



# WOMBWELL MAIN FC



## WOMBWELL MAIN COLLIERY

Applications were invited to build two engine houses, a boiler house and a chimney for Wombwell Main Colliery in April 1854. The sinkers employed at the colliery subsequently reached the Barnsley Seam of coal in November of the same year. The first coal was mined soon after and was being sold for 17s per ton in 1856. The original owners of the mine were the South Yorkshire Railway Company, ownership passed to the Wombwell Main Company on 17th April 1865. Wombwell Main Cricket & Sports association (WMC&SA) was founded soon after.





SHIPPIELD AND ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT, APRIL 1, 1884. TO BE LET, the ERECTION of two ENGINE

Wombwell Main Cricket & Sports Association (WMC&SA) moved to the current ground on May 5th 1880. At this time Association Football was gaining in popularity across England and in particular in South Yorkshire, with organised rules, fixtures and leagues being created. The committee felt that now was the time to form a football team

## **WOMBWELL MAIN FC EARLY YEARS**

Although there where no official football leagues in the Barnsley area during the 1880s there is no doubt that organised football was still being played. On Monday September 21st 1880 the football team played its first match at the 'Wombwell Feast and Sports Event'. Four teams competed to win a Silve cup. Wombwell Main beat Ardsley in the first game while Hoyle Mill beat Low valley in the second game. The final, played on the following day, saw Hoyle Mill win the silver cup by beating Wombwell Main.

That first game played on 21st September 1880 places Wombwell Main as

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1		Sheffield FC	24th Oct 1857	6		Kiveton Park FC	11th Sept 1883
2		Hallam FC	4th Sept 1860	7	(MAA)	Barnsley FC	1887
3		Sheffield Wednesday FC	4th Sept 1867	8		Sheffield United FC	1889
4	*	Doncaster Rovers FC	Sept 1879	9	fugh vocasions	Penistone Church FC	1906
5		Wombwell Main FC	21st Sept 1880	10		Brodsworth Welfare AFC	1910

A month later on 16th October the club celebrated the closing of Cricket season and the opening of the football season with 2 more football matches. The 1st Team losing 1-0 to Darfield Wanderers, and the 2nd eleven beating a team of 'Ruffs' 2 goals to 1

The following Saturday saw the football team win 3-0 against Ardsley Red Rose. The Wombwell main team that day was:

T Schofield (Capt.) J Hanson, T Hanson, A Mitchell, A Turton, W Shaw, S Schofield, R Thomas, C Radford, H Sokell, F Turton (Goalkeeper)

Originally the football team did not play on the same pitch as the cricket team. The original football pitch was on the opposite side of the Railway station.



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The late 1880's saw the club enter it's first organised league, The Sheffield

Then in 1892 the Sheffield & District Alliance. The 1892/93 season went to last game when Wombwell Main drew 1-1 with Elsecar effectively giving



In the early 1900s the club entered the Barnsley & District league for the first time. The would play in the Barnsley leagues for the next 90 years when they entered Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League

The club has entered the FA CUP a total of 10 times winning only one of their ties. The 1st Qualifying round victory against Worksop Town in 1908 gives the club their best ever FA Cup pla

1906-07 1QR Thorpe Hesley PC 2-1 Wombwell Main 1907-08 PR 1908-09 1QR Wombwell Main 3-1 Worksop Town 1 Rotherham County 6 -1 Wombwell Main 1909-10 PR Worksop 2-1 Wombwell Main 1 Wombwell Main 4-7 Malby Main 1920-21 PR 1921-22 EPR Hemmingfield Ath 4-1 Wombwell Main Rawmarsh Welfare 4-1 Wombwell Main 1934-35 EPR Cudworth 3-2 Wombwell Main 1935-36 EPR Norton Woodseats H -W Wombwell Ma 1946-47 PR Wombwell Main 1-1 Grimethorpe REPLAY Grimethorpe 6 - 1Wombwell Main

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THE GREEN UN SHEFFIELD, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1909.

ENGLISH CUP.

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'SPORTS SPECIAL' ("GREEN 'UN")
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1935.
Wumbwell Main have not found their venture.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS?

## **CUP SUCCESS AND A WORLD RECORD 1904 -1907**

The years 1904-1907 were one of the most successful in the clubs history. During this period they won the Rotherham Charity cup twice, the Mexborough Montagu cup, The Barnsley Challenge cup, The Barnsley exint league cup, The Barnsley Beckett Hospital cup, The Wath Winstanley cup and the Wombwell Walton Cup.

The final of the Barnsley minor league championship of 1904/05 saw the club (along with Grimethorpe) set a world record for the longest competitive game ever played.

The final at Oakwell, kicked off at 3:30pm and did not finish until 7:30pm. Main winning by 3 goals to 2. This game was a replay, and therefore took 5 Hours 30 Minutes



In 1905/06 the club achieved a treble of Rotherham Charity cup Mexborough Montagu cup and Barnsley Beckett cup. A feat that no club has



## **ROTHERHAM CHARITY CUP**

Established in 1889/90 The Rotherham Charity cup is one of the oldest surviving competitions in South Yorkshire The club first entered the Competition 1892/93. After securing a 13-0 victory in the first round against Hexthorpe they succumbed in the second round 4-1 to Wath. For the next 13 years it is thought that the league refused the club permission to enter the competition. It wasn't with 1096/65 that they extend the competition are provided to the competition of the competition. until 1905/06 that they entered the competition again.





