

Year	Date	Event	Notes	Sources
1904	14 Oct 1904	Benjamin William Mann, hewer, aged 30, killed at Tursdale Colliery. "When working in a wide wall with another hewer he was taking some band stone out under a piece of top coal under which he had a stay. The top coal dropped away and crushed his head killing him."	BWM was well-known in footballing circles, being secretary for some time of the Croxdale League and a referee. His father died following an accident at the same pit 13 years later.	Durham Mining Museum website; Mines Inspectors Reports; Durham County Advertiser 22/6/1917, p4
1914	14 Feb 1914	Bowburn Athletic football team defeated St. Mary's Church Mission, of Barnard Castle, 4-3, in the first round of the Sailors' and Orphans' Challenge Cup. The match was played at Bowburn "before a large crowd of spectators".	The match was a replay, the teams having drawn at Barnard Castle. Bowburn were knocked out in the next round by Hebburn. The report in The Teesdale Mercury, Wednesday 18/2/1914, does not name any of the Bowburn players.	Teesdale Mercury, 18/2/1914, via www.teesdalemercury.archive.co.uk
1920		Bowburn School Football XI first formed, with Mr. James Arthur Moody as sports master. The headmaster was G.G. Holmes.	The 1920 team comprised J. Findlay, W. Stones, J. Ramshaw, W. Bewick, R. Broughton, H. Latue, T. Swinbank, T. Moore, H. Applegarth, W. Harrison and G. Stephenson. The team won the Durham & District League, in its first year, without losing a match. The team in 1923 included Stan Mould and Alderson. It won for seven successive years in 1926-33 and again for two years 1947-49.	Dur. Co. Adv. 23/12/49 p.5 + 30/12/1949 p.4; Photo of 1923 team
1922		Bowburn Institute Juniors won the Coxhoe District Junior Football League, 1921/22 season. They played a Rest of the League team on Good Friday at Bowburn, after which J. McNally presented the shield.	Their team the following year included Stephens, Moore, Wheeler, Haig, Westgarth, Scott and Adamson.	Durham County Advertiser 31/3/1922, p7 + 1/9/1922, p6 + 29/9/1922, p7
1923	March	Bowburn topped the Durham & District Schools Football League, having beaten both St. Oswald's and Belmont 1-0.	Played 16, Won 14, Lost 2, Drawn 0, Goals For 69, Goals Against 10, Points 28.	Durham County Advertiser 23/3/1923, p7
1926		Bowburn School Football XI won the Durham & District Schools League 1925-26. The team went on to win for seven successive years, till 1933.	The team included Dick Witham, who went on to play for Huddersfield Town and Blackpool, and R. Willey, H. Stevens, L. Jordan and W. Redfern. Staff members photographed with the team and its trophies were Mr. G. F. Holmes (headmaster) and Mr. J. A. Moody (sports master).	"Down Memory Lane", Durham Adv. 1970s?; Dur. Co. Adv. 23/12/49 p.5 + 8/5/1931 p.10
1926	11 Dec 1926	Walter Harrison, of Bowburn, aged 18, fractured a leg while playing at inside right for Kelloe Colliery football club	Kelloe were playing Deaf Hill St. Paul's in the Mid-Durham League. "Examination shows that the fracture is just above the knee joint and a certain amount of permanent stiffness is considered probable." WH played for Coxhoe Utd. in 1925/26 but "his smart form gave promise of future development".	Dur. Co. Adv. & Dur. Chronicle 17/12/26 p.6
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	4 Apr 1930	A social was held in the Institute Hall, in aid of Bowburn Primitive Methodists Football Club.	MCs were John Bewick and S. Mould. Miss M. Smith played the piano.	Dur. Co. Adv. 10/4/1930 p.
