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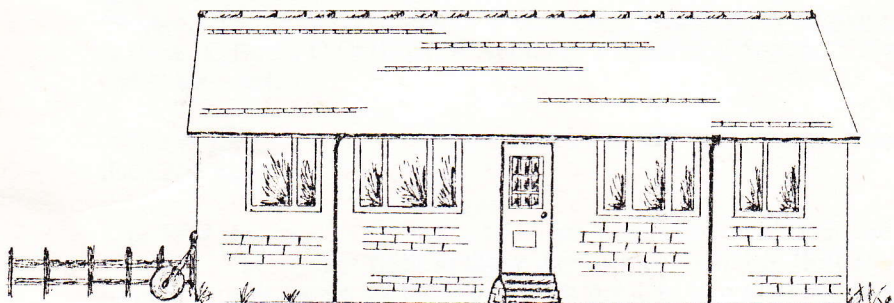
HAMPSTHWAITE CRICKET CLUB

with the

OPENING OF THEIR NEW PAVILION

by

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1878-1978

After much research into the history of Hampsthwaite Cricket Club the first record to be found was of a match played against Dacre on Saturday July 20 1878. It is interesting to note the names of the players involved in that first game.

Dacre		Hampsthwaite	
W Brown	10	W Haxby	2
E Wilkinson	14	J Brotherton	4
J Benson	15	M Barker	3
T Grange	21	A Haxby	3
T Benson	15	W Holmes	0
S Buck	0	T Gambling N.O.	14
G Brooks	0	J Haxby	0
R Settle	0	H Barker	0
A Atkinson N.O.	12	J Ridsdale	0
W Groves	2	J Morrell	15
W Jarrat	0	E Moon	4
Extras	7	Extras	1
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This fixture took place on feast Saturday and on feast Monday a further game was played against Birstwith this time only scoring a total of 18 runs. The team consisted of W Gambling, A Barker, H Reynard, B Buck, C Buck, C Phillips, W Appleby, J Jeffrey, C Barker, F Swale and G Reynard.

These games were recorded 100 years ago and today many persons of the same name reside in the village.

In 1914 the Nidderdale Cricket League was formed with just one division. The cricket field in those days was situated in Hollins Lane in what is now known as the Park. Two persons who remember playing on this field are Mr E Lundell and Mr J Turner.

The field was not really suitable for playing cricket and when the present cricket field came on the market, Sir Frederick Aykroyd made a gentleman's agreement with Mr Dearlove Addyman that, Mr Addyman would buy the whole field and Sir Frederick would purchase the plot of land for use as a cricket field. This transaction took place in 1924.

Sir Frederick Aykroyd undertook to pay 75% of laying the wicket and draining the field which was greatly appreciated, not only did he fulfil this promise but when the pavilion was opened on 29 April 1925 he also contributed 75% towards the cost of the pavilion. From that year onward the cricket club paid an acknowledgement of 2/6d per year for the use of the field.

The pavilion was a neatly designed wooden structure comprising of changing rooms and a score box built by Mr John Haxby a local joiner, and was opened by Major Lupton who was performing his first public function since he had become the captain of Yorkshire.

In his speech he said Hampsthwaite were very fortunate in having a gentleman like Sir Frederick to help them, he had looked at the wicket which was laid by Mr Redfearn and paid tribute to village cricket. He remarked that there is much more to cricket than just winning the game, he would much rather be beaten and have a good game than otherwise.

Sir Frederick Aykroyd who presided at the opening, said the beginning of the game of cricket was almost lost in history, 400 years ago it was played with a crooked bat, but since then the bat had been straightened.

He said if we are to have happiness throughout the country we must revive our sports and work together and play together seeking to get good out of life rather than loitering and spending time criticizing and causing unhappiness.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr H N Bottomly and Mr Dearlove Addyman responded. A collection on the ground amounted to £11.0.5d, and a total of £21.19.0d was the total of the days proceedings.

In 1921 Nidderdale introduced a 2nd division in the league Hampsthwaite 1st team playing in the 1st division and the 2nd team playing in the 2nd division.

The cricket ground as we now know it was first played on in the 1925 season and Hampsthwaite were the winners of Division I under the captaincy of Mr Charles Barker. That year we read of the names of F Appleby, H Haxby, A Wilson, J Kay, J Harper, S Ashby, F Lewis, T Moon, R Bowers and H Kay.

