

HOLMFIRTH CC – Timeline

HOLMFIRTH CRICKET

Date of formation.

Holmfirth play three matches against Lockwood, winning two and losing one. Also, a 'Holmfirth & District XXII' play against the famous Dalton XI, with the latter winning, despite the odds.

A match was played against Lockwood for £5. Holmfirth were 'backed' by T. P. Crossland JP and following the match both teams attended a dinner at the Shoulder of Mutton.

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EVENTS IN HOLMFIRTH & THE WORLD

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company open the branch line to Holmfirth. The Druids' Hall is built for the Ancient Order of Druids Friendly Society at a cost of £1,800. It has since been used for various purposes: entertainment, a hotel and a drill hall but is now the home of the Freemasons.

Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace.

'The Great Flood'. This flood has been described as 'probably the greatest single disaster ever to befall the Holme Valley', claiming 81 lives. Cable laid under English Channel.

America purchases Mexico.

Crimean war begins.

Livingstone discovers Victoria Falls.

Hughes' Tom Brown's Schooldays.

London postal districts introduced.

The population in Holmfirth had increased so much that it once again became an independent parish. First Atlantic cable laid.

Holmfirth Cricket Club and Holmfirth Working Men's Club Cricket Club take part in matches which are reported in the *Huddersfield Examiner*. A Holmfirth team (probably linked to the town's Working Men's Club) wins a cup knockout competition organised by a group of publicans from the Silkstone area.

- 1859** Darwin's *Origin of the Species*.
1860 Victoria Bridge is built. Prior to this Upper Bridge and Toll House was the main entrance to Holmfirth. 2nd Maori War begins.
1861 Pasteur introduces Pasteurization.
1862 Composers push Russian music.
1863 Battle of Gettysburg.
1864 Birth of Red Cross.
1865 A wooden railway viaduct at Mytholmbridge collapsed causing the Holmfirth railway line to be shut for one and a half years. Lewis Carol's *Alice in Wonderland*.
1866 Strauss's *Blue Danube Waltz*.
1867 The train service resumes when a new stone viaduct is completed to replace the wooden one. Second Reform Bill passed.
1868 Meiji Restoration in Japan.
1869 Suez Canal opened.
1870 The firm Bamforth & Co is established by James Bamforth. Death of Charles Dickens.
1871 Chicago Fire kills 300 people.
1872 One thousand weavers went on strike. Second Carlist War in Spain.
1873 Verne's *Around the World...*
1874 Japan invades Taiwan.
1875 Civil Rights Act passed in America.
1876 Bell invents telephone.
1877 Edison invents phonograph.

The United North of England play against 'XXII of Holmfirth at Bridge Fold.

Mr J. W. White's Clown Cricketers visit Bridge Fold. The visiting team, which includes Yorkshires stars players Andrew Greenwood and David Eastwood, scores 89 to Holmfirth's 75.

The first Holmfirth sing, in aid of Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, takes place at Bridge Fold.

The Club is entered in the *Athletic News Cricket Supplement and Club Directory*. J.B. Watkinson and W. Coldwell are the secretaries and John Usher from Hodgson & Simpson's CC the professional. Holmfirth Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club hold a Tea Concert and Dance at the Town Hall.

Bridge Fold plays host to Sangers' Circus. Prior to the main performance a parade through the town takes place, consisting of a hundred Elephants and a splendid show of Carriages,.

Win Lumb Cup for the first time.

Become founder members of the Huddersfield &

1878

Berlin Congress.

1879

Edison invents electric light bulb.

1880

Mosquito found to carry malaria.

1881

A new water supply installed in Honley. Honley is described in *Kelly's Directory* as 'a large irregular clothing village seated on a pleasant eminence in the picturesque village of the River Holme'.

Cambridge Tripos open to women.

1882

Married Women's Property Act.

1883

French painter Manet dies.

1884

Greenwich made meridian of world.

1885

First electric tramcar in Blackpool.

1886

Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

1887

Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

1888

Honley leaves Parish of Almondbury. First box camera.

1889

Eiffel Tower built.

1890

London's first electric Underground.

1891

Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.

1892

Electric oven invented.

District Cricket League.

After a ten year absence, the Holmfirth Sing returns to Bridge Fold, with around 6 or 7000 people in attendance.

1st XI win the Huddersfield & District League Byram Shield for the first time.

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2nd XI win 2nd XI competition in its inaugural season.

2nd XI retain their championship. Joshua Heap of Holmfirth sets a new record individual Huddersfield League score of 201 not out in a match against Kirkheaton.

1st XI win Byram Shield.

1893

Invention of the Aspirin.

1894

Dreyfus Affair begins in France.

1895

Invention of the X-Ray.

1896

First modern Olympic Games held.

1897

Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

1898

Birth of Bertolt Brecht.

1899

First Hague Peace Conference.

1900

Zeppelin invents the airship.

1901

Birth of Marlene Dietrich.

1902

Marie Curie discovers radioactivity.

1903

Henry Ford sets up motor company.

1904

Britain and France sign Entente.

1905

Revolution breaks out in Russia.

1906

First radio programme broadcast.

1907

First Daily Comic Strip.

1908

Cubism founded in Paris.

1909

Synthetic plastic invented - Bakelite.

1910

Halley's comet reappears.

1911

Death of James Bamforth. He was described in one local newspaper as 'one of Holmfirth's most honoured townsmen'.
Amundsen reaches South Pole.

1st XI win Huddersfield & District League Sykes Cup for first time.

2nd XI win Section A title.

