

ALMONDBURY WESLEYANS CC

The Later Years

11 PLAYERS & A SCORER

1950 – TEAM PHOTO



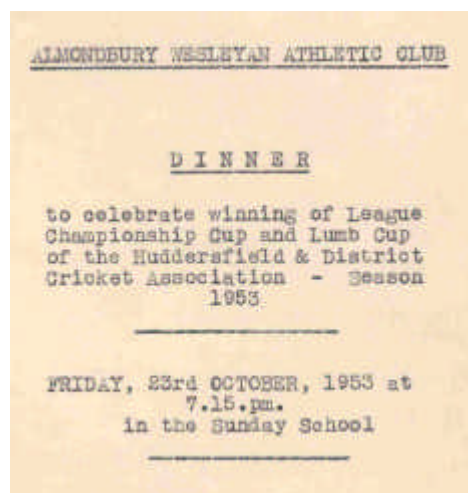
ALMONDBURY WESLEYAN C.C.
Back Row (l. to r.) Fred Levitt, Fred Worth, Malcolm Dyson, Philip Sykes, Jack Tarrant, Ernest Holt
Front Row (l. to r.) Leslie Sowden, Vincent Dawson, Brian Senior, Fred Greenhalgh, Tommy Neenan
Scorer Neil Schaffield
c. 1950

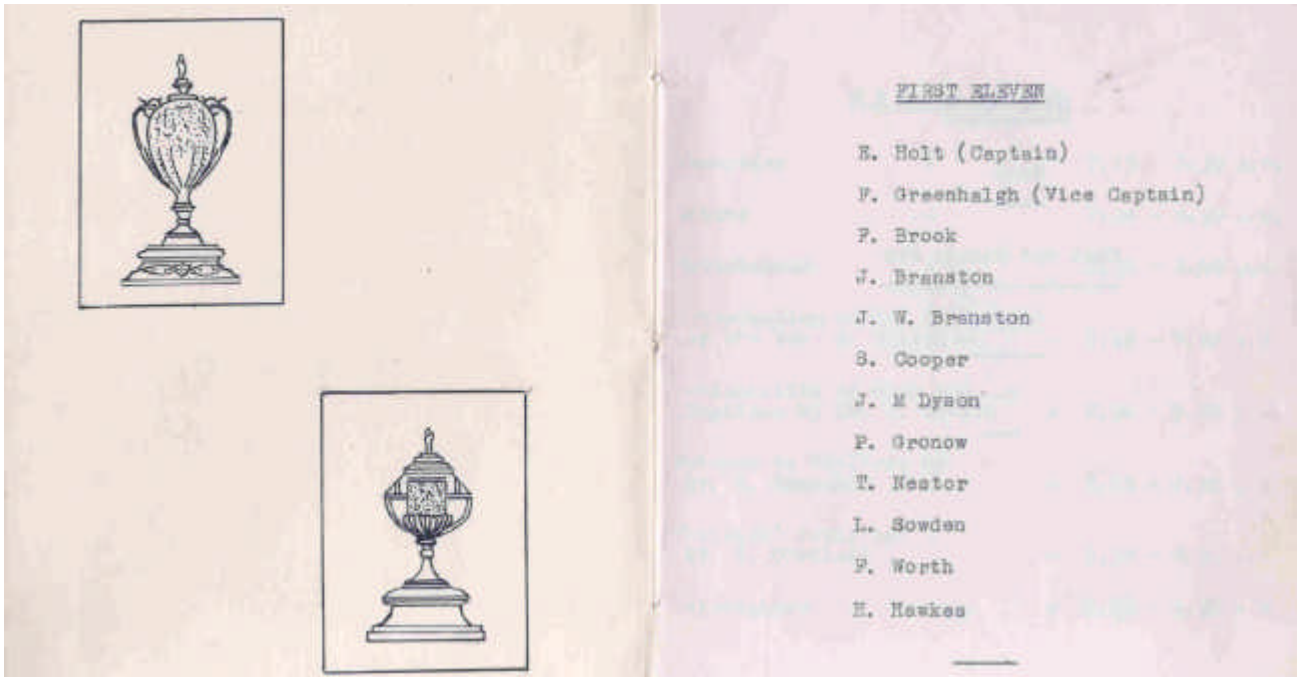
AT THE DOUBLE!