In 1929 both teams recorded a good season, H Haxby was mentioned in the batting averages and J Turner was mentioned in the bowling averages for the league. Amongst the players this season were H Haxby, F Appleby, C Barker, S Ashby, J Atkinson, W Appleby, A Wilson,



R Jowitt, R Bowers, J Turner, F Carr, W Bowers, F Pawson, E Lundell P Weatherhead, F Clarke, J Ashby, D Addyman, O Lister, M Barker, C Lister, W Hebblethwaite, W Stockdale, H Holmes, A Bowers, H Dale, H Bowers and J Appleby.

Mr W Skirrow was Chairman in 1930, Mr F Carr was 1st team captain and Mr A Brown vice captain. The 2nd team captain was Mr P Weatherhead and Mr E Lundell vice captain. That year it was agreed to insure the pavilion and contents for £1.16.3d. Mr Robinson used to transport the cricketers to away matches in his bus for the sum of 15/- per journey.

1931 brought a discussion about putting lights in the pavilion. The captains this year were Mr R Bowers 1st team and Mr A Brown vice, 2nd team captain was Mr C F Lister and Mr D Addyman vice captain.

To raise money for the club a door to door collection was taken in the village and the British Legion are still remembered for their concerts held on the cricket field.

In 1933 Mr Dearlove Addyman became chairman of the club. Hampsthwaite ladies formed a team in 1934 and continued to play for a number of seasons.

Unfortunately the records of the club between 1934 and 1952 are lost in history.

What can be remembered from those days is that when Mr Addyman vacated the chair Mr C F Lister took over his responsibilities. As well as being an efficient chairman he is remembered as the 'Godfather' to Hampsthwaite Cricket Club.

Each year he donated two bats to the club, and when players were short of transportation to away games his landrover was made available free of charge.

When the club were in need of a new mower and with no means to purchase one it was Mr C F Lister who stepped forward and lent the money to be repaid, as and when they could afford - interest free.

On his retirement the AGM returned unanimously that Mr C F Lister should be made a Life Member.

In 1952 the Nidderdale Cup was won by Hampsthwaite with Mr W Bowers as captain. A Christmas Whist Drive was held in the village school and an Xmas Cheer was organized by Mr W Ibbotson. Repairs and renovations to the pavilion cost £57 leaving a balance of £27.9.4d.

1953 Hampsthwaite were runners up to Glasshouses, during this season Mr Sid Steel took 87 wickets taking the burden of the bowling, owing to the retirement of Mr Bobby Lewis, and Mr Clarence Hebblethwaite sustaining a shoulder injury early in the season.

For many years Mr W Appleby was a very capable groundsman retiring in 1955.

Also in 1955 a junior team was formed and for the first time the cricket club shared their Xmas Cheer draw with the Memorial Hall.

1958 both teams were entered in the Harrogate Evening League with the 1st team winning Division 3. During this season Mr M Barker was involved in the rolling of the ground.

1959 saw 4 divisions in the Nidderdale League the 1st team in Division 1 and the 2nd team in Division 3. A great asset to the club was that water was connected up into the pavilion.

1961 further repairs were needed to the pavilion which cost £90 leaving a balance of £1.17.9d.

1963 Mr S Strivens who held the position of secretary for many years retired due to ill health and was elected a Life Member to the club. The season ended with an under 40 team playing a select XI.

1965 Mr E Lundell resigned from playing cricket after serving the club continuously for nearly forty years, playing his first game with the club approximately 50 years earlier.

1966 it was recorded that the pavilion was now in need of repair and after a meeting it was agreed a new building was required, however, it was decided to shelve the scheme for the moment owing to fund raising efforts in the village for a new memorial hall. 1966 will also be remembered as the year that Mr Fred Appleby passed away, he was a committee man for many years and a tireless worker for the club and in recognition for his services he was made a Life Member on retirement.

Mr C F Lister resigned as chairman having held this position for nearly thirty years. He was succeeded by Mr E Calvert. Unfortunately Mr Calvert had ill health and in 1968 Mr C Hebblethwaite was appointed chairman.

1968 the secretary Mr Bob Battye and the treasurer Mr Ted Crabtree retired, Mr P Crack and Mr B Ashby took over their duties respectively.

1970 the club had a successful season, winning the Reserve KO Competition and once again gained their self respect and confidence was overflowing.

The pavilion was now beyond repair and members were helping to raise funds to replace what had been their headquarters for 45 years.