1934		Bowburn Welfare Football Club 1933/34 were winners of the Durham Aged Miners Cup, the Durham & District Knock Out Cup and the Sherburn Aged Miners Cup. The team that year included forwards Halliday and Barker, Alderson and centre-half Birch.	They also won the Durham Aged Miners Cup, the Durham & District Knock Out Cup in 1935/36. Team c. 1936: W. Atkinson, L. Roberts, P. Lovett, S. Bestford (goalkeeper), J. Flannagan, S. Heatherington, H. Burnett, R. Spence (capt.), A. Allison, W. Mitchell, H. Alderson. Committee: G. Arkwright, R. Arkwright, J. Fishburn (sec.), W. Burbanks, R. Freeman. Trainer: J. Tipland (These were pictured on cigarette card no. 94 produced by the Ardak Tobacco Co., c. 1936.)	Jimmy Madgin; Beamish Museum Resource Centre (10/6/03); Dur. Co. Adv. 27/10/1933 p.11
1934	6 Jan 1934	Bowburn Colliery Welfare football team beat Cornsay Welfare 6-0 in the Brandon Aged Miners Cup.	Scorers were Allison (2), Tatters (2), Halliday and Alderson. The team currently lay second in the Durham & District league and had qualified for one final and three semi-finals in cup competitions.	Dur. Co. Adv. & Dur. Chron. 12/1/1934 p.10
1934	6 Jan 1934	Quarrington Hill football team beat Haswell Colliery 4-0 in the Wingate and District league.	Scorers were Laverick (3) and Poole. Veitch, at centre-half, also starred.	Dur. Co. Adv. & Dur. Chron. 12/1/1934 p.10
1936		Bowburn Welfare Football Club 1935/36 were winners of the Durham Aged Miners Cup and the Durham & District Knock Out Cup.		Jimmy Madgin
1937		Bowburn Boys' Club (later the DJ Evans Youth Club) founded by David J. Evans, teacher (later headteacher) at Bowburn School.	Early activities included boxing and 1st Aid. Football started just before World War II. During the War, the club became the 14th Cadet Bn., DLI. The club mainly used the Miners' Institute/Welfare Hall. But it also used, at different times, Crowtrees WM Club, the room above Mrs. Storey's shop in Durham Road West, and Bowburn School until purpose built premises were opened in 1963.	Dur. Co. Adv. 10/3/67; Mrs. Eleanour Pragnell; Dur. Co. Adv. 1/4/38 p. 5
1939	7 Nov 1939	Thomas William ("Tommy") Kendle, deputy, of Park House Gardens, Sherburn, was killed in the 14th North, coming out of the Tursdale Harvey, at Bowburn Colliery. He was aged 31.	TK died leaving his wife with one daughter, Cynthia, and another, Gloria, was born two days later. He was buried in St. Mary's Churchyard in Sherburn. He was a keen footballer and referee and sang in the church choir. His brother, Jack, was the village cobbler and played the violin.	Paul Dawe (info. from George Lloyd) (giving 1932); Bob Bellis (giving 1939 or '40); DMM website (which gives 7/11/39); Cynthia Conolly (TK's daughter), who confirmed date as 7/11/1939; BMD Index (c/o Ancestry); Dur. Adv. 17/11/1939 p.5; Alf Hare
1939	20 Dec 1939	Nicholas ("Nichol") Swainston, datal worker, was killed at Bowburn Colliery, aged 20 years	He was crushed by tubs in the Harvey seam. Name given as "R." Swainston by Durham Mining Museum and DMA's Fatal Accidents Book 1920-1950, in error. NS was known as Nichol but death register (i.e. BMD Index) gives Nicholas.	Durham Mining Museum website; Bob Bellis; DMA (1995) Fatal Accidents Book 1920-1950; Alf Swainston; BMD Index (c/o Ancestry)
1945	15 Dec 1945	Alexander (Alec) Weir, aged 26, of 74, The Grove, Coxhoe, was killed in the Coronation Drift, Bowburn Colliery in a accident on the sets.	He left a wife (also aged about 23) and two children, Norman (b. 1942) and daughter (b. Feb. 1944). He is buried in Cornforth cemetery but there is no headstone. Known as "Codger", AW was a keen footballer, playing in goal for Coxhoe Athletic.	Norman Weir; Sammy Thompson; Bob Bellis; BMD Index (c/o Ancestry); Death Certificate
