

BIRCHENCLIFFE CC

The Later Years

GROUND FORCE!

1960 – VENUE DEVELOPMENTS

Birchenclyffe purchased their Halifax Road ground during the 1950s. Then, in 1960 the Club spent £300 on levelling the playing area.



NATIONAL
PLAYING FIELDS

To help with this project they received a £55 grant from the National Playing Fields Association.

In 1961 the Association authorities described Birchenclyffe as a club that was, ***‘by its own exertions...forging ahead, and which is so obviously a credit to the Association.’***



The ground today

SIX AND OUT!

1962 – POLICE CONTROVERSY



Birchenclyffe were also involved in comic goings-on. On 30 April 1962 the Police Cricket Club were fined for playing only six men against Birchenclyffe!



SILVERWARE JOY!

1964 – LUMB CUP WINNERS

Willerton puts an end to New Road hopes of "double"

LAST year Rastrick New Road won the Huddersfield and District Cricket Association League Championship and were runners-up for the Lumb Cup. This year they were hoping to go one better and complete a double—a feat they have performed before on three occasions—but although they are favourites for the Championship, their "double" hopes were dashed on Saturday when, at the Police Sports Ground, Woodfield Park, they were beaten by Birchencliffe in the final of the Cup competition.

Thus Birchencliffe gained only their second Lumb Cup success—the other was in 1967—and a thoroughly deserved victory it was in a surprisingly low-scoring game.

As both sides have batsmen noted for their free-scoring it came as something of a shock when Birchencliffe, after winning the toss, struggled to a score of 100—4 after two and a half hours' batting at which point the...

CROSSLAND TROPHY

Verkuylen shatters Acre Mills

SEVENTEEN - YEAR - OLD Frank Verkuylen proved in the Crossland Trophy Final on the Britannia Works Ground on Saturday that...

BIBCHENCLIFFE

B Schofield run out	42
G Schofield st Swallow b Richards	25
D Wareham lbw b Bottomley (T)	1
J Gibson b Bottomley	0
L Walker c Bottomley (W) b Richards	0
R Fox not out	10
T Brook b Richards	9
D Brook not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 4)	100
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-29, 3-60, 4-80, 5-86, 6-88.	
Bowling: K Armitage 7-0-50-0, T Bottomley 10-4-13-2, G Horner 10-1-25-0, H Broadbent 14-10-15-0, R Richards 8-1-19-3.	

RASTRICK NEW ROAD

W Bottomley c Wareham b Walker	26
T Bottomley b Willerton	6
D W Swallow c Schofield (B) b Willerton	3
D Bottomley lbw b Willerton	0
K Armitage b Willerton	10
H Taylor lbw b Holroyd	0
C Horner c Brook (T) b Holroyd	0
D Farrar c Fox b Willerton	1
H Broadbent b Willerton	6
T Clayton not out	4
R Richards b Wareham	22
Extras	4
Total	90
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-20, 3-52, 4-51, 5-55, 6-55, 7-60, 8-62, 9-63.	
Bowling: T Willerton 14-4-37-6, M Holroyd 15-5-41-2, L Walker 1-0-4-1, D Wareham 1.5-0-7-1.	

PLANE SAILING!

1960s/1970s – PAVILION PLANS



Before



After

The shell of the clubhouse building put up in 1960 was formerly the fuselage of a World War II glider. In 1969 and 1976 the construction was extended further.

PRIDE OF THE CLUB...

TEAM PICTURE



...but can you name the year?

SET-PIECE VICTORY

1972 – LUMB CUP WIN

semi-final tie

Last pair take Birchenclyffe to Lumb Cup win

THERE was a tremendously exciting finish to the Huddersfield Cricket Association's Lumb Cup Final at Woodfield Park on Saturday when Birchenclyffe snatched victory over Bradley and Colnebridge with their last pair at the wicket.

Put into bat, the Bradley openers started quietly against an accurate Birchenclyffe attack.

With the score at 15, the Bradley innings was apparently demoralised. Hawkyard edged the last ball of Holroyd's over to wicketkeeper Wood and the very next ball from Willerton had an unusually restrained Praeton at last trying to spin up a little, only to offer a difficult chance which was eagerly snapped up by Schofield at slip.

Strokemaking

When Brook was bowled in the same over, Bradley's hopes were pinned on the strokemaking of Wolff and the determination of Burgess. When Wolff went for 24, Holroyd went on to mop the tail to finish with six for 30 and Bradley totalled 78.

Birchenclyffe, well satisfied but by no means over-confident, started their innings with

chief constable of the West Yorkshire Police, Ken Burgess was awarded the Ray Woodhead Trophy as 'Man of the Match'.

