

Celebrating Cricket at Adel CC



1876–2026

150th Anniversary Brochure

Adel CC 150th Message from the Chairman

It is with pride and gratitude that I write this piece prior to the 150th Anniversary year starting.

Pride, at being the current Chairman of Adel Cricket Club, pride at the age of club – 150! Proud of all the previous office holders, players, volunteers and their families, those names in the past score books that have long been forgotten. Those from the more recent past we remember as team-mates and friends some of whom were influential in starting the junior section which has been so successful over the years, producing many first team players.

I will always remain grateful for the experiences and friendships cricket in general, and Adel CC in particular, have given me. Further in this booklet there are details of families that have been involved in the club but I must give special mention to the Hughes' and Audsleys who welcomed me to the club some 18/19 years ago and 'nominated' me as a volunteer. Their infectious love for the club is one reason I am still here!

1876 was the Battle of the Little Bighorn, perhaps better known as Custers last stand, the Settle Carlisle railway was being built and Adel CC was formed along with Warburtons bakers who have donated food for our cricket teas! Whilst some details of the club's history might be lost in time the old millstone at the entrance of the ground and the Adel badge, based on the door knocker at Adel church, are proof enough for me!

We should take this opportunity to thank those before us that played here and held office, ensuring the ground is available for our generation to play, as the many before us. It also brings the reality that we are merely custodians of the club for now and we, as current members, have a duty to previous members and those in the future to look after the club and game, hopefully passing it on a little better each time.

As with all local clubs and societies the biggest challenges are volunteer time and funds. There always seems to be limitless good causes and insufficient finance. We have been lucky in the past to have good sponsors and helpers. We truly thank all those who have contributed in the past and hope this will continue.

I wish all the volunteers and sponsors good luck for 2026 and hope the teams are successful on the pitch in this special year.

I look forward to meeting you all at the various events planned (see below) in the year and raising a glass or two to Adel CC!

Paul Harrison



Adel Cricket Club Honours

Year	Achievement
1979	Birtwhistle Cup (1 st XI)
1981	Division B (1 st XI)
1984	Waddlilove Cup (1 st XI)
1985	Division B (DC XI)
1986	Pool Paper Mill Cup (DC)
1988	Division B (1 st XI)
1989	Division A (1 st XI)
1989	Division A (2 nd XI)
1989	Birtwhistle Cup (2 nd XI)
1995	Birtwhistle Cup (2 nd XI)
1997	Division A (1 st XI)
1997	Birtwhistle Cup (2 nd XI)
1998	Division A (1 st XI)
2002	Division A (1 st XI)
2004	Division A (2 nd XI)

Adel Cricket Club Honours

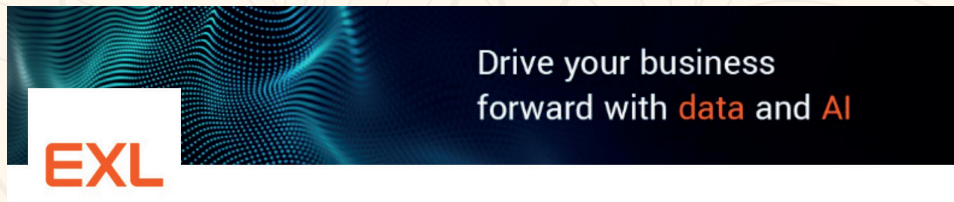
Year	Achievement
2010	League (3 rd XI)
2011	Division A (2 nd XI)
2011	Conference B (3 rd XI)
2013	Conference A (3 rd XI)
2017	Division 2 (1 st XI)
2018	Conf Play Off (3 rd XI)
2018	Chappell Cup (3 rd XI)
2020	Conf Play Off (3 rd XI)
2021	Conf Play Off (3 rd XI)
2023	Division 2 (1 st XI)

Adel Cricket Club Honourary Life Members

- D. Standring
- J. E. Hobson
- A. March
- R. Mumford
- P. Primmer
- J. Chartres
- Mrs J. Whitehead

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Whats On:

12th June: Golf Day - Headingley Golf Club

2nd July: Anniversary dinner - Headingley Stadium

3rd July: Adel CC Invitational XI vs MCC
(Wickets Pitched at 11:30am)

5th July: Yorkshire Junior regional representative
20:20 games

11th July: Adel CC Race Night

28th - 30th August: Beer Festival

30th August: Invitational 6-a-side competition

31st August: Junior Cricket Day

12th September: End of Season Celebration @ Adel
War Memorial Hall

ADEL CRICKET CLUB – A BRIEF HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Founded in 1876, Adel Cricket Club is one of the oldest clubs in North Leeds. While little is known about the club's earliest organisation, cricket was the first recorded sport played in the area and the club has remained a key part of the local community ever since.

The club is now closely linked with the Adel War Memorial Association (AWMA), established in 1928 to manage the 30-acre memorial ground dedicated to local men who lost their lives in the First World War.

In 1946, the club purchased a pavilion from the now-defunct Creskeld Cricket Club for £425 (see picture below). It was carefully dismantled, moved to Adel and rebuilt near the present scoreboard. After considerable work by club members it officially opened two years later and served the club for almost four decades.

Sadly, following an Under-18 match on 29 May 1986, the pavilion was destroyed by fire. The present pavilion was built the following year, funded by the AWMA, a local charity grant and extensive fundraising by club members.

The Old Pavilion



League Cricket

For nearly a century the club played friendly matches before joining the Airedale & Wharfedale Cricket League in 1975, fielding two senior and three junior sides. The club quickly established itself in league cricket.