1948		Bowburn County School football team won the Durham & District Schools League and were runners up in the Durham County Hospitals Cup.	The team was Derick Parnaby; Jack Beresford, Mattie Johnson; Tom Jones, Ken Reid, Tom Thomson; George Ramshaw, Bernard Wake, Ken Reid, Ray Bell, Les Dunbar. Their strip was red body and green sleeves.	Tom Thomson
1948	March	Bowburn Juniors football team beat Durham Cadets 12n1 in a Durham & District League game.		Dur. Co. Adv. 12/3/1948, p.6
1952		Bowburn Welfare Football Team won the Durham & District League (1951-52).	Their unbeaten record was lost when they were beaten by Sacriston with a goal in the last match. They gained 56 out of a possible 60 points. In the same season they reached the final of the Thornley Aged Miners' Cup. A team photograph in 1951 shows players: Alec Carruthers, Alan Nevison, Don Cowans (gk), Eric Pallister, Ronnie Knox, Jack Hughes, Bobby Applegarth, Ernie Woods, Joe Davies, Johnny Snook and Jacky Cutty. Cowans later signed for Middlesbrough. Committee and supporters in the photo included: Dicky Patterson, Albert Hall, Les Young, Ray Willey, Cess Barron, George Carruthers, Ronnie Ferguson, Dennis Latue and Bill Patterson. The team on 14/2/1952 (vs. Sherburn CW) was: Mapp; Barron, Patterson; Sawley, Pallister, Cutty; Catherall, Applegarth, Snook, Woods, Davies (Res. Nevison).	Durham County Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16 + 19/5/1952, p8 + 13/2/1952 p.3; Photograph from Quarrington Hill archive + names from Ronnie Ferguson & Terry Mills
1952		In 1952, Bowburn Colliery Welfare were Champions of the Durham and District League, despite losing their unbeaten league record in the last match of the season. They lost 1-0 at home to Sacriston, on 3rd May. But they had dropped only four points in the whole season, having played 30, won 27, drawn two and then lost that last match. Bowburn had called on only 17 players throughout the season: Cowan (goal); Carruthers or Pattinson (left back), Hughes (right back); Wright (left half), E. Pallister or Nevison (centre half), S. Pallister or Knox (right half); Applegarth (left wing), Wood (inside left), Davis (centre forward), Snook (inside right), Cutty (right wing), Willey, Latue and one other.	Bowburn at one time had high hopes of winning at least one Cup that season, but it was not to be. In one of them, the Thornley Aged Miners' Cup, they lost controversially in the final, on Easter Saturday, 5th April 1952, by 3 goals to 2, to Bearpark C.W.. Bowburn's scorers were Snook and Applegarth. Bowburn lodged a protest that Derek McGrath, a Bearpark player, had not been eligible to play in the tie. When the protest was dismissed, Bowburn appealed to the Durham Football Association. But, "resolving not to uphold the appeal, the Council intimated that they were satisfied that the competition had made their decision rightly and had acted in good faith. They ordered that the result of the game should stand", reported the Durham County Advertiser. "Arising out of the appeal, the Council decided that Bearpark should be fined £1/1s because of an official, who was himself suspended until the end of the '52/'53 season. It was alleged that he admitted wrongfully signing a player's name, intimating that the player wished to be considered a player of Bearpark in the Thornley A.M. Cup competition."	Durham County Advertiser, via Bowburn Interchange no. 19
1952	31 Mar 1952	Miss Vera Twitty and fifty of her pupils gave a pantomime, 'Cinderella', in the Welfare Hall, in aid of Bowburn Boys' Club football club.	Coun. J.J. Ramshaw presided and Mr. W. Harrison thanked the artistes. Sum of £10 10s was realised.	Durham County Advertiser 4/4/1952, p12