SHADLER & COLNEBRIDGE

D Praeton c Schofield b Willerton	3
M Hawkyard c Wood b Holroyd	3
E Wolff b Rhodes	24
D Brook b Willerton	0
K Burgess c Wood b Holroyd	29
J Regan b Holroyd	0
J Cherridge b Fox b Holroyd	0
J Pratt c Wood b Rhodes	0
R Cobby not out	0
J Naylor b Holroyd	0
D Hume b Holroyd	0
Extras	4
Total	78

Wicketman 2-39, M Holroyd 6-30, Rhodes 3-19

BIRCHENCLYFFE

C Schofield b Regan	71
R Fox b Burgess	13
E Hawkes Spw b Regan	1
R Wood c Pratt b Burgess	0
E Warren b Burgess	0
S France c Oddy b Burgess	1
J Shaw c and b Burgess	0
R Walker c Naylor b Regan	0
M Rhodes not out	0
T Willerton b Regan	0
M Moulded not out	0
Extras	4
Total (for 9)	78

K Burgess 5-28, J Regan 4-47



Cup final venue: Woodfield Park

INTO THE BIG LEAGUE!

1978 – BIRCHENCLIFFE ENTER 5TH TIER OF HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL



In 1978 Birchencliffe entered two senior teams in the Arrow Huddersfield Central League. In the same year the Birkby-based Y.M.C.A. club also entered the League – and the two outfits would become local-derby rivals in the years that followed.



'C' FOR CHAMPIONS!

1983 – SECTION 'C' WINNERS

In 1983 Birchencliffe netted the Section 'C' trophy – their first piece of Huddersfield Central League silverware!

Section 'C' Champions during the 1980s

1989 Flockton "A"
1988 Nortonthorpe
1987 Leymoor
1986 Cumberworth
1985 Penistone Sports
1984 Upper Hopton
1983 Birchencliffe
1982 Kexborough "B"
1981 Old Almondburians
1980 Almondbury Wesleyans

CAN YOU NAME THE YEAR?

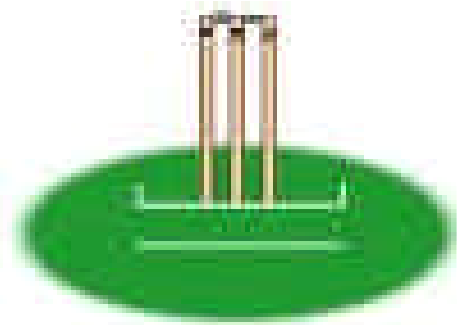
UNDATED TEAM PHOTO



JUMPING FOR (JUNIOR) JOY!

1998 – ARMITAGE CUP VICTORY

Birchenccliffe are very proud of their junior set-up – and in 1998 the Club scooped the Armitage Cup.



As the Huddersfield Central League rules state:

- A. The Competition shall be called the ‘H. Armitage Cup’ and shall be competed for by Junior teams from Clubs in the Huddersfield Central Cricket League on a knock-out basis.***

- N. Players to be under 15 years at midnight 31 August of previous year.***

ON THE UP!

2003 – SECTION 'B' CHAMPIONS

Birchencliffe promoted as Haywood stars

SECTION B						
Team	P	W	L	T	N	Points
Birchencliffe	20	14	5	1	4	57
Alfreton	20	13	6	1	0	51
Ardsley	20	12	7	1	0	48
Redditch	20	11	8	1	0	45
Littleborough	20	10	9	1	0	42
Rodgers Hill	20	9	10	1	0	39
Consett Main	20	8	11	1	0	36
Barnley Moor	20	7	12	1	0	33
Uppermoor	20	6	13	1	0	30
Donnerley	20	5	14	1	0	27
Crossbank Works	20	4	15	1	0	24
Worsley	20	3	16	1	0	21

A five-wicket haul from Ashley Haywood on the final day of the season helped Birchencliffe gain the one point they needed to wrap up the Section 'B' Championship.

Little over 50 years after the formation of the Club, Birchencliffe announced their presence as an emerging force in local league cricket, and secured their opportunity to challenge for promotion into the top flight of the Arrow Central League the following season.

HI-TECH SOLUTION

2004 – REPLACEMENT OF OLD SCOREBOX



In addition to their preparations for a new season in Section 'A' of the Huddersfield Central League, Birchencliffe also had cause for celebration off the field. They were able to replace their old scoreboard with a new electronic one.

MARCHING ONWARDS

2004 – SECTION 'A' CHAMPIONS

Birchenclyffe prepare for Premiership after taking Section A title

After their Section 'B' success in 2003, Birchenclyffe continued their march to the top by storming through Section 'A' and finishing in pole position for promotion into the Premiership.

BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

CLUB TODAY

