

NORTONTHORPE CC

The Early Years

IN THE BEGINNING

1877 – EARLY FIXTURE

The earliest reference to cricket in Nortonthorpe comes in the Elmley (Emley) C.C. fixture card for 1877.



Two fixtures were arranged between Elmley (Emley) and Nortonthorpe, the first scheduled for 5 May and the second for 15 September.

LIST OF MATCHES.
SEASON 1877,
FIRST ELEVEN.

DATE	COMPETITORS	WHERE PLAYED.	RESULT.
at. Apl. 28	<i>Opening Match.</i>	<i>No Play</i>	
at. May 5	Nortonthorpe	Nortonthorpe ..	.....
at. " 12	Dewsbury Moor....	Dewsbury Moor	.....
at. " 19	Denby Dale	Elmley .....	.....
on. " 21	Flockton	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 22	Skelmanthorpe	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 26	Sholley	Shelley .....	.....
at. June 2	Midgley	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 9	.....	.....	.....
at. " 16	Thornhill	Thornhill .....	.....
at. " 23	Lepton	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 30	Hoyland	Hoyland .....	.....
on. July 2	Flockton	Flockton .....	.....
at. " 7	Midgley	Midgley .....	.....
at. " 14	Hoyland	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 21	Shepley	Shepley .....	.....
at. " 28	Thornhill	Elmley .....	.....
at. Aug. 4	Dewsbury Moor....	Elmley .....	.....
on. " 6	Whitehall Wanderers v. Elmley Revellers....	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 11	Shelley	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 18	Lepton	Lepton .....	.....
at. " 25	Shepley	Elmley .....	.....
at. Sept. 1	Skelmanthorpe	Skelmanthorpe ..	.....
at. " 8	Denby Dale	Denby Dale .....	.....
at. " 15	Nortonthorpe	Elmley .....	.....
at. " 22	<i>Closing Match.</i>	<i>No Play</i>	

NORTONTHORPE v. ELMLEY.—Played at Elmley, on Saturday last, resulting in an easy victory for the visitors. The batting of Green, Skinn, Clay, Hudson, and the bowling of Barker for Nortonthorpe, as also the bowling of Scargill for Elmley, deserve special mention.

Score:—

NORTONTHORPE—Green 18, Barker 1, Wilkinson 4, Sealer 1, Dyson 8, Hudson 11, Powis 1, Walshaw 0, Skinn 11, Clay (not out) 10, Whitley 4, extras 5; total 74.

ELMLEY.—Scargill 3, Booth 2, Scott 1, Pell 0, Maigh 7, Parker 0, Brook 8, Moxon 2, Bockett 0, Goward (not out) 1, Hirst 0, extras 3; total 28.

Scorecard for Elmley v Nortonthorpe, 5 May 1877



The venue, Emley, today

LOCAL COMPETITION

1906 - DEARNE VALLEY LEAGUE

By 1906 the Club had joined the Dearne Valley League.

DEARNE VALLEY LEAGUE.
RESULTS UP TO DATE.
SENIOR COMPETITION.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
Shelley	18	12	2	4	28
Denby Dale	18	12	3	3	27
Nortonthorpe	18	11	4	3	25
Rmley Clarence	18	6	6	6	18
Hepworth	18	6	8	4	16
Penistone	18	6	8	4	16
Clayton West	18	5	9	4	14
Shepley	18	5	9	4	14
Cumberworth	18	4	10	4	12
Cawthorne	18	2	10	6	10

SECOND COMPETITION.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
Clayton West	18	14	2	2	30
Nortonthorpe	18	11	3	4	26
Cumberworth	18	11	4	3	25
*Cawthorne	18	7	7	4	17
Denby Dale	18	6	8	4	16
Rmley Clarence	18	7	9	2	16
Shelley	18	5	8	5	15
Penistone	18	6	10	2	14
Shepley	18	5	10	3	13
Hepworth	18	2	13	3	7

*Cawthorne one point deducted for breach of rules.

