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WALSDEN C.C. ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD EVENTS

First recorded match: A Walsden 1st XI play Todmorden 2nd XI on Centre Vale Estate – now Centre Vale Park.

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Fund-raising match: XI Gentlemen of Todmorden and Walsden v Mr. Dan Rice's 14 Clown Cricketers. Gate 2,464; receipts £66 14s 3d.

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EVENTS IN WALSDEN, TODMORDEN & THE WORLD

1856	Hughes' Tom Brown's Schooldays.
1857	London postal districts introduced.
1858	First Atlantic cable laid.
1859	Third storey added to Todmorden Vicarage. <i>Darwin's Origin of the Species</i> .
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 <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> .
1866	Strauss's <i>Blue Danube Waltz</i> .
1867	Murder at Todmorden Vicarage. Second Reform Bill passed.
1868	Meiji Restoration in Japan.
1869	Todmorden Band of Hope Union established. Suez Canal opened.
1870	Flood. Death of Charles Dickens.
1871	Chicago Fire kills 300 people.
1872	Second Carlist War in Spain.
1873	Verne's <i>Around the World...</i>
1874	Japan invades Taiwan.

Serious fracas in challenge match at Hebden Bridge.

Reverend John Russell Napier becomes Vicar of Walsden and vice-president of Walsden C.C..

Ground levelled and enlarged at cost of £148.

Walsden one of 11 clubs who founded the eight-club 'South East Lancashire Cricket League'. Receiving fewest votes, Walsden do not play in

League's first season, 1892. Reverend

Napier is League president.

Admitted, along with Darwen, to play in League in 1893. League re-named 'The Central Lancashire Cricket League'.

Ground further enlarged, paid for by bazaar raising £175. First year of league cricket; finish joint bottom with Heywood.

First impact in league cricket; finish third behind Rochdale and Todmorden.

Bowling Green opened.

- 1875 Civil Rights Act passed in America.
- 1876 Bell invents telephone.
- 1877 Edison invents phonograph.
- 1878 Berlin Congress.
- 1879 Todmorden Union Workhouse opens.
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 Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
- 1887 Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.
- 1888 Walsden, previously in Lancashire, incorporated into West Riding of Yorkshire. 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 Dreyfus Affair begins in France.
- 1895 Invention of the X-Ray.
- 1896 Todmorden Borough established. First modern Olympic

Unbeaten 2nd XI win first-ever Central Lancashire League 2nd XI championship.

Henry Smith hits club record 166 not out against Milnrow.

Todmorden Borough Council obtain ground in trust from John and Hawksworth Barker.

Wooden pavilion, a former Mission Hall, bought from Heyside for £25 and erected at cost of £194.

Henry Smith hits 205 v Moorside, still an amateur record for the Central Lancashire League. 2nd XI champions.

Second year of 'Hospital Match' v Todmorden to raise funds for Centre Vale War Hospital, features Wilfred Rhodes, George Hirst, Jack Sharp and Johnny T. Tyldesley.

Frank Scott takes 10 wickets in an innings v Middleton.

First year of Wood Cup knockout competition.

- 1897 Games held.
- 1898 Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
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 Titanic sinks. Scott's last expedition.
- 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 First roadside petrol station in UK.
- 1921 First birth control clinic.
- 1922 Mussolini's March on Rome.

1st XI sets League record lowest points total of 7.

Reach Wood Cup final for first time, losing to Milnrow by 9 wickets.

- 1923 First Wembley FA Cup final.
- 1924 Todmorden Hall becomes Post Office. Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.
Death of Lenin.
- 1925 Charleston dance becomes fashion.
- 1926 General Strike. Adoption legalised.
- 1927 Warland Reservoir built by Rochdale Corporation.
Lindbergh's solo flight.
- 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 Main fireplace discovered at Todmorden Hall. Edward VIII
abdicates.
- 1937 Last boat makes through journey across the Pennines on
Rochdale Canal. Billy Butlin opens his holiday camp.
- 1938 Paid holidays start. Biro invented.
- 1939 Beginning of Second World War.
- 1940 National Government formed.
- 1941 Todmorden British Restaurant opens. Germany invade
USSR.
- 1942 British victorious at El Alamein.
- 1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising.
- 1944 D-Day. Paris liberated.
- 1945 Auschwitz liberated.
- 1946 Sam Tonkiss becomes editor of *Todmorden Advertiser*. Iron
Curtain descends on Europe.
- 1947 Truman Doctrine unveiled.
- 1948 State of Israel founded.
- 1949 NATO established.
- 1950 Flood. Petrol rationing ends in Britain.