- 1912** The Valley Theatre opens its doors.
Titanic sinks. Scott's last expedition.
- 1913** Suffragette demonstrations.
- 1914** Steam wagons from B. Mellor & Sons help with the transportation of troops. Start of First World War.
- 1915** Einstein's *Theory of Relativity*.
- 1916** Battle of Verdun. Easter Rising.
- 1917** Russian Revolution.
- 1918** World-wide flu epidemic.
- 1919** Treaty of Versailles.
- 1920** First roadside petrol station in UK.
- 1921** First birth control clinic.
- 1922** Mussolini's March on Rome.
- 1923** First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924** Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. Death of Lenin.
- 1925** Charleston dance becomes fashion.
- 1926** General Strike. Adoption legalised.
- 1927** Lindbergh's solo flight over Atlantic.
- 1928** Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.
- 1929** Wall Street Crash.
- 1930** Planet Pluto discovered.
- 1931** Empire State Building built.
- 1932** British Union of Fascists founded.
- 1933** Hitler becomes German Chancellor.
- 1934** Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.
- 1935** Pedestrian crossings introduced.
- 1936** Edward VIII abdicates.
- 1937** Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.

2nd XI are joint winners of the Paddock Shield - their first success in the competition.

1st XI win Byram Shield.

1st XI win Sykes Cup. 2nd XI win Section A title.

Special General Meeting called to discuss Club's future due to financial difficulties and lack of commitment from its members.

2nd XI win Section B title.

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1938

Paid holidays start. Biro invented.

1939

Beginning of Second World War.

1940

National Government formed.

1941

Germany invade USSR.

1942

British victorious at El Alamein.

1943

Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

1944

The last of the Great Floods. Called the 'Forgotten Flood' because it occurred a few days before the Allied invasion of Normandy.

There was a news blackout at this time and it was ten days later when the flood was reported. By the time it was reported it was a minor event - the news being all about the Allied invasion. **D-Day**.

Paris liberated.

1945

Auschwitz liberated.

1946

Iron Curtain descends on Europe.

1947

Truman Doctrine unveiled.

1948

State of Israel founded.

1949

NATO established.

1950

Petrol rationing ends in Britain.

1951

Festival of Britain opens.

1952

Elizabeth II crowned. Pill invented.

1953

Everest conquered.

1954

Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*.

1955

Commercial TV starts in Britain.

1956

Elvis releases *All Shook Up*.

1957

Queen's first Christmas broadcast.

1958

Munich air disaster. Beatles formed.

1st XI win Byram Shield.

Pavilion renovated and upstairs bar facilities opened.

1st XI win Byram Shield and Sykes Cup Double. 2nd XI win Section A.

New tea room opened and further extension to Pavilion built. 1st XI win Byram Shield and Sykes Cup Double.

1st XI win Byram Shield. 2nd XI win Section A title. 2nd XI win Section A title.

Don Wilson joins Club. 1st XI win Byram Shield/Sykes Cup Double.

1st XI win Byram Shield and Sykes Cup Double. 2nd XI win Section A title.

1st XI win Byram Shield and Sykes Cup Double. Future England star Allan Lamb joins as overseas professional for the season. He scores 149 not out in one famous innings.

- 1959** Holmfirth passenger line closes. The goods service continues for another six years. Postcodes introduced in Britain.
- 1960** Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.
- 1961** First oral contraceptive.
- 1962** Beatles release *Love Me Do*.
- 1963** Kennedy assassinated.
- 1964** *Sun* founded. First *Top of the Pops*.
- 1965** First US raids against Vietnam.
- 1966** England win World Cup.
- 1967** First heart transplant. Six Day War.
- 1968** BST introduced. Riots in Paris.
- 1969** First men land on moon.
- 1970** Heath becomes PM.
- 1971** Decimalisation of coinage.
- 1972** Britain begins direct rule in NI.
- 1973** Britain enters EEC. VAT introduced.
- 1974** Nixon resigns over Watergate.
- 1975** First North Sea oil. Equal Pay Act.
- 1976** Drought Act during hot summer.
- 1977** Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.
- 1978** World's first 'test tube' baby.

1st XI win Byram Shield and Sykes Cup Double.

Bar refurbished. Appeal launched to finance replacement roof after structural fault is detected.

2nd XI wins Section A title. Bridge over nearby river renovated.

1st XI wins Sykes Cup.

1979 Thatcher becomes PM.
1980 Lennon assassinated.
1981 SDP launch. Charles and Di wed.
1982 Argentina invades Falklands.
1983 Start of breakfast TV. Seat belt law.

1984 IRA bomb at Tory conference.
1985 Al Fayed buys Harrods. Live Aid.
1986 GLC abolished. Chernobyl accident.
1987 Zeebrugge disaster.

1988 Lockerbie disaster.
1989 Berlin Wall torn down.
1990 Poll Tax riots. Thatcher resigns.
1991 Robert Maxwell drowns at sea.
1992 Coal industry privatised.
1993 Maastricht Treaty.
1994 Channel Tunnel open.
1995 Nick Leeson brings down Barings.
1996 Digley Reservoir was almost empty as a result of a drought. BSE beef scare in UK.

1997 Princess Diana killed in car crash.
1998 Good Friday peace agreement.
1999 Bill Owen, who played Compo in *Last of the Summer Wine*, dies. His character died as well – the rest of the cast attending both his real life funeral and the funeral of his character Compo a few months later. He is buried at St John's Church, Upperthong overlooking Summer Wine Country. World population hits 6 billion.

2000 Hatfield train disaster. Dome opens.
2001 9/11 terrorist attack. Foot & Mouth.
2002 UK snubs Euro. Queen Mother dies.
2003 England win Rugby World Cup.
2004 EU enlarged to 25 states.
2005 Tsunami hits Asia.