

WALSDEN CC

DOWN YOUR WAY

4 FACTS ABOUT WALSDEN (THE PLACE)

1. 'Walsden' is first mentioned in 1235. The name means 'valley of the Welsh' or 'valley of the strangers'.
- 2. Its main trades have been cotton production, dyeing and cloth printing.**



3. Coal was once mined at Trough Edge, Walsden.
- 4. There was once a township called Todmorden-cum-Walsden.**

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ALMOST 200 YEARS OLD!

KEY DATES IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF CRICKET IN CALDERDALE

June 1834: Halifax Clarence play Bradford on Skircoat Moor.

1836: Halifax Alliance take on Huddersfield Britannia.

Monday 20 August 1838: Todmorden CC stages its first recorded match.

1860s: Inter-town matches staged involving Halifax, Elland and Brighouse. Smaller teams emerge, too.



1870: 'Cricket Battery' (an early 'bowling machine') invented by Mr Swaine, a Halifax cricket pro.

1877: Halifax's Thrum Hall ground leveled.

1887: Founding of the Halifax Parish Cup

July 1888: First county match at Thrum Hall - Yorkshire v Gloucestershire (and WG. Grace).

1897: Joe Nicholl opens the first 'sports shop' in Halifax on Cheapside.

10 June 1897: Yorkshire visit Thrum Hall for last time.

FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

WALSDEN'S NEAREST CRICKETING NEIGHBOURS IN CALDERDALE



Todmorden C.C. (1970s)



Bridgeholme C.C. (1990)