The First XI has enjoyed notable success, including winning the Waddilove Cup in 1984 and securing the league title four times.

The Second XI has also been highly successful, winning the Birtwhistle Cup four times as well as four league championships.

With increasing playing strength, the club entered a third Saturday side into the Dales Council League in 1976. Competing mainly against other clubs' First XIs made success challenging, but the side still achieved notable honours, winning Division B in 1985 and the Pool Paper Mills Cup in 1986.



Developing the Club

When the Airedale & Wharfedale League introduced a competition for third teams in 1988, Adel became an inaugural member. Played on Sundays on clubs' main grounds, the format provides an excellent opportunity for younger players to gain experience in senior cricket. The club won the Chappell Cup in 2018 and has also enjoyed success in several conference play-offs.

Thursday evening T20 cricket has been played at the club for more than 30 years. Adel teams have regularly been among the strongest in the league and have won the competition on numerous occasions.

Junior Cricket

Junior cricket has grown enormously over the years. From having no junior teams in the early years, the club expanded to three sides in the 1970s and today runs teams from U-9s to U-18s. With over 100 junior members, the section has enjoyed great success in both league and cup competitions. Many current senior players first learned the game through Adel's junior teams. The section thrives thanks to the commitment of volunteer coaches and the support of many parents.



Ground and Facilities

Facilities at the ground have improved significantly over time. From very basic beginnings, the club now benefits from four sightscreens, mobile covers, modern mowing equipment, a heavy roller and an electronic scoreboard, recently refurbished. The playing surface has also changed greatly. Earlier wickets likely favoured bowlers, but today's well-maintained pitch offers a fair contest between bat and ball.

After almost 150 years, Adel Cricket Club remains a thriving community club.

Paul Primmer

Adel CC. The 1970's & 80's

Up until 1974 Adel Cricket Club only played friendly matches against other local sides. However, that all changed when they were elected into the Airedale and Wharfedale League for the 1975 season when they were led by skipper, Don Graham.

The first eleven performed admirably for several seasons acclimatising well to the new competitive environment. During this period in division B, Colin Handley twice won the league bowling prize and Jerry Mytton topped the league batting averages. Also in 1974, the first club Junior section was formed by Don McGregor and Walter Bywater. This helped produce many players who played for Adel and other clubs throughout other Yorkshire leagues. These early years included Tony March, Mick Thorpe, John Goldthorp, Greg Handley, Dave Weston and Richard Sugden to name but a few.

The juniors provided players for league and area representative sides during this time as they enjoyed a good and fast developing period for the junior section albeit playing second fiddle to Burley in Wharfedale who had two England batsman and a Yorkshire fast bowler in their U18 side. Adel finished runners up to Burley on a number of occasions a very creditable achievement during this period.

The clubs first trophy was claimed in 1979 when the second eleven won the Birtwhistle Cup at Bilton. Adel also formed a "third" team to compete in the Dales Council League in the late 70's

Throughout this period, a "Sunday Tourists" team, selected from the whole pool of club players playing friendlies throughout the county. Players, families and supporters travelled to some fine venues including Sewerby Park (Bridlington), West Tanfield, Masham, Stamford Bridge, Ripon and many more.

The first X1 gained promotion to Division "A" in 1981 under the leadership of Simon Lax, arguably the finest batsman to play for the club. Simon Lax won the league batting prize in 1982 with a staggering 949 runs. In 1983, Neil Crawford won the same prize whilst representing the club.

One of the greatest days in the club's history came in Aug 1984 when Adel beat Otley by 7 wickets to win the Waddilove Cup at Guiseley. Man of the match in the final went to Adel's Peter Shires for his magnificent 6 for 16 performance which was backed up admirably with an unbeaten 74 from Simon Lax. A memorable day for all those involved.

In 1986, the Dales Council side won the Pools Paper Mills Cup at Ben Rhydding.

After relegation in 1987 the 1st XI bounced straight back up after winning Division 'B' after recruiting the Australian fast bowler, Richard McCarthy. McCarthy took 72 wickets and won the league bowling prize. In 1989, the club won their first Division 'A' title with McCarthy taking an amazing 90 wickets along with great support and contributions with the bat from both Ian Jones and Dave Standring.

In this same season, the 2nd XI won the Birtwistle Cup and then a 61-year-old, Reg Parker won the 2ns XI league batting Prize.

The club had quickly adapted to competitive league cricket and enjoyed some success along the way. Club stalwarts of this era included Don Graham, Paul Fitton, Geoff Moore, Alan Brookfield, Allan Jesson to name a few and the juniors were ably run by Don McGregor and Mike Smithies.

Club Captaincy was shared out throughout this period and the 1st XI were led by Paul Fitton, Simon Lax, Hugh Anderson, Ian Jones, Mick Thorpe and Richard Sugden in the 80's.

Tony March & Mick Thorpe



Memories of the 1990's

It's fair to say that the 90s were a real rollercoaster of highs and lows for the club.

The First XI experienced the disappointments of relegation to Division 2 in 1990 and losing in four Waddilove Cup Finals. However we bounced back and were promoted to the First Division in 1992 and went on to have our most successful period ever for the remainder of the decade. The following years saw us finish 3rd, 4th, 2nd, 2nd before we finally won the Division 1 Championship in 1997 and backed it up with another win in 1998, with Tony March winning the league bowling prize that year.