1953 – LEAGUE AND CUP SUCCESS



This photo now hangs in the pavilion, reminding locals that they have a glorious past as well as an exciting future.





DOING THE GROUNDWORK

KAYE LANE DEVELOPMENTS

Development work at Kaye Lane has been pretty concerted.

In the 1960s running water was piped into the pavilion, and in 1986 portakabins were installed - housing a new tea room and dressing rooms. In 1995 the club started Kwik Cricket sessions for juniors.



And in 2001 Wesleyans played their last 6 'home' games away so work could start on the redevelopment project that was completed in 2002.

50 NOT OUT!

1970s – ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1970. The 2nd XI team photo comes from 1975.



ALMONDBURY WESLEYAN C.C.
; Row (L to R) Frank Moran, Steve Crosswhite, Philip Crawshaw, Keith Crawshaw,
; Row (L to R) Don Gardner, Ken Wurtley, Tony Barnes, Norman Pearson,
; Brian Nash, Front Row (L to R) Robert Dolley, Andrew Crawshaw
2nd XI 1975

BIG SWITCH

1977 – HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE

'Wes' went on to join the Huddersfield Association but gradually became frustrated with having to play most of their away fixtures at Leeds Road (below). Thus, in 1977 they opted to join the Huddersfield Central League.



LIFE-SAVING £100 MUNICIPAL GRANT

1978 – COUNCIL AID

Kirklees aid cricket club

A LONG established cricket club faced with crippling rent demands by Kirklees Council have been rescued . . . by Kirklees.

Central League side Almondbury Wesleyans were recently told that their ground rent had been increased from £10 a year to £200 — a figure later reduced to £160.

The all-amateur side said they could not possibly afford to pay this sum because of various restrictions on fund raising and their future has been in some doubt.

But the club have been saved — temporarily at least — by Kirklees Leisure Services, who have awarded a grant of £100 for this year only.

The increase in rent came after a widespread revaluation programme carried out by the Estates and Markets department and another cricket club affected by it are Huddersfield League side Almondbury.

By ROBERT GLEDHILL

Mr Jim Philpott, director of Leisure Services, said: "Almondbury Wesleyans have been awarded a grant of £100, but we have not taken any action about Almondbury because despite repeated requests they have not let us have their accounts to examine."

"I do not think Wesleyans have been treated unreasonably. We have a number of clubs who have paid £200 rent for a number of years. The last time Wesleyans ground was valued would probably be sometime in the 1920's.

"The council wishes to encourage sport and we take the point made by the club that the increase would be a big jump for them so we made the grant for this year."

Mr Philpott added that the council would probably be "sympathetic" to a further application for a grant next year, but he hoped

that in the following year the club would become "viable."

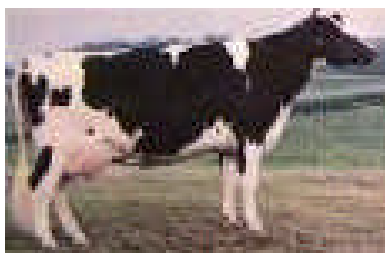
"I suppose it is good news on a short term basis," said Wesleyans secretary Mr Philip Crawshaw.

"Obviously we shall have to have a re-think if we are going to be faced with a £160 rent bill every year. There is quite a big difference between a club like ours and, say, Almondbury. We are a totally amateur club and our main source of income comes from the sale of waste paper.

"All we have is a tea hut and changing rooms. We have no electricity and we do not have any space for a bar. The members contribute quite a lot of money to the club and the players pay 35p a match. But there is a limit to what you can ask from your members," said Mr Crawshaw, who has been secretary of the club, formed in the twenties, for over twenty years.

ON THE FARM?

