Crawshaw (Capt.), L. Sowden, H. Jowitt

This photo looks like it comes from the same kind of period.

Can anyone tell us the date? Or the location used for this picture?

Same again with this photo? Any clues at all?

In particular, who is the gentleman in black? And what is his role at the Club?

