

Year	Date	Event	Notes	Source
1911	June	Celebrations at Tursdale on the Coronation of George V and Mary.	A very enjoyable programme was provided at Tursdale Colliery, when the proceedings commenced with a procession of school children from the schools, through the streets, the houses were all decorated for the occasion, with flags and bunting. On returning to the schools, the children ,about 200, were presented with a Coronation Pot each and entertained to a pleasing tea. Sports took place afterwards in the cricket field, an enjoyable programme being gone through, including old men's races, women's races, obstacle and sack races, foot handicaps and a variety of children's sports, good prizes being offered. The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by, Mr. E. Milburn, under-manager. Dancing was also enjoyed to the music of Mr. J. Wood's String Band, the programme concluded with a good display of fireworks. The arrangements were well carried out, Mr. J. Ramsay, colliery manager, being chairman, Mr. R. Taylor, secretary and Mr. T. Robson, treasurer of an energetic committee.	Newspaper report, copied by Eileen Bowerbank (2006, ed.), "Tursdale, East Howle, Metal Bridge & West Cornforth"
1927		Bowburn Welfare Cricket Club joined the Coxhoe & District League.		County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1930		Bowburn Welfare Scheme was officially opened by Mr. P. Harle, colliery manager and chairman of the Welfare Committee. The opening of this 8-acre site followed 8 years of planning. Joe James was the first groundsman. He was responsible for the installation of all the swings in the playground area, the relaying of the cricket square, the planting of trees, hedges and flower beds, and the supervision of improvements to the football pitch. He also laid the putting green, from almost a bare field. Mr. James told the Advertiser (in 1966): "I had practically no help at all, but it was my life and I enjoyed it."	Mr. James lived at the bottom of Coxhoe. The groundsman's cottage was only built after he retired in 1952 and been replaced by Tim Pragnell, who continued till the colliery closed.) The work was expected in 1928 to cost £6,000, at which time a 16-acre site was to include recreation ground (including cricket ground, football ground and 5 'Webco' tennis courts, putting green, bowling green and lawn skittles), a playground for older children (including chutes, plank swings, hopscotch table, jungle jim or maze), a park (with walks, paths, trees and shrubberies), ground set aside as a fair ground for shows etc., sports and galas, paddling and boating pools. It was to be leased from the colliery company and managed by a committee that included W.F. Gardiner, the colliery cashier, as secretary.	Co. Durham Adv. 20/5/1966 p.16 + 30/8/1928; Beatrice M. Bethel
1930	3 May 1930	The season started for the Coxhoe & District Cricket League.	Tursdale Cricket Club was one of nine in the League's 1st Division.	Dur. Co. Adv. 3/4/1930 p.9
1932	November	Tursdale Sports Club. Organised by the Tursdale Sports Club, a whist drive and dance were held in the Tursdale and Metal Bridge Club Hall on Friday night.	Messrs J. Thompson and A. Alderson were M.C.s for whist, at which the prize winners were Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. T. W. Bell, Mr. T. Wrightson, Tursdale, and Mr. T. Scott, Metal Bridge. Consolation prizes were won by Miss Denny, Tursdale and Mr. R. W. Watson, Metal Bridge. The prizes, were presented by Mr. S. B. Marr, who also handed over the cricket awards. The recipients were, batting first team, C. Price, second team, L. Jobling, bowling first team, C. Bradley, second team, S. B. Marr jnr. Mr. T. Turner secretary of the club presided at the presentation proceedings. Dancing was enjoyed to music by the Club Orchestra, spot dance prizes were won by Miss Denny and partner.	Newspaper report, copied by Eileen Bowerbank (2006, ed.), "Tursdale, East Howle, Metal Bridge & West Cornforth"
1934		Bowburn Welfare Cricket Club won the Coxhoe & District League.		County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1935		Bowburn Welfare Cricket Club joined the Mid-Durham League.		County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1936		Bowburn Welfare Cricket Club won the League Challenge Cup in the Mid-Durham League, beating Coundon by 12 runs (76 all out against 64 all out).	Bowburn were represented by R. Dunn (capt.), J. Brewis, E. Oversby, T. Laverick, G. Allison, C. Mulgrew, E. Taylor, T. Hedley, T. Yarrow, J. Bowman and A. Wilkinson.	County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1945		At the NCB Sports Day in Bowburn Park, the Army brought a large gun to fire a celebratory salute.	The first shell plopped unceremoniously out of the barrel and landed a few yards away. The second went straight through the brand new cricket sight screen on the far side of the field. The hole was not repaired and was a reminder for several years afterwards.	Syd Coulson