1952	4 Apr 1952	A charity football match was played on Good Friday, 4th April 1952, in aid of the Aged People's Fund, between Crowtrees Workmen's Club and Walter Harrison's XI, at Bowburn Welfare ground.	The teams were: Crowtrees: Mayan; Bulmer, Littler; Lynn, Corner, Bainbridge; Ridley, Lynn, Collingwood, Richardson, Fineran. W. Harrison's XI: Turnbull; Stoker, Reed; Stephenson, Coates, Brewster; Mann, Phillipson, Bennett, Layfield, Collingwood. Crowtrees Club won by 2 goals to nil and the fund benefited by £18.	Durham County Advertiser, via Bowburn Interchange no. 19
1952	11 Apr 1952	Charity football match, between Crowtrees Workmen's Club and W. Harrison's XI, at Bowburn Welfare ground. The Club won by 2 goals to nil. The match raised £18 for the Aged People's Fund.	Teams: Crowtrees XI: Mayan; Bulmer, Littler; Lynn, Corner, Bainbridge; Ridley, Lynn, Collingwood, Richardson, Fineran. W. Harrison's XI: Turnbull; Stoker, Reed; Stephenson, Coates, Brewster; Mann, Phillipson, Bennett, Layfield, Collingwood.	Durham County Advertiser 11/4/1952, p8 + 18/4/1952, p10
1953		Bowburn Welfare Football Team won Ferryhill Nursing Cup (1952-53)	The same year, a £5,000 face lift was carried out to the Welfare Park. As no alternative playing facilities were available, the club was forced to disband.	County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1953	7 Feb 1953	Bowburn Colliery Welfare FC were beaten at home 3n1, by W. Langley Park Hotspurs.	Bowburn were due to play Sherburn CW at home on 14/2/1953, when the team would be Mapp; Baron, Patterson; Sawley, Pallister, Cutty; Catherall, Applegarth, Snook, Woods, Davies. Reserve: Nevison. The club dropped out of senior football at the end of the season (? or the following season?) but was re-formed in 1958.d	Dur. Co. Adv. 13/2/1953, p.3 + 5/9/1958 p.4
1957	5 Oct 1957	Cassop Victoria football club got off to flying start in the Ferryhill & District League, winning their sixth successive match 9-3.	Steve Hodgson switched from full back to centre forward and scored five goals in his first match in that position. Team: Scollens; Richardson, Elliott; Armstrong, Wilkinson, Pallister; Foster, Baker Hodgson, Elcoat, Raine.	Durham Co. Advertiser 11/10/1957 p.13
1957	April	Cassop Victoria football club won the Ferryhill & District League for the third year running. (The title was clinched with two fixtures still to go, when the Vic beat Winterton Hospital on 6/4/57.)	Team: Pettijean; Betts, Hodgson; Armstrong, Wilkinson, Pallister; Horner, Ernie Woods, Blakemore, Elcoat, Raine. Also Pople, Hammond. Alf 'Pompey' Wilkinson was winning his 5th consecutive trophy, as he had played for the winning Ferryhill Utd. in 1052/53 and 1953/54. Steve Hodgson switched from full back to centre forward early in the following season and scored five goals in his first match in that position.	Durham Co. Advertiser 8/3/1957 p.5; Durham Co. Advertiser 12/4/1957 p.12 and 11/10/1957 p.13
1958	August	Cassop Victoria football club scored 23 goals in two games.	The team was: Alpin; Barker, Fullard; Bulmer, Chaytor (capt.), Ward; Kirby, Nevison, Newton, Oswald, Jackson.	Durham Co. Advertiser 5/9/1958 p.9
1962	4 March 1962?	Bowburn Boys Club football team lost 6-4 at Cornforth.	The team included Morton, Cairns, Robert Dickerson and his brother, and Bainbridge	Dur. Co. Adv. 9/3/1962 p.10
1962	5 Sep 1962	Bowburn Boys Club football team won 4-2 at home against West Cornforth. Outstanding for Bowburn were Jopling, in goal, Robinson, in a strong half-back line, and match-winning right-winger Bainbridge.	The following Saturday, however, they were beaten by Fishburn and, after Jopling following his pleasing start on Wednesday, decided to try elsewhere and many of the other players "played as if they didn't care". The team for Evenwood on 15/9/62 was to be: B. Littler; N. Wharrier, D. Sudder; P. Robinson, R.B. Dickenson, S. Harper; F. Wharrier, J. Whitfield, M. Morton, D. Dodds, J. Mulgrew.	Dur. Co. Adv. 7/9/1962 p.11 + 14/9/1962 p.13