The core of the team remained remarkably consistent through out this period of success with stalwarts like Ian Jones, Tony March, Bruce Rainford, Dave Standring, Mark Thomas, Simon Wardley & David Weston all playing a major part. This group were ably supported at various times by Bill Davis, Stuart Howie, Jeff Shires, Steve Trueman, Mark Whitehead (to name but a few) and numerous antipodian imports. Paul Barber and Chris Seisun get a special mention as being part of the Championship winning teams. The collective achievements of the team were a great example of the "Whole being greater than the sum of the parts".



The Second XI also experienced a successful decade, winning the Birtwhistle Cup in 1995 & 1997 and narrowly missing out on the league title. The club also won the Burmah Oils Trophy for the highest combined 1st & 2nd XI points total in 1995 & 1998.

Such success on the field lead to many celebratory nights in the club bar usually curtailed by a parade of taxis arriving to take the hard core into town to continue in to the early hours.

Throughout this period the club benefited from the support of our fantastic group of “alickadoo’s”. The Whitehead’s, Watson’s, Primmer’s et al were ever presents. They were regularly put through the ringer by what seemed to be many close finishes but were always there with a tray of beers for the team.

They were truly part of the team during this period of success.

Ian Jones



The Naughties New era, more success

The new Millenium signalled a changing of the guard at the club. Following a hugely successful 90s – where our 1st XI aged like a fine wine – age started to catch up with us and inevitable retirements and injuries followed.

Ian Jones stepped down as first team captain having delivered arguably the club's most successful 1XI era. Club bowling legend Tony March retired, batting (and fielding) superstar Mark Whitehead headed for a successful Bradford league career, Ian Jones snapped his Achilles during the off-season while Bruce Rainford and Neil Johnson moved to pastures new.

So when Stu Howie took the 1st XI captaincy the challenge was to rebuild the 1st XI whilst staying competitive in the top division. 2000 itself was in many ways a real transition season that was to shape the nature and style of our cricket for the decade to come. Additions such as Mike Dallaston, Iain Bath, John Francas joined Adel and club talents such as Paddy Coughlin, Nick Smith, Richard Ewen and Bryan Hall really stepped up and became mainstays of the 1st XI alongside the senior established players of Dave Standring, Mark Thomas, Jeff Shires and Simon Wardley.

Over the next decade we certainly retained our competitiveness in the Aire Wharfe top division, but with some notable exceptions we remained a team of experienced cricketers, bolstered by a drip feed of quality players joining (Tim Grey 2002), Reggie Thomas (2003), Dave Mather (2004).

There was also progress through the junior ranks, if perhaps not as much as we'd have liked as a club. Mark Shires (2003) became undoubtedly one of the most devastating amateur quick bowlers on his day and Tom James became an effective 1st XI opener and part time spinner.



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The Cricket

Straight out of the blocks in 2000 we found ourselves in the title race which went right down to the wire. Partly propelled by our overseas star Shane Harwood who fast bowling (at 90mph+) took 50 wickets at under 6 in his ten appearances, before having to return to Australia injured – where he would later go on to have a very successful professional career representing Victoria and Australia. Shane's contribution was enough to win the league bowling prize and give our opponents some sleepless Friday nights!



We were much more than a one man team though, and through the season we galvanised into a strong unit and developed our own style of play.

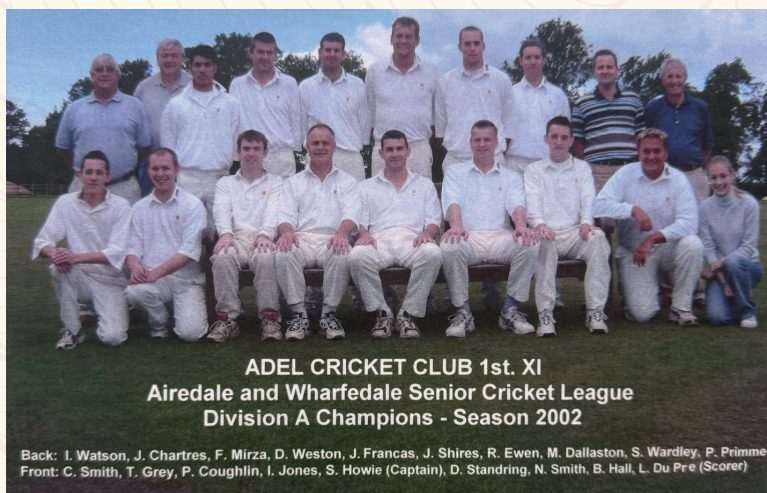
In the end we finished a couple of points off winning the league, but we had rebuilt much of the successful 90's team and faced the coming seasons with real optimism and belief.

The rest of the 2000's followed a pattern of aggressive batting and tight bowling. It became common place for the opposition to place long on and long off on the fence in the opening overs as "anything up" often went – but we also batted long. With the likes of Paddy Coughlin, Tim Grey finding themselves at 8 or 9 in the order at times, it meant we were rarely out of the game, even if the top order failed. Bowling wise we offered a threat with the new ball – Mark Shires delivered several truly devastating spells (and repeatedly against Rawdon) - backed by tight bowling, with spin often accounting for at least half the overs we bowled. Tim Grey, Jeff Shires and Richard Ewen providing real quality and control.



