

# THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale & Kirklees

## KIRKHEATON CC

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### DATE

### EVENTS IN KIRKHEATON & THE WORLD

Possible date of formation as Kirkheaton Beaumonts, due to its association with local pub. Matches played on Horse Field, Whitley Hall.

Another possible date of formation.

1859

Church graveyard full; new piece of land nearby is purchased and consecrated. *Origin of the Species.*

1860

2nd Maori War begins.

1861

Pasteur introduces Pasteurization.

1862

Composers push Russian music.

1863

Battle of Gettysburg.

1864

Birth of Red Cross.

1865

Lewis Carol's *Alice in Wonderland.*

1866

Strauss's *Blue Danube Waltz.*

1867

Kirkheaton railway station opens.

Second Reform Bill passed.

1868

Meiji Restoration in Japan.

1869

Suez Canal opened.

1870

Death of Charles Dickens.

7 September: George Hirst born at the Brown Cow Inn, Kirkheaton. By the 1870s the Club had secured a ground on Kirkheaton Moor where one avid spectator was the young Hirst. He later recalled how matches were played, 'Liberals against Conservatives – blues against yellows – great days for us youngsters to sport our colours,' and that,

1871

Chicago Fire kills 300 people.

'Single-wicket matches before breakfast at Whitsuntide for a ham and egg breakfast were common'. Although the Club's early matches were neither league nor cup fixtures they still had a competitive edge. Most were arranged through challenges originally played for stake money. By the 1870s, this type of gambling in cricket had mostly ended, but a considerable sense of local status remained at stake. Clubs were wary not to play against opponents who were too good!

Henry Moseley appointed 'to mow the ground when required' at fourpence a time.

Name changed to Kirkheaton Cricket Club at AGM held at Brown Cow Inn.

Move to current Bankfield ground, then known as Fletcher's Croft. Annual rent £7 per annum.

Win Lumb Cup v Cliffe End in final.  
In build-up to the final, the team, which included George

- 1872 Second Carlist War in Spain.
- 1873 Verne's *Around the World...*
- 1874 Population of Kirkheaton reaches 3,011. 617 houses in the village. On average there are 5 people per house. Japan invades Taiwan.
- 1875 Civil Rights Act passed in America.
- 1876 Bell invents telephone.
- 1877 Edison invents phonograph.
- 1878 Berlin Congress.
- 1879 Edison invents electric light bulb.
- 1880 Mosquito found to carry malaria.
- 1881 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 Fire destroys much of the building and furniture of St John's Church.
- Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
- 1887 Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.
- 1888 First box camera.
- 1889 Eiffel Tower built.

Hirst, was coached by Allen Hill, Yorkshire CCC player. Hill, who began his career at Kirkheaton, had been left out of the County XI for the match against Lancashire and was hired to coach at 5s fee per night.

Apply to join Huddersfield & District Cricket League, but are rejected.

Accepted into Huddersfield & District Cricket League, finishing joint 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Win Huddersfield & District League for first time. Wilfred Rhodes makes first appearance in 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Games for money are banned from cricket field.

Win Huddersfield & District League for second time, with Hirst and Rhodes taking part in last few matches when their professional engagements had ended.

Playing area extended.

Bowling Green opened.

Kirkheaton v Slaithwaite: Slaithwaite bowled out for 9 (G.H. Hirst taking 5 for 2 and Wilfred Rhodes 4 for 3).

'Lads' under 16 accepted as members at fee of 2 shillings

1890	London's first electric Underground.
1891	Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.
1892	Electric oven invented.
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 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.
1910	Halley's comet reappears.
1911	Amundsen reaches South Pole.

each.

£200 offer made to buy ground from Whitley Beaumont Estate.

Ground purchased from Whitley Beaumont Estate for £375.

Ladies accepted as members at fee of 2 shillings.

Win Huddersfield & District League Byrom Shield/Sykes Cup 'Double'.