1952	17 May 1952	In their first three matches of the new season, Bowburn C.W. Cricket Club lost at Waterhouses on 3rd May 1952 and then at home to Coxhoe on 10th May, in the B Division of the Mid-Durham League. But then they defeated Ushaw Moor on 17th May, by 52 runs, at Ushaw Moor.	J. Barnes scored a half-century and took 2 wickets for 14 runs. Kell took 3-28 and Mawson 3-14. Bowburn's other players were: I. Harper, L. Smith, Gill, H. Gray, K. Hill, K. Kell, R. Johnson, G. Harper, J. Mawson, S. Wilde. The other bowlers were Gray and Gill. [Could this be Tom Gill, teacher at Bowburn School?]	Durham County Advertiser, via Bowburn Interchange no. 19
1956	June	Bowburn Welfare Cricket Team beat Pity me by 103 runs to 49 in the League.	Bowburn's wicket takers were A. Davies (4 for 23), J. Henderson (3 for 22) and K. Gill (3 for 3).	Durham Co. Adv. 22/6/1956 p.10
1959		Bowburn Welfare Cricket Club won the League Challenge Cup in the Mid-Durham League.	This was the second time. They first won it in 1936.	County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1962	5 Aug 1962	Bowburn cricket team were beaten by Coxhoe, who completed the double. They failed to catch Coxhoe's total of 108.	Only T. Hawkins (26) and M. Evans (17) reached double figures. Other team members were P. Oxborough, G. Charlton, J. Redhead, P. Haigh, B. Littler, J. Mulgrew, G. Baker, M. Peacock and J. Malkin. The following week, they lost to Fishburn, despite a good ninth wicket stand by Peacock (21) and R. Young (14), and Malkin taking 7 wickets.	Dur. Co. Adv. 10/8/1962 p.11 + 17/8/1962 p.10
1962	July	Bowburn beat Stanhope in the Mid-Durham Cricket League, Division II.	Stanhope "had no answer to the hostile bowling of Ray Brunskill and Gordon Slater", who took 5 for 15 and 4 for 16, respectively.	Dur. Co. Adv. 6/7/1962 p.11
1963	1 Jun 1963	One of Bowburn's two cricket teams had mixed fortunes at the weekend. One lost to Tow Law on Saturday (1/6/63) but beat them on Monday, J. Slater taking a hat-trick in his 5 for 13.	Other players were P. Oxborough, R. Heron, K. Charlesworth, G. Slater, G. Charlton, J. Redhead, R. Brunskill, J. Mulgrew and R. Young. The other team lost to both Kelloe, on Friday (31/5/63) and Steetley, during the week, but lost to Winterton on Sunday.	Dur. Co. Adv. 7/6/1963 p.10
1963	27 Aug 1963	Bowburn lost at home to Thorns in the Coxhoe & District Cricket League, despite fine bowling by W. Baker (7 for 38). Thorns set 124 but Bowburn only scored 85. Bowburn's team (and scores) were: T. Hawkins (29), J. Malkin (9), Fawcett (0), J. Mulgrew (27), Kenny (12), G. Baker (2), Young (0), W. Baker (1), Heron (4), C. Mulgrew (0), Bethel (0 n.o.) [Extras: 1].	In the Mid-Durham League 2nd Division, on the other hand, Bowburn scored 174 for 9 and then dismissed Pity Me for 27. The team (and scores) were: R. Heron (4), F. Oxborough (28), K. Charlesworth (10), B. Corner (37), J. Slater (29), J. Redhead (0), G. Charlton (3), G. Slater (17 n.o.), C. Cairns (0), R. Brunskill (5), R. Coates (37 n.o.) [Extras 4]. Brunskill took 6 for 15, Slater 3 for 9 and Charlton 1 for 0. Meanwhile Bowburn Juniors lost at home that week to Wingate in the Coxhoe & District Junior League, scoring 77 to Wingate's 123. The team was: G. Charlton, J. Malkin, B. Littler, John Malkin, P. Malkin, R. Young, E. Wilson, E. Bethel [Bethel?], A. Jackson and D. Stelling.	Dur. Co. Adv. 2/8/1963 p.12 + 13
1963	May	Another (?) Bowburn cricket team was beaten in the Mid Durham Senior League by Mackays S.C.	Bowburn only had 9 men and scored 63 runs before Mackays went in to get 65 for the loss of only one wicket. Bowburn's players (and their scores) were: R. Heron (4), P. Oxborough (9), K. Charlesworth (15), M. Kenny (9), J. Redhead (9), G. Slater (8), R. Brunskill (0), J. Slater (7), J. Malkin (0) + 2 extras. Brunskill took Mackays' only wicket to fall.	Durham Co. Adv. 24/5/1963 p.13
1963	May	One Bowburn cricket team was beaten in the Coxhoe League by Durham North End.	Durham North End scored 72 and then Bowburn managed to get only 29 runs for 8 wickets in the 25 overs allowed. Gerry Steinberg (later M.P. for the City of Durham) took six of Bowburn's 8 wickets. Bowburn's players (and their scores) were: Mulgrew (0), P. Malin (4), Evans (0), Baker (5), Littler (0), Young (6), Vasey (0), J. Malkin (5), Colledge (5), Bethel (0) + 2 extras.	Durham Co. Adv. 24/5/1963 p.13
1963	June	Bowburn beat Etherley in the Mid-Durham Senior Cricket League.	Etherley scored 118 in the full 28 overs, losing their last man on the last ball. (Robinson took 7 for 40.) Bowburn got 118 for 5, with two overs left, with top scorers being Littler (26), Brunskill (25) and Haigh (35 n.o.).	Dur. Co. Adv. 21/6/1963 p.12
1964	11 Nov 1964	Thomas Corner, deputy, of 12, Steavenson Street, was killed at Bowburn Colliery, aged 50 years.	He was operating a Joy Loader in the Brockwell seam, Tursdale. Rev. G. Kemp, of Durham, and Mr. B. Elliott, Bowburn, officiated at his funeral service, Bowburn Methodist Church, before his interment in Bowburn Cemetery. TC was a noted bowls player (see 1947) and a keen cricketer, and a member of the Crowtrees WMC committee.	Durham Cathedral Book of Remembrance; Headstone in Bowburn Cemetery (photo); Durham Mining Museum website; Bill Higgins; Durham Co. Adv. 13/11/1964 p.15 + 20/11/1964 p.16; Bob Bellis; BMD Index (c/o Ancestry); Jackie Barker