In 2002, with Pakistan allrounder Faisal Mirza in our ranks, we romped to the league title with three games to spare. Sides simply couldn't live with the power, resilience and experience of the Adel team. We scored heavily, and often quickly. In an era where 170 at Adel was a good score we often posted 230+ and could also chase when needed. We had three batsmen in the top 8 of the league batting averages, with John Francas, Dave Standing and Stu Howie compiling exactly 2,000 league runs between them, with the latter winning the league batting prize for an average of 55 (with the help of a lot of red ink!). Mike Dallaston and Ian Jones also passed the 400 run qualification mark. In all nine players hit fifties and nine players averaged over 20.

We bowled and fielded well too with Faisal Mirza and John Francas providing the opening seam attack taking 54 wickets between them, but it was the spinners that did most of the damage bowling nearly 500 overs and claiming over 80 wickets. Most of that work being divided between the “spin twins” Tim Grey and Jeff Shires, with Tim’s 46 wickets at a touch under 20 each qualifying for the league averages. The rest of the 2000s would follow this pattern with Adel always playing hard fought cricket, delivering some great performances and always plenty of fun. We continued to recruit overseas players and were blessed with some great people who became life long friends of the club.



Some like Andrew McCammond returning for more seasons other just staying in touch. The success of the 2000’s owed much to the club culture of the 90s in that we were a bunch of mates playing for each other and we always gave our best on the pitch. After that it was back to the bar!

By the end of the naughties, it was apparent that whilst we were an experienced and effective team we were once again an ageing team that needed an injection of youth.

Stuart Howie

The 2010's

The youth policy coming to fruition

The 2010's started as something of a transitional period for the club with several long serving stalwarts such as Dave Standring, Ian Jones, Tim Grey, Stu Howie, Jeff Shires, Si Wardley, Bruce Rainford, Bryan Hall and Iain Bath retiring after many successful seasons. This did however provide opportunities for younger 2nd team players such as Joe Pratt, Gavin Thorpe, Zeeshan Siraj, Mark Johnson and Alex Jones to play regular first team cricket alongside new additions like Matt Kirkham and Nick Smith who returned for a second spell at the club including a few years as 1st team captain. In the latter half of the decade the club was further strengthened by players such as Elliot Audsley, Tom and Joe Harrison, Sam and Ryan O'Sullivan progressing from junior cricket to senior cricket.



It was a tough period on the pitch for the 1st team with several bottom-four league finishes, sadly resulting in relegation to Division 2 at the end of the 2012 season. Over the next 4 years there were some consistent mid tables finishes as new players joined the club and some of the younger players at Adel took the step up into 1st team and established themselves.

Andy Laws took over as 1st team captain ahead of the 2017 season after being the club coach and led them to the Division 2 title, winning a huge 16 games of the 22 that season and sealing promotion back to Division 1. It was a real team effort with several notable match winning performances including South African overseas Jan-Harm Moolman's boundary laden 157 away at Addingham in a 208-run win, there was also a captain's knock of 89 not out from Andy Laws to post a competitive total in a tight win at Calverley. Richard Mumford's opening spell of 7/47 ripped through the Horsforth Hall Park's top order derailing their chase of 155 and Gavin Thorpe's 9/39 in a spell of over 14 overs to wrestle back control after a strong start from the Kirkstall openers.

Another mid table season followed that promotion before another difficult season in 2019 resulted in a 2nd relegation of the decade. The end of the 2010's had seen some key players such as Andy Laws and Dave Foster leave the club for pastures new after having a significant positive impact on the club across both seniors and juniors.



It was a similar transitional period for the 2nd team with players moving up to the 1st team however the 2010's started well with 2, 4th place finishes, sandwiching a league win in 2011. A strong season across the board that year too, with Mark Robinson, Ian Jones and Iain Bath leading the way with the bat and Nigel Stubbs, Gavin Thorpe and Richard Mumford leading a formidable bowling attack. Following on from the early success there were numerous difficult seasons finishing in the bottom half of the table but well clear of relegation. 2018 saw the 2nd team finish 5th, their best league position since 2012 which was a result of stability and development of the core of younger players have several seasons of senior cricket behind them guided by some more experienced veterans.

The Dales Council side remained another key part of the club with players like Steve Shires, Tom Edwards (a previous chairman and stalwart of the club), Rob Wallace, Steve Grey, Andrew Firth, Sam Pawson, Joe McGowan, Dave Horne and Ross Booth playing regularly and with success to assist in the development of young players coming through the junior ranks. Often having to deal with player shortages and last-minute changes to the team was a constant thorn in many a Dales captain side but they acquitted themselves admirably on countless occasions and have many a 1st team scalp in their bag.

The 2010's also saw the addition of a 3rd team in the Airedale and Wharfedale league playing on a Sunday. This has provided a vital stepping stone from junior to senior cricket allowing juniors to play longer innings, and bowl longer spells with games being 40 overs per side instead of the 20 overs they are used to in most junior cricket. This saw the successful introduction of many juniors to senior cricket but also success in their own right with numerous conference win and regular top 4 finishes and a Chappell Cup final victory in 2018 which saw Joe Harrison scoring 115 not out off just 97 balls and Zeeshan Siraj a rapid 53 not out off 25 balls to see them score 268-5 in their 40 overs. George Harrison led the way with 3 wickets alongside Elliot Audsley and Daniel Ridgway both taking 2 to bowl out North Leeds in a comfortable 33 run victory. The first cup victory for any Adel team since the winning the Birtwhistle Cup in 1997.

Through the early part of the decade Adel joined the newly formed Headingley and District T20 evening league having previous been part of the Whixley and District Evening League with some success including a couple of league wins. There was some early success with a final win in 2012 and then towards the back end of the 2010's there were 4 consecutive finals day visits, including 3 finals, with another Champions Play-Off win in 2017.