Morrit Hallas given benefit match in recognition of 25 years service.

Ladies cricket match held in July.

Win Paddock Shield.

Fundraising campaign begun to build new pavilion.

Win 1<sup>st</sup> XI Section 'B'.

1912	Titanic sinks.
1913	Suffragette demonstrations.
1914	Start of First World War.
1915	Einstein's <i>Theory of Relativity</i> .
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 <i>Mein Kampf</i> .
1925	Charleston dance.
1926	General Strike. Adoption legalised.
1927	Lindbergh's solo flight over Atlantic.
1928	<i>Lady Chatterley's Lover</i> .
1929	Wall Street Crash.
1930	Planet Pluto discovered.
1931	Empire State Building built.
1932	Duke of York visits Kirkheaton Mills. British Union of Fascists born.
1933	Hitler becomes Chancellor.
1934	Mao Tse-tung's 'Long March'.
1935	Pedestrian crossings introduced.
1936	Edward VIII abdicates.
1937	Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.
1938	Paid holidays start. Biro invented.
1939	Beginning of Second World War.
1940	National Government formed.
1941	Germany invade USSR.

Special General Meeting called to address serious financial problems.

Win Sykes Cup.

New pavilion costing £1,000 finally opened. Hirst and Rhodes presented with silver trowels at ceremony.

Further severe financial difficulties cause mortgage arrangement to be agreed with Co-operative Bank for club and ground, raising £500. Win 1<sup>st</sup> XI Section 'B'. Win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Section 'B'.

Win 1<sup>st</sup> XI Section 'B'.

Win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Section 'A'.

Win Hopkinson Trophy.

- 1942 British victorious at El Alamein.
- 1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising.
- 1944 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 Alfred Moore of Whinney Close Farm murders two policemen. Festival of Britain opens.
- 1952 Moore is executed at Armley Jail, Leeds. Elizabeth II crowned.
- 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.
- 1959 Postcodes introduced in Britain.
- 1960 Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.
- 1961 First oral contraceptive.
- 1962 Beatles release *Love Me Do*.
- 1963 Kennedy assassinated.
- 1964 Fire at Kirkheaton Mills. *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.

New tea room built near pavilion. Win Sykes Cup & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Section 'A'.  
Win Sykes Cup.

Win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Section 'B' and Hopkinson Trophy.  
Win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Section 'B'.

Mr M.E. Broadbent, Club President, presented new scoreboard.

New bowling pavilion built.

Win 1<sup>st</sup> XI Section 'B'.

Further extension sees new lounge, toilets, stock room and bowling room added to pavilion.

Win 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Section 'B' and F.E. Greenwood Ground Trophy.

Win 1<sup>st</sup> XI Section 'B'.

**1970** Heath becomes PM.  
**1971** Population of Kirkheaton reaches 4,000. Decimalisation of coinage.  
**1972** Britain begins direct rule in NI.  
**1973** Britain enters EEC.  
**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.  
**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.  
**1987** Zeebrugge tragedy.  
**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** BSE beef scare in UK.  
**1997** Princess Diana killed in car crash.  
**1998** Good Friday peace agreement.  
**1999** World population hits 6 billion.  
**2000** Hatfield train disaster.

Win 1<sup>st</sup> XI Conference.

## CRICKET HERITAGE EXHIBITIONS

- 2001** Population of Kirkheaton now stands at 4,209. Of these, 2,039 are male, 49 are aged 85 and over, and 255 are aged between 0 and 4. [9/11 terrorist attack.](#) [Foot & Mouth.](#)
- 2002** [UK snubs Euro.](#)
- 2003** [England win Rugby World Cup.](#)
- 2004** [EU enlarged to 25 states.](#)
- 2005** *Huddersfield Examiner* reports that, 'More than 125 years of textile history' is to come to an end and that 'weaving was to stop at one of the area's proudest firms' – Huddersfield Fine Worsteds of Kirkheaton. [Tsunami hits Asia.](#)