

THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale & Kirklees

MELTHAM CC

ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS

Club formed, playing at Mean Lane from the beginning.

The United North of England play a match against '22 of Holmfirth and Meltham' at Holmfirth.

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EVENTS IN MELTHAM & THE WORLD

Second Reform Bill passed.

Meiji Restoration in Japan.

Suez Canal opened.

Death of Charles Dickens.

Chicago Fire kills 300 people.

Second Carlist War in Spain.

Verne's *Around the World...*

Japan invades Taiwan.

Civil Rights Act passed in America.

Bell invents telephone.

Edison invents phonograph.

Berlin Congress.

Edison invents electric light bulb.

Mosquito found to carry malaria.

Cambridge Tripos open to women.

Married Women's Property Act.

French painter Manet dies.

Greenwich made meridian of world.

First electric tramcar in Blackpool.

Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

Become founder members of the Huddersfield Alliance League.
Join Huddersfield & District League.

Leave Huddersfield & District League.

Return to Huddersfield & District League for one season only.
Join Huddersfield Central League.

- 1888 First box camera.
- 1889 Eiffel Tower built.
- 1890 London's first electric Underground.
- 1891 Pope Leo XIII condemns socialism.
- 1892 Electric oven invented.
- 1893 Invention of the Aspirin.

- 1894 Birth of Meltham Urban District Council. 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 Amundsen reaches South Pole.
- 1912 King George V and Queen Mary pass through the village. Cubs and scouts formed in Meltham. Titanic sinks. Scott's last expedition.

Leave Huddersfield Central League and rejoin Huddersfield & District League.

A new pavilion, costing £350, is opened. It is constructed out of an old army hut.

Mean Lane ground is purchased from 'The Glebe Trust'. Novel scheme to encourage interest from local children begins: six promising players given free membership of Club for one year.

First professional player is taken on since 1890s.

- 1913** Suffragette demonstrations.
- 1914** 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** Private buses run by Baddeley Bros and Wilson Haigh start running in Meltham. First roadside petrol station in UK.
- 1921** First birth control clinic.
- 1922** Mussolini's March on Rome.
- 1923** First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924** 'Public transport buses' arrive in Meltham. 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.

Joseph Brook takes 10-8 at home to Bradley Mills, all clean bowled, and the opposition are rolled over for 63 ('Details of this exceptional performance have been recorded herewith,' says a notice on the pavilion wall). Win Section 'B' of Huddersfield & District League.

Win Sykes Cup for first time.

Win Section 'B' of Huddersfield & District League.
Presentation to mark the 500th wicket of Alf Topp.
Win Sykes Cup.

- 1936** Edward VIII abdicates.
- 1937** Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.
- 1938** Last Meltham mill taken over by David Browns. 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** D-Day. Paris liberated.
- 1945** Auschwitz liberated.
- 1946** Iron Curtain descends on Europe.
- 1947** Truman Doctrine unveiled.
- 1948** State of Israel founded.

- 1949** Meltham railway station closed down. 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.
- 1959** Postcodes introduced in Britain.

New pavilion opened.

Win Sykes Cup.

Cricket square treated for 'too much sand'.

Club have to play all their fixtures away from Mean Lane because of 'sand' problem.

Win League Championship.

New scoreboard opened, players' dressing rooms renovated, showers added, and tea room improved.

Win League Championship.

- 1960 Sputnik 'dogs' go into space.
- 1961 First oral contraceptive.
- 1962 Beatles release *Love Me Do*.
- 1963 Decision taken to form Meltham Parish Church Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Kennedy assassinated.
- 1964 *Sun* founded. First *Top of the Pops*.
- 1965 Goods trains cease visiting Meltham. First US raids against Vietnam.
- 1966 England win World Cup.
- 1967 First heart transplant. Six Day War.
- 1968 HQ built for Meltham Brownies and Guides. BST introduced. Riots in Paris.
- 1969 First men land on moon.
- 1970 Heath becomes PM.
- 1971 Tractor assembly complex built at David Browns in Meltham. Decimalisation of coinage.
- 1972 Britain begins direct rule in NI.
- 1973 Britain enters EEC. VAT introduced.
- 1974 Meltham Urban District Council taken over by Kirklees. Nixon resigns over Watergate.
- 1975 First North Sea oil. Equal Pay Act.
- 1976 Drought Act during hot summer.
- 1977 Carnival arranged to celebrate Queen's Silver Jubilee. Elvis dies.
- 1978 World's first 'test tube' baby.
- 1979 Thatcher becomes PM.
- 1980 Lennon assassinated.

Win Sykes Cup.
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Win Sykes Cup – the ‘hat-trick’ - and League Championship ‘Double’.
Win Sykes Cup – the ‘quadruple’.
Win League Championship.
Win League Championship and Sykes Cup ‘Double’.
Win League Championship for third time in a row.

Win Conference.

New ‘multi-sport’ clubhouse opened at Mean Lane.
CRICKET HERITAGE EXHIBITIONS

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 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. 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.