1984 – RENT PROBLEMS



'Cricket pitch could change to grazing'

ANIMALS could soon be using Almondbury Wesleyan cricket club's pitch for grazing land if the club don't agree to pay a higher rent, Kirklees' Estates and Property Sub-Committee heard yesterday.

The club have been paying the council £160 a year rent for their Kaye Lane

ground since 1979, but they have objected to the new rent of £250 a year because two public footpaths cross the ground and a farmer has a right of way for cattle.

Members have now asked Kirklees Sports Council to take the matter up on their behalf.

The council's estate and property manager, Mr Tony Manns, told yesterday's meeting that he had

asked the club what rent they were prepared to offer.

They had told him the matter would be discussed at their annual meeting in April, and in the meantime had made a without-prejudice payment of £125 towards the rent.

"The ground rent we are asking has been calculated on the same basis as rents for other sports grounds," said Mr Manns.

"If the club cannot afford the going rate I must

consider other uses for the land.

"Grazing licences could bring in this amount of revenue, and the alternative of using the land for grazing must be considered."

Clr Bernard Murphy said cricketers faced a unique situation at Almondbury, as they had real problems with raising funds to pay rent.

Because of the public footpaths and right of way they could not charge gate money, and because of their church connections they

ELEVEN OF THE BEST

1994 – CLUB MEN



ALMONDBURY WESLEYAN C.C.
Back Row (L to R) Andrew Raper, David Mellor, Andrew Crawshaw, Jonathan Harding,
Ian Hales, Andrew Rhodes. Front Row (L to R) John Cowan, Trevor Kaye, Mark Binns,
Mike Jagger, Steve Graley
1st XI 1994

JUST THE TICKET

1995 – 75th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Almondbury Wesleyan Cricket Club

75th Anniversary Dinner

at

The Alfred McAlpine Stadium

Huddersfield

Sat 11th November 1995

7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt

(Lounge Suits)

(£16.00)

£340,000 REVAMP

2001 – KAYE LANE REDEVELOPMENT



Wesleyans develop £340,000 facilities

ALMONDBURY
Wesleyans are pressing ahead with their massive investment programme to re-develop their Kaye Lane ground, which they now hope will be ready by the end of March and in time for the 2002 season.

Wesleyans' chairman Mark Breen, who heads the sub-committee responsible for the re-development, said: "We have already had the field levelled out and resodded at a cost of £30,000, and now work has started on building a new pavilion."

"In total we are looking at a £340,000 investment which has been funded essentially by Sport England, who have given us £252,000, along with £45,000 from Kirkstow Council, which was largely thanks to the efforts of deputy leader, Cllr John Southon."

The club have also received further financial support from the Thaddeusfield Community Trust, with the balance being provided by their own fund-raising efforts.

Wesleyans now have a membership of upwards of 200, 140 of whom are below the age of 18, and many are from outside the village.

The club cater for every form of cricket, with various junior teams, women, disabled and ethnic minorities all being represented.

● Pictured at the foundations of the new pavilion are (from left): first team captain Michael Jaggan, Cllr John Southon, club secretary Geoff Crowden, Zac Drapeau, Heather Dicks, chairman Mark Breen, Chris Jones and Abdul Khaliq.

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Cricket club goes public

By ANDREW SALDWIN

A CRICKET club is to hold a public meeting to explain its £300,000 development plans to neighbours.

Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club is planning the improvement for its Kape Lane ground.

The club, which plays in the NTL Huddersfield Central League, wants to get nearby residents on its side.

The public meeting will be held at Almondbury Methodist Church Schoolrooms next Wednesday at 8pm.

Club officials will answer questions about their scheme.

Redevelopment will include a new pavilion, changing rooms and levelling of the field.

The Lottery Foundation has already agreed to give 65% of the cost and the club is now trying to raise the rest of the funds it needs.

Chairman Mark Bains said:

"This is such a massive undertaking we believe, as a community club, that everybody living locally should be informed of what we are attempting to do.

"Over the past few months the village has received a bad press in respect of vandalism and general anti-social behaviour.

"We believe that our project is one that people can be genuinely proud of and one that will enhance the profile of our area."