1st XI, inspired by sub-pro Everton Weekes, win first trophy, beating Middleton by 3 wkts in Wood Cup final.

Len Moss becomes League's first amateur, post-war, to do the 'Double' of 500 runs and 50 wickets. His tally includes top score of 138 not out.

New changing rooms and bar complex, opened by Wilfred Kingsbury, who organised funding efforts from mid-1950s which raised over £10,000. Central Lancashire League Champions for first time, sharing title with Stockport. Win Wood Cup to complete 'The Double', beating Middleton by 5 wickets in final.

Central Lancashire League Champions outright for first time. Wood Cup runners-up, losing to Ashton by 1 wicket.

Wood Cup runners-up, losing to Radcliffe by 92 runs. Steve Boam is League's leading amateur wicket-taker with 65 victims.

Centenary year. Wood Cup runners-up, losing to Heywood by 94 runs.

- 1951 Sir John Cockcroft wins Nobel Prize for Physics. Festival of Britain opens.
- 1952 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.
- 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 Astoria Ballroom fire. First heart transplant. Six Day War.
- 1968 BST introduced. Riots in Paris.

- 1969 First men land on moon.
- 1970 Heath becomes PM.

- 1971 *Todmorden Advertiser* taken over by *Halifax Courier*. Decimalisation.

Wood Cup winners, beating Werneth by 105 runs in final dominated by professional Trevor Chappell (124 not out and 5 for 30).

Newly-formed 3rd XI enter Halifax Association, playing at Dobroyd Castle. David Lord is League's leading amateur wicket-taker with 93 victims.

Wood Cup runners-up, losing to Werneth by 50 runs.

Burton Cup runners-up, 2nd XI losing in final to Milnrow. Bailey brothers (Melvyn, Trevor, Peter, Stephen) create League record when all 4 play in 1st XI v Milnrow. Mohsin Khan hits 183 not out v Stockport, then Club record score for a professional.

Wood Cup runners-up, losing to Littleborough by 3 wickets.

3rd XI win Calder Valley Cup.

- 1972 Britain begins direct rule in NI.
- 1973 Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson wins Nobel Prize for Chemistry. Britain enters EEC.
- 1974 Todmorden Borough Council became Todmorden Town Council. Nixon resigns.
- 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 Flood. 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 Flood. GLC abolished. Chernobyl accident.
- 1987 Zeebrugge tragedy.
- 1988 Todmorden Tourist Information Centre Opened by TV weatherman John Kettley. 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.

Club celebrates 125th Anniversary.
Wood Cup winners, beating Ashton by 7 wickets in final.

Wood Cup runners-up, losing to Littleborough by 76 runs.

Old pavilion demolished; new function room erected. Ladies' Day tradition introduced - one home match each year.

Professional Pieter Koertzen hits first double century by a Walsden pro.

Burton Cup runners-up, 2nd XI losing in final to Littleborough. Mark Hooson is League's leading amateur batsman with 817 runs. 2nd XI champions. Mick Butcher is 2nd XI League's leading batsman with 766 runs. Burton Cup runners-up, 2nd XI losing final to Littleborough by 1 run.

Wood Cup winners, beating Heywood by 6 wickets in final. Burton Cup runners-up, 2nd XI losing in final to Littleborough for third consecutive season.

CRICKET HERITAGE EXHIBITIONS.

- 1995** Nick Leeson brings down Barings.
- 1996** Rochdale Canal re-opens. BSE beef scare in UK.
- 1997** Princess Diana killed in car crash.
- 1998** Good Friday peace agreement.
- 1999** World population hits 6 billion.
- 2000** Flood. Todmorden Sports Centre swimming pool opened. 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** Todmorden Rugby League Club folds. EU enlarged to 25 states.
- 2005** Michael Jackson wins court case.