1976 brought the biggest change ever made in the history of Hampsthwaite Cricket Club. This came about due to the generosity of Sir Cecil Aykroyd. It is from this point forward that Hampsthwaite Cricket Club became the owners of their own cricket field bought and paid for by Sir Cecil Aykroyd and donated to the club.

As a result of this generous gift it was decided by the committee of the club that a permanent structure should be built during the season of 1977 to be completed by the season of 1978 to commemorate 100 years of cricket within the village.

We are indeed grateful to Sir Cecil Aykroyd for making this transformation possible.

### THE PAVILION

**construction commencing April 1977, completion May 1978**

Plans for the pavilion were drawn up and submitted by Mr W Ratcliffe to the Harrogate Borough Council. Planning permission was granted and the wheels were set in motion.

A derelict stone building was bought at Norwood, this was demolished and transported to Hampsthwaite village with tractors and trailers by club members, and the transport of Mr Oliver Lumley. Blue slates were gathered from far and wide.

Grants were applied for and gratefully received from the local Sports Council and the Yorkshire and Humberside Sports Council for which the club will be eternally grateful.

On the 9 April 1977 the first sod was cut and Mr G Kirby who kindly provided the equipment was responsible for digging the footings. Work seemed to progress slowly but anyone who was involved in preparing the foundations knows how much rubble was broken up and placed in the pavilion base.



The building of the pavilion has been accomplished with mainly voluntary labour, and during the season of 1977 whilst the cricketers were changing in temporary accommodation it was gratifying to see the progress week by week. As the season drew to a close and the early nights drew in stone work was restricted to week-ends. By the end of February 1978 all the roof spars were fixed and by the 14 April the slating to the roof was completed.

Once the pavilion had been enclosed work commenced on the inside with electricity being installed and the walls being plastered. Windows were fixed and the glass kindly donated by Mr Frank Spence was fitted.

By the end of April work on the toilets and showers had begun and it was now possible to see the light at the end of the long tunnel. The committee at this point agreed to fix the opening date for May 26 1978.

To accomplish this opening the club are greatly indebted to the following people who, because of their devotion to Hampsthwaite Cricket Club and because of the endless hours worked, have made this evenings proceedings possible. We give them our greatest thanks.

Mr David Ainsworth our present club captain, who has aquired with the aid of Mr W Ratcliffe all our building materials at cost price, and for all the voluntary work he has carried out in the erection of the pavilion.

Mr Peter Finn whose week-ends have been devoted to stone work rather than relaxation over the past 12 months.

Mrs Gladys Ainsworth and Mr Graham Hebblethwaite for the endless hours they have spent labouring on site.

To Graham Hebblethwaite also for carrying out all the electrical work.

Mr Eric Lundell whose time throughout the coldest days of the year has been spent passing and carrying slates onto the roof and helping with the painting to both inside and outside.

Mr G Nelson for the plumbing work.

To all those club members who have spent their free time aiding in the construction.

The clubs greatest thanks must go to their Chairman Mr Clarence Hebblethwaite who for the past 12 months has spent most of his days working at the ground on our new pavilion. Without his endurance and enthusiasm works may well have fallen behind during the long cold wet winter we are still recovering from. Slating the roof was carried out in sub zero temperatures and without 100% dedication any lesser man would have run for shelter. No club owes or will ever owe as much to any single member as they do to 'Tommy', who has seen this scheme through from the start to our opening today.

To anyone who has helped either physically or financially

WE THANK YOU



# Past Captains of the Club

1st team	2nd team
1930 R Jowitt	J Ashby
1931 F Carr	P Weatherhead
1932 R Bowers	C F Lister
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1934 H Haxby	W Ashby
1953 W Bowers	G Peel
1954 C Hebblethwaite	E Lundell
1955 C Hebblethwaite	E Lundell
1956 M Kay	E Lundell
1957 M Kay	E Lundell
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1961 W Bowers	E Lundell
1962 G Bowers	E Lundell
1963 G Bowers	E Lundell
1964 G Bowers	E Lundell
1965 G Bowers	E Lundell
1966 B Battye	C Hebblethwaite
1967 B Battye	C Hebblethwaite
1968 B Battye	V Craven
1969 B Battye	V Smith
1970 W Ratcliffe	R Dalglish
1971 W Ratcliffe	R Dalglish
1972 W Ratcliffe	R Dalglish
1973 P Crack	R Dalglish
1974 P Crack	L Nelson
1975 P Crack	D Schofield
1976 D Ainsworth	D Schofield
1977 D Ainsworth	L Nelson
1978 D Ainsworth	D Schofield