1963	25 Oct 1963	DJ Evans Youth Club (known as "the Boys' Club" n though its charitable aims were to provide a service for both boys and girls n was opened by HRH the Duke of Gloucester, President of the National Association of Boys Clubs, and Mr. F.W. Fry, NCB Area General Manager of No. 4 Area and president of the Club. It replaced Bowburn Boys' Club, which had been founded by DJ Evans in 1935, but did not have its own premises. The new premises cost £14,000. Half was paid by the Ministry of Education, a quarter by Durham County Education Authority, £2,000 by CISWO, £300 by the National Association of Boys Clubs and the rest by the club itself.	The Club was named after headteacher of Bowburn Junior (& Infant?) School, David J. Evans. It retained the "Boysie" Club) nickname, despite equal emphasis on boys and girls in its foundation document. DJ Evans was the club's treasurer. His chairman was Sclry. J.J. Ramshaw, its vice-chairman Walter Harrison, secretary James Griffiths and club leader R. Knox. Other committee members were S. Charlton (colliery manager), G. Johns & R. Smith (under-managers), A. Norg, S. Mould, J. Wright, G. Knox and J. Griffiths, and Police Sgt. G. Hardman. The land was leased by the NCB to the National Association of Boys' Clubs for £15 p.a. from 25/10/1963. Peter Robinson (19), international right-half and captain of the Durham County Boys Club football team that had won the national trophy at Crystal Palace in 1962, presented a chrome-plated miniature miner's gift from the Duke. Robinson himself was presented with a lamp to his fellow members. The Duke of Gloucester had visited the the youth club about nine years earlier, when they were in the old Institute premises. Another famous visitor in the 1960s was Frankie Vaughan, singer, who visited the Boys Club on behalf of the National Association of Boys Clubs. He also gave a concert in the Miners Welfare.	Dur. Co. Adv. 25/10/1963 p.16 + 1/11/63 p.18
1963	9 Nov 1963	Durham County Association of Boys Clubs held their second trial to select their County football team, on the bowburn Colliery Welfare ground. Durham won the national trophy in the previous year and hoped to retain it.	The first trial had been held in Sunderland. Clubs taking part this time were expected to be Newton Aycliffe, Billington, West Hartlepool, Coundon, South Pelaw, Tudhoe and Bowburn.	Dur. Co. Adv. 8/11/1963 p.13
1967	3 Mar 1967	DJ Evans Boys Club presentation supper, including retirement present of binoculars for Jim Griffiths, secretary/leader of Bowburn Boys' Club since 1936	Jim Griffiths resigned as he was leaving the district. He had been secretary of Durham Junior Football League etc. The presentation was by the Club's president, Mr. F.W. Fry (No. 4 Area General Manager, NCB). County badges were presented to N. Blacklock, J. Wright, D. Archer, M. Prest, N. Porritt, B. Fleatham, J. Hesler and R. Pyle. J. John was secretary, DJ Evans the treasurer and M. Kenny the "boys' leader". Mr. Kenny reported that the football team had withdrawn from the Durham Junior League but they had played friendlies against affiliated clubs.	Dur. Co. Adv. 10/3/67
1967	August	DJ Evans Boys Club management committee met in the Board Room in Bowburn Welfare Community Centre.	Mr. Kenny reported that the football team had withdrawn from the Durham Junior League but they had played friendlies against affiliated clubs.	Dur. Co. Adv.
1970	13 May 1970	John William Edwards, former landlord of the Pit Laddie Inn, died at the home of his daughter and sister-in-law (Mr. & Mrs. T. Gilmore), 15, Grange Park Crescent, Leeds 87.	JWE had been employed at Bowburn, Tursdale and Kelloe Collieries and was landlord of the Pit Laddie for 20 years, while still working at the the colliery. He was also chairman of Crowtrees Club for a number of years. He served in the RASC in WWI and played football for his regiment. His funeral service, at St. Mary's Church, Coxhoe, was conducted by Rev. J. R. Stringer, of Bowburn.	Northern Echo (or Durham Advertiser?)