W. HANSON, Secretary.

DOWN BY THE RIVER

EARLY GROUND



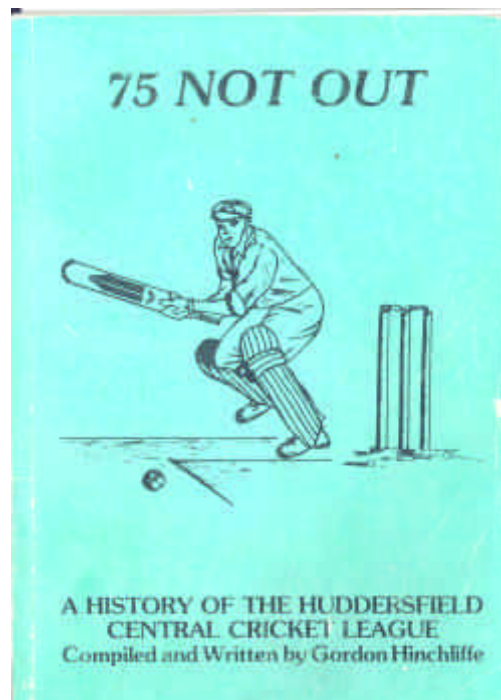
For the first few decades of its existence it played close to the River Dearne, just off Wakefield Road in Scissett.



INTO THE BIG LEAGUE

1920 – HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL

In 1920 the local league system was undergoing some major reorganisation. A number of clubs, including Nortonthorpe, were set to form a Holme and Dearne Valley League. But at the last minute they were asked to join the ailing Huddersfield Central League.





Nortonthorpe C.C. circa 1920s. Can you name the exact year?



A Nortonthorpe team from the 1930s or 1940s. Do you recognise any faces?

WARTIME SUCCESS

1940 – HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

In 1940, as war raged across Europe, the Club scooped its first piece of silverware - the 1st XI winning the Huddersfield Central League championship.



FINAL LEAGUE TABLE					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Nortonthorpe	16	14	0	2	44
Penistone Y.S. & I.W.	16	11	2	3	28
Thurstonland	16	10	2	4	34
Lepton B.	16	8	1	7	31
Cumberworth U.	16	9	5	2	29
Rowley Hill	16	8	6	2	26
Scholes	16	7	4	5	25
Denby Dale	16	5	7	4	19
Holmebridge	16	5	7	4	17
Skelmanthorpe	16	5	7	4	19
Clayton West	16	4	8	4	16
Cartworth Moor	16	4	10	2	14
Shelley	16	4	11	1	13
Emley Clarence	16	3	10	3	12

As was customary at the time, a 'Champions v Rest' match took place after the League programme had ended.

**CHAMPIONS MEET
THE REST**

**Nortonthorpe Game End
in Draw**

Nortonthorpe... champions of the Central League, met a side selected from the Rest of the League at Nortonthorpe on Saturday. Both teams played twelve men a side. H. Schofield and J. Moorhouse, who opened the innings for the Rest, retired, after scoring 45 and 32 runs respectively, and their side went on to make 163 for five wickets. H. Tinker, with three wickets for 31, was the most successful Nortonthorpe bowler. The League champions fared none too well with the bat and only Tinker (28) and S. Wray (22 not out) showed confidence. At the close Nortonthorpe were 106 for nine. G. W. Scargill took four wickets for 30. Scores:—

Rest of League.—H. Schofield retired 45, J. Moorhouse retired 32, T. Thackra c J. Wray b Batty 10, L. White b H. Tinker 6, F. Moorhouse c Senior b H. Tinker 26, T. Spring c S. Wray b Batty 1, F. Wadsworth b H. Tinker 4, R. Bowman not out 17, A. Horn not out 14, extras 8;—total for 5 wkts. 163.

Nortonthorpe.—W. Firth c and b Holmes 14, H. Senior 5, Scargill 0, H. Noble c Thackra b Holmes 0, J. Wray c Wadsworth b Scargill 4, H. Tinker b Scargill 28, G. Woodhouse c Bowman b Spring 8, G. Blackburn c and b Scargill 5, S. Wray not out 22, F. Exley b Horn 0, A. Tinker b Thackra 16, extras 9;—total for 9 wkts. 106.