Gav Thorpe



The 2020's Covid and beyond...

It was an unusual start to the 2020's with the season heavily impacted by Covid 19 and the UK Government lockdowns which prevent any sport for the first half of the year. There was some cricket played in the latter half of the 2020 season which saw a mid-table finishes for all, as everyone got to grips with a number of new rules and regulations. These rules prohibited the use of changing rooms, providing 'teas' and using saliva to shine the ball.

2021 saw a full season played but several of the Covid 19 regulations still remained. The 1st and 2nd teams had mixed seasons over the early 2020s with finishes anywhere from 4th to 9th for the 1st team, and 3rd to 9th for the 2nd team. 2022 saw one of the finest innings of individual brilliance from anyone in an Adel shirt. Mark Johnson came to the crease at 47-2 after 15 overs and proceeded to score a blistering 245 off just 114 balls on his way to setting a new league record. An innings made even more remarkable given that Jonners pulled a hamstring after a fairly sedate first 50 scored the last 200 on one leg. He was ably supported by skipper Tom Harrison who scored a century of his own in a club and league record 3rd wicket partnership of 308.

2023 saw the 1st team finish top of the league losing only 4 games all season. This promotion was off the back of captain Tom Harrison scoring 569 runs across the season supported by George Hogg (472) and Ryan O'Sullivan (455) and Gavin Thorpe taking 74 wickets backed up by overseas Dasun Opanayaka (52) and Sam O'Sullivan (36). There were strong contributions from the whole squad contributing to wins throughout the season.

2023 was also a successful year for the Dales Council XI with a 2nd place finish resulting promotion back to Division B after an administrative error saw them place in Division C, despite them escaping relegating the previous year. There were many strong performances that led to promotion with skipper Paul Bunker starring with both bat and ball, Malik Noon leading the run scoring charts and plenty chipping in with wickets across the season.



The 1st team followed up their promotion with a strong showing in the newly named Premier Division, going into the last game of the season the 1st team could have finished 2nd but ultimately finished a respectable 7th, only 23 points behind 2nd place. This strong season was further highlighted when Gavin Thorpe won the Premier Division bowling award becoming only the 4th person and 2nd non-overseas to win the award playing for the club.

2022 and 2023 proved successful years for the 2nd team this time in the Birtwhistle Cup making it to consecutive semi-finals and the furthest they had gone in the competition since making the semi-final in 2004.

2025 however, saw the unfortunate relegations of both the 1st and 2nd teams after poor seasons and the Dales Council XI managing to avoid relegation in the last few games of the season.

Adel continued their strong showings in the Headingley and District T20 Evening league reaching every Championship final between 2020 and 2023 with 2 wins, again overseen by Matt Kirkham and Richard Spry. Ahead of the 2025 season Adel joined the Airedale and Wharfedale T20 league making it to the quarter finals in the first season unfortunately losing to eventual winners Burley-in-Wharfedale. This new league has brought much stronger opposition with many sides bringing in guests from top Bradford league clubs whilst the club maintained their policy of ensuring players from across all teams got a fair opportunity to play.

Heading into the 2026 season there has been a change of 1st team captain with Joe Harrison taking over from older brother Tom. Matt Kirkham remains at the helm of the 2nd team and with the club strengthening with new additions and returning players plus the signing of New Zealand overseas, Tom Turner, the season prospects are bright and all at the club are hopeful of both teams gaining promotion back to their respective top divisions along with strong seasons for the Dales Council XI, 3rd team and T20 team in the 150th year of the club.

Gav Thorpe

Statistics

ADEL CRICKET CLUB - 1st XI

CAREER TOTALS - to End of 2025 Season

		BATTING				BOWLING				FIELDING			
		Match	Ave	Runs		Match	Ave	Wkts		Match	CL	SL	Total
1	D. J. Standing	582	33.14	15,872	A.P. March	417	21.47	551	D. J. Standing	582	309		309
2	I. J. Jones	442	29.23	11,342	J. Shires	311	20.43	469	P.A. Coughlin	252	210	44	254
3	S. J. Howie	334	21.12	5,575	T. J. Grey	215	20.16	378	J.D.E. Weston	347	225	19	244
4	C. L. Hartley	255	22.13	5,157	S. Trueman	197	17.72	365	S.J. Howie	314	160	2	162
5	M.R. Whitehead	196	28.19	4,849	G. Thorpe	173	16.29	345	I.J. Jones	442	136		136
6	S.K. Lax	119	45.10	4,645	M.B. Thomas	143	19.87	260	A.P. March	417	91		91
7	S.M. Wardley	327	18.28	4,643	N. Smith	217	17.67	245	S.M. Wardley	327	86		86
8	N. Smith	218	23.90	4,182	A.G. Hall	154	17.43	245	A.M. Thorpe	227	85		85
9	J. Francas	163	28.65	4,154	M. Shires	138	20.23	244	J. Dobson	61	61	21	82
10	T. Harrison	163	26.43	3,964	B. Rainford	161	16.63	225	R.M.W. Sugden	61	69	3	72

