

CARTWORTH MOOR CC

THE LATER YEARS

11 HEROES...& 9 PROUD CLUB MEN!

1959 – TINKER CUP WINNERS



Moor won the Tinker Cup in 1959...and the whole Club seemed to be excited at the achievement. Not often do you see the amount of men in black almost equalling the number of men in whites! The hamlet was obviously very proud of their Cup-winners.

FLYING THE FLAG!

1970s – TEAM PHOTOS



A 1st XI from the early-1970s



A 2nd XI from the early-1970s

RISING SUN FIRE

1980s – DEMISE OF CLUB’S HQ

Cartworth Moor is an isolated place, so when the local pub burnt down it was a tragedy.

For decades the Rising Sun – located diagonally opposite Gill Lane pavilion – had acted as the Club’s headquarters and, quite naturally, a close relationship had developed between Club and pub.



The pub can be seen on the left

Every Saturday afternoon, when the umpires signalled the end of the first innings, both sets of players would wander across to the hostelry for refreshments.

Likewise they would retire to the pub after the game – and committee meetings would also be held there.

There was snow on the ground when the fire occurred – and the local fire brigade took a long time arriving because of the hazardous road conditions.

Post-fire, a portakabin was brought in to replace the old shed - and tea was served thereafter in this new facility.

100 NOT OUT!

1987 - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Unbeaten century is marked on the Moor Cartworth planning stylish celebration

CENTENARY celebrations are in full swing at Cartworth Moor this summer.

An anniversary of the local Section "C" club Peter Hocking remarks:

"It's a miracle that we have survived. Centenary tea and reception will soon be up to mark their valuable achievements and there's also a dinner planned at Darker Woods, Melham, on Friday, September 12.

Yorkshire batsman Kevin Sharn and county committee member Philip Ackroyd will be the speakers—an invitation has also gone out to first-class cricketer Barry Leadbeater—and Mr Hocking will have 40 of the 100 £10 tickets left for anyone who wants to join in their celebration.

Cartworth Moor has many of their grounds when five deserted their headquarters at the Rising Sun, which have been transferred. Buzzy Pickett, was club president. They are now based at the Farmers Arms, Bawtry, where landlord David Weston has been warmly supportive in recent times.

Mr Hocking has established that they are in their centenary season through a survey from the April 21, 1888, edition of the Huddersfield Times.

"We also understood that we own the ground, although no-one knows where the club are. Some of our older members have informed us that they believe

Cartworth Moor are 100 not out this season, so cricket writer ROBERT GLEDHILL takes a look at the Section "C" Huddersfield Central League club perched on the hills above Holmfirth

"It is interesting to know that local cricket was very popular. 'Football' was mainly still a form of rugby football in many areas with points awarded for goals, tries and minor points, whatever they were."

"The early football club was worked with such success last season that it warrants the committee in turning out a card of thanks for the coming season."

"Last year the team were under the disadvantage of not having a full ground but this is now overcome. This season, those clubs journeying to the heights of Cartworth Moor will find a very suitable field in every respect."

Scattered

"Considering the scattered population in this district, it is remarkable that two teams can be gathered together, but such is the case."

"Doing in various circumstances, the clubs have widely indicated from arranging for a large number of matches last, for another season, the committee hope to be prepared for a match every Saturday."

In their second season, Cartworth Moor met Huddersfield, Woodside Farm, Claxton and Hipsworth as home and away matches. They'd been known as Cartworth Moor United in the previous season and Mr Hocking says:

HONOURS LIST

1935, Tinker Cup winners; 1939, Hidden Cup; 1950, Tinker Cup; 1969, Section "D" champions; 1974, Tinker Cup and Section "C"; 1981, Section "B"

batsman Doug Shaw has returned to the club he started with. Sprightly 60-year-old Doug Elgar has moved up from Huddersfield.

He's not the oldest player at the club however. That honour belongs to 61-year-old Willie Hinchliffe, who opened for the records last summer and is still available when required.

Cartworth Moor are joined in their centenary celebrations by Harbury Bridge, who are hoping to join the league next summer. The sides meet on Sunday and a return match is planned at Cartworth Moor for sometime in August.