A cricket makeover



Level playing field — Almondbury Wesleyans' ground at Kaye Lane is being levelled as part of the club's redevelopment plan. The Central League club are having the field (but not the square) flattened and

re-seeded, which is expected to take about three weeks. The work, pictured above, is being carried out by Chesterfield company Pugh Lewis, who recently relaid the famous Twickenham rugby union pitch. (70686/1401)

In the tea room of the new pavilion (where the sponsored bricks are very visible), the story of the 'Wes Redevelopment' is told in three framed photo-montages: (1) 'Earth-moving days', (2) 'New shoots' and (3) 'New foundations'.







Towards the end of the 2002 season, the following message appeared on the Almondbury Wesleyans' website:

Well, we've made it! After two and a half years of planning and fundraising, 'The Wes' played their first home game of the season against Denby on Saturday 13 July at our redeveloped Kaye Lane ground on a lovely summer's day, watched by dozens of members, friends, neighbours and well-wishers...Our return to Kaye Lane and a new normality is a watershed in our history...

***A sincere word of thanks to everyone...
Mark Binns, Club Chairman***



The new pavilion (incorporating function room, tea room and changing rooms) is built out of traditional stone. The Club's 'Buy-A-Brick' scheme raised a total of £8,500 (a 'big' brick cost £50 and a 'small' one £25).



The Club gained a car park and a new set of pitches (grass and plastic); and was also granted a new 25-year lease for their Kaye Lane premises.



The 'Grand Opening' took place on 25 August 2002. The *Huddersfield Examiner* reported on the occasion:

The legendary Brian Close dropped into Huddersfield on Sunday to officially open Almondbury Wesleyans' magnificent new cricket facility at Kaye Lane. The 71-year-old former Yorkshire and England captain was unable to play in the exhibition match which followed the opening ceremony, but made a brief speech before a large crowd...

Club chairman Mark Binns welcomed the guests and said the grand opening heralded the culmination of six years of planning for the Arrow Central League club.

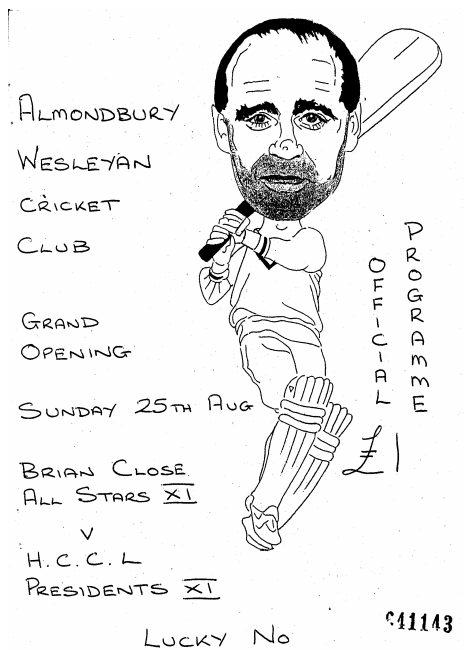


President, the Rev. Paula Bee, added her delight at the success of the venture, while Lynda Burton, on behalf of Sport England, handed over a cheque for £251,000 towards the overall cost of the redevelopment, and also congratulated the club on their vision.



Almost everywhere you look, Sport England are thanked for their financial assistance (the Lord's Taverners also get their own plaque). There are plenty of momentos of the first match on the new ground, and also details of how you can order your very own 'Wes' t-shirt.

Yorkshire cricketers Ryan Sidebottom, Matthew Wood and Scott Richardson and rugby legend Garry Schofield formed part of the Celebrity XI who took on a Central League XI.



Today, Kaye Lane certainly looks the part. The levelled-up playing area and the handsome pavilion make for a wonderful sight.

ONLINE HERO!

2004 - INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

WES PLAYER PLAYS FOR ENGLAND.

No, its not a hoax, a Wes player has represented his country this season.

The player in question is first team bowler Richard Parkin (pictured before the game) who played for the England internet football team against Serbia & Montenegro at Leicester.