ADEL CRICKET CLUB 1st XI

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

1	M. Johnson	245	v	Green Lane	(a)	2022
2	T. Shaw	162	v	Tong Park Esholt	(a)	2015
3	J. Francas	161 *	v	North Leeds	(a)	2003
4	J.-H. Moolman	157	v	Addingham	(a)	2017
5	J.-H. Moolman	147	v	Skipton	(a)	2017
6	D. J. Standing	146	v	Kirkstall Educational	(a)	2004
7	C. Rowley	146	v	Harden	(a)	2014
8	T. Harrison	138 *	v	Green Lane	(a)	2022
9	S.K. Lax	136	v	Burley	(a)	1980
10	S. Dayna	132 *	v	Otley	(a)	2007
11	T. James	129	v	Otley	(a)	2011
12	D. Foster	122	v	Follifoot	(a)	2018
13	N. Smith	121	v	North Leeds	(a)	2003
14	C. Keady	119 *	v	Knaresborough	(h)	2001
15	M.R. Whitehead	118	v	Skipton	(a)	1998
16	C. Rowley	118	v	Ben Rhydding	(a)	2015
17	J. Francas	117	v	Follifoot	(a)	2003
18	T. Harrison	116	v	Steeton	(a)	2021
19	D. J. Standing	114 *	v	Skipton	(h)	1995
20	J. Francas	114	v	Follifoot	(h)	2003

BEST BOWLING ANALYSES

1	N. Purser	9 - 22	v	Illingworth	(a)	1981
2	R. McCarthy	9 - 26	v	Tong Park	(a)	1988
3	G. Thorpe	9 - 39	v	Kirkstall Educational	(a)	2017
4	M. Shires	9 - 43	v	Knaresborough	(h)	2013
5	C. Handley	8 - 5	v	Gargrave	(h)	1976
6	S. Harwood	8 - 14	v	Steeton	(a)	2000
7	C. Handley	8 - 20	v	Addingham	(a)	1975
8	D. Mather	8 - 21	v	Pool	(a)	2006
9	M. Shires	8 - 26	v	Thackley	(h)	2010
10	A. McCammond	8 - 26	v	Green Lane	(a)	2008
11	R. McCarthy	8 - 28	v	Knaresborough	(a)	1989
12	R. McCarthy	8 - 33	v	Guiselley	(h)	1989
13	R. McCarthy	8 - 33	v	Steeton	(a)	1988
14	P. Barber	8 - 34	v	Skipton	(a)	1997
15	B. Rainford	8 - 39	v	Horsforth	(a)	1998
16	A. Hall	8 - 42	v	Hall Park	(a)	1975
17	R. McCarthy	8 - 53	v	Knaresborough	(h)	1989
18	S. McGregor	8 - 53	v	North Leeds	(h)	1978
19	D. Drake	7 - 4	v	Gargrave	(a)	1977
20	M. Shires	7 - 19	v	Rawdon	(h)	2013



Statistics

ADEL CRICKET CLUB 1st XI

MOST RUNS IN A SEASON

		<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	S.K. Lax	1080	60.00	(1982)
2	J. Francas	969	48.45	(2003)
3	T. Harrison	941	47.05	(2022)
4	M.R. Whitehead	917	36.68	(1996)
5	S.K. Lax	897	40.77	(1984)
6	S.K. Lax	895	52.65	(1980)
7	J. Mytton	846	56.40	(1976)
8	J. Francas	842	42.10	(2002)
9	D.J. Standring	835	43.95	(1995)
10	I.J. Jones	806	36.64	(1994)
11	D.J. Standring	788	39.40	(2002)
12	A. Laws	788	46.35	(2017)
13	I.J. Jones	777	38.85	(1993)
14	D.J. Standring	768	36.57	(1990)
15	I.J. Jones	763	47.69	(1989)
16	D.J. Standring	759	34.50	(1996)
17	D.J. Standring	754	39.68	(2004)
18	A. Laws	730	42.94	(2016)
19	S.K. Lax	719	35.95	(1981)
20	D.J. Standring	717	31.17	(1999)

MOST WICKETS IN A SEASON

		<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	R. McCarthy	96	9.41	(1989)
2	R. McCarthy	77	7.62	(1988)
3	C. Handley	77	8.77	(1976)
4	G. Thorpe	74	10.46	(2023)
5	C. Handley	67	7.57	(1975)
6	A. McCammond	58	11.74	(2008)
7	N. Smith	57	13.40	(2016)
8	S. Trueman	57	15.00	(1993)
9	P. Chambers	57	18.95	(1990)
10	J. Shires	56	12.89	(2008)
11	N. Smith	56	13.30	(2015)
12	T.J. Grey	56	16.57	(2006)
13	N. Smith	56	17.39	(2013)
14	M. Shires	56	19.11	(2011)
15	G. Thorpe	55	13.60	(2024)
16	B. Rainford	55	13.71	(1999)
17	P. McDonald	55	17.05	(1996)
18	A. McCammond	55	20.56	(2003)
19	P. McDonald	53	16.55	(1995)
20	S. Clark	53	19.00	(1993)



ADEL C.C. - The Overseas Players

Adel can count themselves incredibly fortunate to have had an array of great overseas talent over the years. Some were great cricketers full stop (as subsequent appearances for Victoria and Australia would testify); others may not have aspired to such lofty heights, but were nonetheless great 'Adel cricketers', and brought far more to the club than performances on the field alone.

Starting in 1986 with our first 'import' Paul Bullen, the club was indebted to both Bob Whitehead and Brendan 'Bushy' McArdle (our man in Melbourne), for annually identifying and sourcing just the kind of guys that would both instantly 'fit in' within the Adel changing room and add to the quality of the team on the field.