Remarkable

Possibly the most remarkable match in the club's history was in August, 1887. A team of cricketers were scored 52 after the single left of the area had been dismissed for 41.

Cartworth Moor were hopeful of capturing the Section "C" title this summer but they have already suffered two defeats.

"It's been disappointing because, on paper, we have reasonable teams for the section, we are in good Mr Hocking, who will play in the second, although he has also joined the reserves in the Huddersfield League."

Mr Dougie Shaw's Cartworth side will be making a determined effort to produce a winning spell and create their centenary celebrations in style.

They've already attracted sponsorship for the season, including a £100 donation from Huddersfield Clay Products, an unscrupulous but free Yorkshire for a coffee and an old set from Huddersfield for practice, as well as being given a mobile bar which has been converted into a new tea room.

In the same year, Moor were promoted to Section 'B'



MOUNTAINS AND MOLEHILLS

1995/6 - NATURAL DISASTER

In April 1995 Cartworth Moor Cricket Club revealed that it was suffering from a big problem: a mole epidemic!

Moor are not the only local cricket club to have been dogged by moles. Upperthong have also had their fair share of tunnelling trouble.

Mountain of molehills undermines grant bid

By DAVID EYRE

HOLME Valley Parish Council has refused to give a grant to a local cricket club — because of a mountain of molehills.

Cartworth Moor Cricket Club had applied for help with the reseeding and levelling of their pitch.

But at last week's finance committee meeting councillors decided not to give any money to the club until they were sure a long-running battle with the moles was won.

The animals have been leaving large molehills all over the pitch.

Clr Donald Firth told the meeting that he had problems with moles this summer himself, and wanted some kind of guarantee that club would get

rid of them before a grant was made.

He said: "If we give the club a grant, how do we know the moles won't return to destroy the newly-laid pitch? We can't make sure they've gone away."

Clr Keith Horn said he was disappointed that the club was not going to get a grant, as it was the only institution in Cartworth to get any money from the parish council, but he agreed with Clr Firth on the mole issue.

"If they come back and say they've got rid of the moles then we'll look at it again," he said.

Former Kirklees Mayor Ken Sims also told the committee that the funds for last year's Mayor's appeal for Breast Cancer Research, were closed. About £17,000 had been raised for the charity.



Moles are caught out

MOLES digging up the outfield at Cartworth Moor cricket club have been dealt with just in time.

Now the pitch is ready for the first game of the Central League season this weekend.

There were almost 200 molehills, a labyrinth of tunnels and sinking patches on the pitch.

But a local mole-catcher set down traps and captured eight of the animals.

The club was even contacted by the ministry of agriculture offering to step in, after an article appeared in *The Examiner*.

EMERGENCY SOS!

1998 – CLUB SAVED

Crisis club saved by your generosity

OFFICIALS of Cartworth Moor Cricket — left reeling by the theft of gear and vital equipment — have this week praised the generosity of valley folk.

The club was in crisis after the robbery of more than £1,0000 of equipment from the remote Gill Lane ground and it was feared it would be difficult to carry on next season.

However, this week, chairman Howard Chadwick spoke of the tremendous response to the club's appeals for help.

“We are absolutely over the moon. The response has been magnificent. So many people have come forward with donations and one man has given us a superb mower.

“We can now start to look forward to next season”.

Mr Chadwick said most of the donors wished to remain anonymous, but he praised the Express for its help in publicising the club's plight.

He was also deeply grateful that the Farmers Arms, Burnlee — whose cricket team uses Cartworth Moor's ground — were organising a Harvest Home on Sunday, October 18, with all the proceeds going to the appeal.

“This sort of generosity and the help of so many people restores your faith in human nature,” he said.

Mr Chadwick revealed that all equipment would be stored elsewhere in the valley in future.

THE FUTURE AWAITS

INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Today, Cartworth Moor do not have any junior sides, but their 1st XI and 2nd XI continue to play in the Huddersfield Central League.



And their high-altitude ground, Gill Lane, stands as one of the most remarkable and extraordinary cricketing venues in this part of the country.