Whilst the England side lost the fixture 5 - 2, one of the goals was scored by Richard on his international debut. Richard commented that it was a great experience and one that he would never forget.




Richard pictured before the game

HEALTHY AND HAPPY!

CLUB TODAY

Today, 'The Wes' run two senior sides, two under-13 teams, and one each at under-15 and under-17 level. Overall they have 100+ junior members, and they benefit from the fact that Club groundsman Ray Chappell has experience working at Leeds Road and the McAlpine Stadium.

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2004 SENIOR FIXTURES	NOTICE OF AGM																
<p>The Huddersfield Central Cricket League's website (www.HCCL.org.uk) is now showing the fixtures for the 2004 season. The early fixtures for our senior teams are reproduced below:</p> <table><tr><td>25th April</td><td>: 1st XI Birchendcliffe (h)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>: 2nd XI Heckmondwike (a)</td></tr><tr><td>1st May</td><td>: 1st XI Ruddlesdens (a)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>: 2nd XI Hoylandswaine (h)</td></tr><tr><td>8th May</td><td>: 1st XI Westborough (h)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>: 2nd XI Flockton (a)</td></tr><tr><td>9th May</td><td>: 2nd XI Thurstonland (a)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>(this game is rearranged from 3rd July)</td></tr></table> <p>Later games & those for our junior teams will follow nearer the start of the season.</p>	25th April	: 1st XI Birchendcliffe (h)		: 2nd XI Heckmondwike (a)	1st May	: 1st XI Ruddlesdens (a)		: 2nd XI Hoylandswaine (h)	8th May	: 1st XI Westborough (h)		: 2nd XI Flockton (a)	9th May	: 2nd XI Thurstonland (a)		(this game is rearranged from 3rd July)	<p>The club's AGM will take place as follows :</p> <p>Date : Friday 27th February 2004 Place : The Pavilion at our Ground in Kaye Lane, Almondbury. Time : 7.30pm.</p> <p>Last year's AGM was poorly attended and this was very disappointing as it is important that all members should have a say in how their club is run. Therefore, please make every effort to attend this important meeting of the Club. It is</p>
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WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON	ALL FOR ONE ONE FOR ALL
<p>The last few weeks have been a busy time at the Wes with a number of events taking place.</p> <p>On the 13th June a race night was held at the club, notwithstanding the fact that Transco had omitted to tell us the gas had been switched off, over 50 people enjoyed a pie and pea supper (Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Cater for the use of their kitchen at short notice) and tried to guess</p>	<p>We are halfway through the season. The Wes continues to make steady progress. Our young players can now play league cricket from 11 to 17. Under-elevens (including girls and some four-year olds) learn skills and play Kwik Cricket each Thursday. Two of our young players represent Huddersfield at under-eleven level and one plays regular age-group cricket for Yorkshire.</p>

THE WES MESSENGER



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Under 11's

By NEIL SHAW

We had a fantastic season winning 11 out of 15 games played. The team finished 3rd in the league, but beat the top 2 convincingly in an end of season playoff and narrowly lost on the last ball to Broad Oak in the cup semi finals.

The team used 27 players throughout the season, mixing older and more

League Tables

ARROW HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE

SECTION A

	Pld	W	T	L	5	1	Pnts
Birchcliffe A	22	13	1	1	4	3	104
Holmbridge A	22	9	0	2	8	3	97
Denby A	22	10	0	6	3	3	78

Almondbury Wesleyan
Cricket club



ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2004

AT

Durker Roods Hotel, Meltham

7.30p.m.



DURKER ROODS HOTEL

WEST YORKSHIRE'S WARMEST WELCOME

Almondbury Wesley Cricket Club Dinner Menu 13th November 2004

*Homemade Vegetable Soup
Pate + Toast
Mein + Mandarin Cocktail
Garlic Mushrooms*

*Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding
Poached Salmon with Hollandaise sauce
Roast Pork Joint with apple sauce + seasoning
Crispentine*

*Apple Crumble + Custard
Ciron Tart
Profiteroles*

Coffee + Mint