On route to the final in 1905/06, Main beat Parkgate and Rotherham Town reserves. The final, held at Darfield against Goldthorpe Miners Institute ended in a 1-1 Draw. Newspaper reports indicate that Goldthorpe were the better team and probably should have won the tie. However a week later the club secured a 2-1 victory in a replay played at Wath

## WOMBWELL MAIN - ROTHERHAM CHARITY CUP

**RESULTS 1905/06** Wombwell Main 2 - 0 Sheffield All Saints ROUND 1 Wombwell Main 2 - 0 Oxford Street **ROUND 2** 1/4 FINAL Wombwell Main 3-2 Parkgate SEMI FINAL Wombwell Main 1-0 Rotherham Town

FINAL Goldthorpe MI 1-1 Wombwell Main FINAL REPLAY Wombwell main 2-1 Goldthorpe MI

The club retained the cup the retained the cup the following year. The 1/4 final took 3 replays to gain revenge over Thorpe Hesley for the FA cup loss earlier in the season. In the final they beat Brunswick Mission 3-2.

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Wombwell Main FC 1906/07, Winners: Rotherham Charity Cup, Barnsley Minor Cup, Barnsley Challenge Cup, Wombwell Walton Charity Cup, Wath

SEMI FINAL

1906/7 would be the last time for 111 years that the club would enter the competition.



It wasn't until 2017/18 that Main entered the competition again. Victory was not meant to be, and a 4-0 loss in the final ended dre

## THE MEXBOROUGH MONTAGU **HOSPITAL CHARITY CUP**



The Mexborough Montagu Hospital Charity Football Cup was established in 1896/1897 The cup is unique in that rounds up to & including the semi final are played in August & September with the final being played on Easter Monday. Records indicate that the club first extend the competition in first entered the competition in As of 2018 Wombwell Main hold the record (7) for the most number of wins

WOMBWELL MAIN -MEXBOROUGH MONTAGU HOSPITAL CHARITY CUP WINNERS 1997/98

2000/01 2001/02 2008/09



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Wombwell Main 2- 1 South Kirby

## **LIMITED SUCCESS 1915-1990**

After the great teams of the early 1900's the club found sporadic success over the next 80 years. Competition for players was fierce and there were many leagues and teams competing for minor honours. The club honours for

FINAL



## **LEAGUE TITLES & CUP WINS** 1990 - PRESENT DAY

The resurgence of the club started in 1991/92 with a victory in the Barnsley Becket Hospital Cup. That result helped lay the foundations for what was to became the most successful in the clubs History

CLUB HONOURS - 1990-2018							
EAGUES	CHAMPIONS						
SHCSL Premier	1998/99	2001/02	2002/03	2007/08			
SHCSL Div 2	1996/97						
SHCSL Div 1	1997/98						
Barnsley Sunday League Premier Division	2013/14	2017/18					

CUPS	WINNERS
Barnsley Sunday Challenge cup	2015/16 2016/17
Barnsley Becket Hospital Cup	1991/92 2006/07 2008/09 2015/16
Barrisley Becket Hospital Cup	2016/17 2017/18
Mexboro Montagu Cup	1997/98 2000/2001 2001/02 2002/03
Mexboro Montagu Cup	2006/07 2008/09

### 1991 Beckett Cup Winners

2008 Beckett Cup Winners

















2016 Becket & Challenge Cup Winners



It is a testament to the club that many of the players on these photographs are still with the club 10 or even 20 years later These Include:

Marcus Bird - Club Chairman Marcus Bird - Club Chairman
Terry Simon - First Team Manager
Pete Smith - Groundsman - & previous first team Manager
Lee Angel - Ex first team Manager
Simon Chadburn - Club Captain & Sunday Team Manager
Martin Watkin - Player
Aden Leve Blayer Adam Lowe - Player Jake Simon - Player Scott Smith - Player Daryl Smith - Player Jordan Crookes - Playe Dave Jennings - Player Richard Portman - Player Chris Walton - Player George Jones - Youth Team Coach

Jack Swift - Ex player & now fundraise



## THE FUTURE

It is possible that the future is bleak for local football. The number of clubs & leagues is in decline. One thing we can be sure of is that at Wombwell Main we will continue to build both on and off the pitch in an attempt to secure football at this ground for next 100 years. We currently have 4 Senior teams and numerous Junior sections, and will look to increase this over the next

Off the pitch, funding was secured in 2017 to build new changing rooms. The club house goes from strength to strength in a period when other pubs and clubs are closing at an alarming rate. Pitch Improvements are under way in 2018, and the next project is to build a new 9v9 pitch on current wasteland to the side of the first team pitch.

On the pitch the club continues to grow, The first team currently plays in the Sheffield & Hallam county Senior Premier league, reached the finals of both the Montagu cup & Rotherham Charity cup in 2017 and once again in 2018 the team has reached the final of the Montagu cup. The reserves were promoted to CSL Division 1 in 2017/2018.

The Sunday team is probably the strongest it has ever been, being crowned Barnsley Sunday League Champions and Beckett Cup Winners in 2018. The Sunday youth team continues to make great progress in the Mexborough