Richard McCarthy was surely the club's first 'great' overseas player, and in 2 years he played a material role in helping us to win both 2nd Division (1988) and 1st Division (1989) titles, taking an astounding 173 wickets at less than 9 runs apiece in the 2 years. His 9 for 26 at Tong Park had umpire Tony Crowther scared stiff that his own league bowling record (10 for 15) was going to be broken, especially as he wasn't at the other end to give a dodgy decision to another bowler! Even when John Goldthorp then 'nicked' Rich for Bradford & Bingley (where he took another 1,000+ Bradford League wickets in a phenomenal career), Richard returned every Thursday for many years as one of our Evening League (or 'T20' in modern parlance) guests, to help secure 4 Thursday night titles for Adel against the great and the good of the Bradford League.



If there has been a faster Aire-Wharfe bowler than Rich, it must surely be Shane Harwood, in his sadly curtailed 2000 season at Adel. Prior to pulling an inter-costal muscle and being recalled to Melbourne by Victoria for specialist medical care, he took 50 wickets in half a season at just over 6 runs apiece.

His 8 for 14 on debut at Steeton saw the reigning league champions reduced to 19 for 8 in the first game of the season, and opposition batsmen running from all corners of the outfield to try and get their pads on in time. Word of Adel's 90+ mph speedster spread around the league fast, and there was the occasional bizarre spectacle of opposition batmen actually giving themselves out: "Come back, you didn't hit it" ... "close enough for me, I'm off". Shane would have got into most test sides in the world, and eventually played one 1-day international and three T20i's (first victim, one Andrew Flintoff).



Without achieving such lofty first class achievements, many other 'imports' have materially added to the 'fabric' of Adel C.C, with several enjoying their time in north Leeds so much that they returned for multiple stints. While the confines of space prevent mentioning them all by name, notable mentions (from my own personal playing years) must be given to:

Paul Barber (1994 & 1997). 'Barbs' arrived in Leeds in 1994, went back to Oz with an English fiancée, then convinced Sue to let him play the 1997 season as well while they were back in the UK for the wedding! He was instrumental in finally getting us over the line to the Div 1 title in '97, after the frustrations of finishing 3rd, 4th, 2nd & 2nd in the 4 previous years.

Chris Seisun (1998). 'Seiso' joined the reigning champions in 1998 to help us secure back-to-back Div 1 titles, the opposition (with the help of Tommo, Marchy, Bruce and Jeff) being kept to 100 or less in a remarkable 11 of 22 league games. Seiso ended up going back to Melbourne with a Dutch wife-to-be that he met in Ayia Napa while on tour with the lads at the end of the season!

Andy McCammond (2003-2008). 'Macca' enjoyed Adel so much he ended up coming over for 3 seasons, taking 149 wickets for the club. Thankfully most of those were taken after his run-up was roughly halved from his Guiseley debut (where it had to be measured out with an exceedingly long tape measure), saving the club from financially crippling slow over rate fines!

Brett Aldons (1999). Brett arrived in the UK with mate Cam Henry, and both moved in to Shiresy's converted loft for the summer & quickly became Steve & Di's surrogate sons. Cam became Adel's first unofficial Dales Council 'overseas', and the two were famously responsible for shaving off one of Steve's eyebrows when he was asleep in his chair one night, much to the surprise of the British Gas man when he knocked on the door the next morning!



I guess it would be remiss not to also mention John Francas, who initially played against Adel for Bilton as their 'bona fide' overseas player. 'Huggy' was persuaded to come out of retirement for Adel by Stu Howie half way through the 2000 season (when Shane got injured and returned to Melbourne), and ended up playing for Adel as a UK resident until 2013.

As an opening bowler, he volunteered to open the batting at Horsforth in a pre-season friendly when Jona was late, and Adel Bazball was christened. 300 was surpassed on several occasions as the Div 1 title was won in swashbuckling style with 4 games still remaining. also forged his future successful career as a Dispute Resolution Lawyer in the Adel bar on several Saturday nights, being coerced by his teammates into apologising to the umpires for the afternoon's verbal spats to try and avoid being banned the following week. "How many straight full tosses hitting half way up middle stump have I got left in the over please, umps?"



The fact that so many Adel members are regularly welcomed to Australia whenever they visit, by these (and many other) 'imports', bears testament to the strength of the friendships forged during the guys' times at the ACG, and the club would have been a far poorer place without them.

David Standing

2026 Season Fixtures

H = Home

A = Away

★ = Special fixture

FIRST XI			SECOND XI		
18 April	Rawdon	H	18 April	Bingley Congs	A
25 April	Bingley Congs	A	25 April	Green Lane	H
2 May	New Rover	A	2 May	New Rover	H
9 May	Guiseley	H	9 May	Rodley	A
16 May	Menston	A	16 May	Menston	H
17 May	Steeton (Cup)	H	17 May	Steeton (Cup)	A
23 May	Bolton Villas	H	23 May	Guiseley	A
30 May	Ilkley	A	30 May	Bilton	H
6 June	Alwoodley	H	6 June	Addingham	A
13 June	Bardsey	A	13 June	Calverley	H
20 June	Calverley	H	20 June	Olicanian	A
27 June	Olicanian	A	27 June	Follifoot	H
3 July	MCC ★	H	4 July	Bingley Congs	H
4 July	Rawdon	A	11 July	Green Lane	A
11 July	Bingley Congs	H	18 July	New Rover	A
18 July	New Rover	H	25 July	Rodley	H
25 July	Guiseley	A	1 August	Menston	A
1 August	Menston	H	8 August	Guiseley	H
8 August	Bolton Villas	A	15 August	Bilton	A
15 August	Ilkley	H	22 August	Addingham	H
22 August	Alwoodley	A	29 August	Calverley	A
29 August	Bardsey	H	5 September	Olicanian	H
5 September	Calverley	A	12 September	Follifoot	A
12 September	Olicanian	H			

