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## Welcome to Oxenhope Recreation F.C.

### Oxenhope Recreation Football Club

was originally founded in 1912 as Oxenhope United, playing in the Keighley & District League. They played in a field at Lower Isle Farm, Leeming, the home of Clifford Coates, former Club Chairman, long time Club Secretary and life long supporter.

Oxenhope United were re-named Oxenhope Recreation Football Club in 1932 following relocation to the present ground, and our now famous or infamous sloping football pitch, where in 1936 we won our first trophy, the Keighley & District Division Two title.

In 1953 the club joined the Craven & District League enjoying a period of success in the late 1950's and 1960's winning several trophies under the Captaincy of Duncan Frazer, our now Club President. The first Team won the title five times in eight years, and the league cup four times including a League and cup double.

The second team won the 2nd Division four years in succession during the years 1961 - 1964, achieving the League & Cup Double during the 1961 season. In 1963 the club built our pavilion providing excellent changing facilities together with a Committee Room and Referee's Room. The Pavilion was recently re-named The Clifford Coates and Duncan Frazer. Pavilion in recognition of their services to the football club.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 'On the Level'

With the Level Pitch Project gaining momentum the Club has set about raising the money to fund the project. The Club's Level Fund at present stands at over £3,000 - thanks to contributions from firms, individual supporters and fund raising events.

This season has seen Club Chairman, **Johnny Coates** and his sister **Caroline** complete their annual Clifford Coates Memorial Walk, in memory of the Club's former Chairman and lifelong supporter, raising £643; **Steve Potts** organised a 'How Low Auction' for a top quality mobile phone (sponsored by Link Telecom) which brought in a further £426; **Chris Ellis** resurrected the Club's Christmas Draw (with over 20 donated prizes) which netted £536.

The next event will see 'Royal Ascot' come to Oxenhope with a **'Race Night'** at The Bay Horse on Saturday 15th March. The first race will come under starters orders at 8.00pm, with eight big screen races and the chance to have a flutter - come and join us!

Later on in the year there is a **Sportman's Dinner** planned in partnership with Oxenhope Cricket Club, details to be announced later.

### Progress...

Moves are now ongoing for next season, following the Club's success over the last few seasons in the Craven and District Football League, an application has been placed with the West Riding County Amateur Football League, as well as a letter of intent to the West Yorkshire Football League to progress to a higher level of football for the season 2008-09.

The fencing in of the pitch down at Marley Playing Fields has been promised to be erected by Mel Smith of Bradford Council's Park and Recreation Division by the end of March or early April.

## RECENT FIXTURES

DATE	FIRST TEAM	RESERVES	SCORE
05 Jan	-	OAKWORTH	A 1-3
12 Jan	CONONLEY (NPH Cup)	-	H 9-0
19 Jan	-	PADIHAM	H 1-1
26 Jan	SKIPTON LMS (Lg Cup)	GARGRAVE RESERVES (Lg Cup)	H 1-3
09 Feb	GARGRAVE	GARGRAVE RESERVES	A 2-3
16 Feb	-	OAKWORTH	H 3-0
23 Feb	EMBSAY	-	A 0-0
01 Mar	SKIPTON TOWN	PENDLE ATHLETIC	A 2-1
08 Mar	GRASSINGTON	ROLLS ROYCE	A
15 Mar	LONG LEE (Kly Cup) (Semi-Final)	STEETON RESERVES (Kly Trophy) (Semi-Final)	A



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**THE FIRST TEAM...**REPORT BY **BOB BEATTIE** - MANAGER

Since our last Newsletter the **First Team** has picked up some excellent results beating 3rd place Hellfield 8-0 at home in the league, then beating 1st place Cononley 9-0 with the best display of the season to put us into the Quarter-final of the Plant Hire Cup, following this we beat the current top runners in the league Skipton LMS 4-3 in the League Cup scoring 2 goals in the last 5 minutes. Gargrave were the next to fall 4-1 at home making the league winnable again, however our last two results seem to have put pay to that, drawing both after missing numerous chances in front of goal. So now we will concentrate on 3 cups with the Keighley Cup being the main prize.



Everything else in the club seems to be going to plan, with our aim to join the county amateur league next season and the fund raising for the new pitch. The next event is the Race Night on Saturday 15th March, starting at 8.00pm at the Bay Horse - everyone welcome.

Last but not least I would like to pay my respects to the late Malcolm Brearey who sadly passed away on the 5th January. Malcolm was my Manager when I played at Oxenhope at 19, and his popularity was apparent by the number of ex-players that attended his funeral.

**THE SECOND TEAM...**REPORT BY **MICK BUTTERFIELD** - MANAGER

Since the last Newsletter the **Second Team** (Reserves) have become stronger, through new signings and the return of 'Niv' from Steeton. The best new signing has to be Tom Walbank who made four appearances for the reserves and scored twelve goals, so that's the last we will see of him in the reserves!

We have put a good run together in the league winning 5 and 1 draw which took us to the top of the league, but teams below can catch us with a number of games in hand. Our last game which was against Pendle Athletic was the turning point in the league which was very disappointing when we lost 2-1 and may have put it beyond us retaining the title.

In the cup competitions we were in two quarter finals but only won one, we beat local rivals Oakworth in the Keighley Cup away 3-1 to take our place in the Semi against Steeton Res at home on the 15th March. In the League Cup we were beaten by Gargrave Res up at home. So hopefully we can now concentrate on the Keighley Cup and make it into my first cup final as a Manager.

**MALCOLM BREAREY**

18th February 1941 - 5th January 2008

Recently **Malcolm Brearey**, of Haworth passed away. He was a much respected first team manager of Oxenhope Recreation Football Club from the late 70's to the mid 80's Malcolm was always keen on having an extremely fit side and many a Tuesday evening started with the team running 4 or 5 miles as a warm up before the real training began! 'Crab Football' with a medicine ball became a speciality as did 'Bulldogs Charge' Madness!!

Malcolm was the first Oxenhope team manager to pick his own team, prior to then the team was selected by the committee. The team at the time was made up from mainly local lads, with a few venturing out of Keighley. The team always had a great feel to it and also a fighting spirit - sometimes quite literally, as one game at Settle proved.

Malcolm's team reached several cup finals but unfortunately came away empty handed. Both his sons Paul and Phillip were members of his team and when his eldest son Paul retired from playing he took up the reins of managing and led the team back to glory in 2003 saw the Premier Division Championship title back at the Rec. after some 37 years and followed that up with two Championship and League Cup doubles in 2005 and 2006. Proud moments for dad Malcolm as he watched his beloved Oxenhope team from the touchline.



The Club will always be indebted to Malcolm for all his commitment and efforts during his years in charge of our club.

**PLAYER PROFILE****NIVARD TROWERS**

Has been with Oxenhope since coming into open age football. Had a brief spell at Steeton but came back to his spiritual home. **Niv** was thinking of entering the Priesthood because he doesn't drink, gamble, go to parties and has a close set of friends he plays with on a Sunday who are the same.

**CLAIM TO FAME...** His dad also played for Oxenhope and won two international caps for Laycock against Turkey (Pub team in Goose Eye) and against Iceland (group of workers at a local supermarket).

**DANNY HEAD**

**Danny** came to Oxenhope after a brief spell at Steeton and can be used as a utility player. Danny is known within the club as having deep pockets and short arms and he still owes himself a fiver.



**CLAIM TO FAME...** Danny's family originate from Bridlington and they named part of the coastline there after his Uncle Flamborough, who was a Pirate.

**CHRIS NEWMAN**

**Chris** has been with Oxenhope since coming into open aged football. He is a speedy forward who if he was a car would be a Trabant and do 0-60 in three days.

**CLAIM TO FAME...** Chris's family originate from the Isle of Man and his ancestor, Uncle Charlie created the flag that represents the island. Chris also put a plug on a toaster and blacked half of Keighley out, when he was an apprentice electrician.

**SONNY PACKER** - CLUB COACH

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