T20 LEAGUE FIXTURES

7 May	New Rover CC	H
21 May	Old Leos	A
4 June	North Leeds CC	H
11 June	Old Leos CC	H
18 June	New Rover CC	A
25 June	North Leeds CC	A

2026 Season Fixtures

DALES XI		
18 April	Yorkshire LPS	A
25 April	Old Monk Mavericks	H
2 May	Headingley Bramhope	A
9 May	Leeds Gladiators	H
16 May	Mayfield	A
17 May	One Stop (Cup)	A
23 May	Leeds Sikh	H
30 May	Mearwood	A
6 June	Leeds Caribbean	H
13 June	Baildon	A
20 June	Green Hammerton	H
27 June	Pudsey Congs	H
4 July	Yorkshire LPS	H
11 July	Old Monk Mavericks	A
18 July	Headingley Bramhope	H
1 August	Mayfield	H
8 August	Leeds Sikh	A
15 August	Mearwood	H
22 August	Leeds Caribbean	A
29 August	Baildon	H
5 September	Green Hammerton	A
12 September	Pudsey Congs	A

SUNDAY 3s		
19 April	Guiseley	A
26 April	Calverley	H
3 May	Rawdon	H
4 May	Ilkley	H
24 May	Kirkstall	A
31 May	Menston	H
14 June	North Leeds	A
21 June	Olicanian	H
19 July	Otley	A
23 August	Calverley	H
6 September	Horsforth Hall Park	A
13 September	Green Lane	H



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Adel CC teams through the ages



Growing the Game

Junior Cricket at Adel CC

A cornerstone of the club for generations

Cricket clubs are ultimately measured not just by the trophies they lift, but by the players they produce and the communities they serve. By that measure, the junior section at Adel CC stands as one of the most quietly impressive operations in the Leeds area.

The foundations of junior cricket at Adel were laid long ago, rooted in a simple but enduring belief: that if you invest in young players, the club will take care of itself. It is a philosophy that has been proven right, time and again.

Building from the Ground Up

For many years, the junior section has been one of the largest and most active in the Airedale and Wharfedale area, regularly attracting over 100 junior members across age groups ranging from Under 9s through to Under 18s. Monday and Friday evening coaching sessions have become a fixture of club life, drawing in young cricketers from across the local community and giving them not just technical skills but an appreciation of the game's values — discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Much of the credit for shaping the junior section over the years belongs to those who gave their time ungrudgingly behind the scenes. Paul Hiley was one such figure, whose contribution to the development of junior cricket at Adel in the 1990's left a lasting mark on the club. Equally important was Andy Audsley, who really energised the junior section to what it is today. Both men exemplify the volunteer spirit that is the lifeblood of community cricket.



All Stars and the Next Generation

Adel CC is part of the ECB's All Stars Cricket initiative, a national programme designed to introduce five to eight-year-olds to the game in a fun, high-energy, softball format. The programme has been a success at Church Lane, drawing in a new generation of young families and giving the club a presence at an even earlier age.



The Proof is in the Numbers

Perhaps the most striking testament to the success of Adel's junior system is not found on any trophy cabinet, but in the make-up of the club's senior Saturday sides with a high percentage of our senior players having come through the junior sections. It is a statistic that tells you everything about what this junior section has meant to the long-term health of the club.

The club's Sunday third team has also been used deliberately as a junior development pathway, but doing so with success being previous champions of the Aire-Wharfe Sunday league. Representative honours have followed too. Several junior players have gone on to represent their county at age group level, a reflection of both the quality of coaching and the competitive environment the section provides.

A Family Club in Every Sense

The family nature of the club is perhaps best illustrated a few years ago when a father and his three sons – the Harrisons – all played in the same senior team on the same afternoon. Such moments are not coincidences; they are the product of decades of careful, committed work by coaches, managers, parents and volunteers who have kept the junior section thriving season after season.

Looking to the Future

As Adel CC marks its 150th anniversary, the junior section shows no signs of resting on its laurels. The hope is that the 2026 season brought with it a landmark moment: the launch of the club's first junior girls team, opening the doors of cricket at Adel to a whole new generation and reflecting the ECB's national ambition to grow the women's and girls' game from the grassroots upwards.

The junior cricketers of today are the senior players, coaches and volunteers of tomorrow – and if the last 150 years are anything to go by, Adel CC's future is in very safe hands indeed.

Steve Ridgway



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As we celebrate 150 years of Adel Cricket Club, we pause to remember those who are no longer with us but whose contributions remain woven into the fabric of our club.

Their dedication, passion, and spirit helped shape Adel CC into what it is today.

David Weston
Bob Whitehead
Ian Watson
Ian Stubbs
Andy Audsley
Chris Dallas
Paul Hiley
Alan Hall

Their efforts built foundations, inspired teammates, and strengthened the bonds that continue to define our club.

Though they are no longer with us, their legacy lives on in every match played, every friendship formed, and every success celebrated under the Adel banner.

We honour their memory with gratitude and pride.

They will always be part of Adel CC.

Gone from sight, but never from our club.



We hope you have enjoyed this journey through the history of Adel CC.

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