

The 1980s

1980	Jan	Three Trinity players represent Wales for the first time; Brian Juliff, Steve Diamond & Trevor Skerrett play against France at Widnes
1980	Apr	Trinity eventually finished fourth in Division One. Their highest ever position in the top league and highest ever, overall, since 1968
1981	May	Club legend and future 'Hall of Famer', David Topliss moves to Hull FC, after thirteen years at the club
1982	Apr	Trinity are relegated to the Second Division after defeat at Castleford
1983	Apr	Trinity gained promotion back to the First Division at the first attempt
1983	May	Club legend and future 'Hall of famer', Derek Turner, returns to the club as first team coach
1983	Aug	The club officially opens the new Sports & Social Club at the ground
1983	Sept	Trinity reach the Yorkshire Cup semi final, losing at home to Castleford 12-34
1983	Nov	Trinity stun the rugby league world by signing Queensland & Australian star, Wally Lewis
1983	Dec	Wally Lewis makes his debut at home to Hull FC in front of 8,179, with another Australian legend, Peter Sterling playing for the opposition
1984	Feb	Lewis departs for home after making 10 appearances, earning £10,000 (£1,000 per match)
1984	Apr	Trinity are relegated again after Derek Turner resigns
1985	Apr	Trinity's successful Colts side won the league and Challenge Cup (v Bradford Northern), but lose the Premiership Final (v Hull KR); one win away from the treble
1985	Nov	Trinity's A-team win the Yorkshire Cup, defeating Hull 20-0 at Belle Vue
1986	Apr	Trinity gain promotion to the First Division under the coaching of Len Casey, who resigns and moves to Hull FC
1986	Aug	Belle Vue's West Stand is demolished due to safety reasons
1987	Mar	Trinity collapse to a 6-72 home loss to Wigan; the worst defeat in the club's history
1987	Apr	Trinity are relegated to the Second Division for the third time in five seasons
1987	Jul	Club legend, David Topliss returns to the club as head coach
1987	Sept	Andy Mason represents Yorkshire in the inaugural 'County of Origin' game, against Lancashire at Wigan
1988	Apr	Trinity gained promotion again, at the first time of asking, finishing third in the Second Division
1988	Jun	Trinity pulled off another sensational overseas signing in Kiwi captain, and legend, Mark Graham
1988	Oct	Trinity's two overseas stars, Steve Ella & Mark Graham (captain), are selected for a Rest of the World XIII that played GB at Headingley
1989	Apr	Trinity win six out of the last eight league games to avoid relegation and maintain top flight status
1989	Jul	Trinity sign their third overseas legend in the 1980s when former Australian test loose forward, Ray Price was tempted out of retirement



Wally Lewis on debut in 1983

The 1990s

1990	Jun	Gary Price is selected for the GB tour to New Zealand & Papua New Guinea
1990	Oct	For the first time in seventeen years, Trinity reach the Yorkshire Cup Final only to lose to Castleford 8-11 at Elland Road, Leeds
1990	Oct	Trinity meet the Australian Kangaroos for the first time since 1973, losing 18-36 in driving rain
1991	Sept	Trinity reach the Yorkshire Cup semi final, falling to Bradford Northern 10-14
1991	Nov	Gary Price & Michael Jackson represent Great Britain against Papua New Guinea, the club's first GB internationals for twelve years
1992	Feb	Belle Vue sees new floodlights switched on for a home league game with Widnes
1992	Apr	Michael Jackson becomes Trinity's first GB tourist (to Australia & NZ) for thirteen years, playing in two test matches
1992	Oct	Trinity win the Yorkshire Cup for the first time since 1964, defeating Sheffield Eagles, 29-16 at Elland Road
1992	Oct	Trinity beat their previous best highest score, defeating Highfield 90-12 in the Regal Trophy
1992	Oct	Mark Conway breaks the goals (13) and points (34) in-a-match record in the above Highfield game
1993	Nov	Andy Mason scores his 100th club try becoming the last of only thirteen first team players to score a century of tries for the club
1994	May	David Topliss resigns as Trinity coach after seven years
1995	Apr	A 0-86 loss at Castleford sees the biggest defeat in Trinity's history
1996	Mar	Trinity start the new 'Summer Era' in Division One, the second tier of the Super League era
1998	Aug	Trinity finish top of Division One, winning the League Leaders trophy
1998	Sept	Trinity defeat Featherstone Rovers, 24-22, in the inaugural First Division Grand Final to gain promotion to Super League
1998	Oct	Trinity take part in the 'Treize Tournoi' Tournament contested by English & French second tier teams
1998	Oct	Australian, Garen Casey kicks 119 goals and scores 302 points, the most since Neil Fox in 1967
1999	Feb	Trinity add 'Wildcats' to their name, now being called Wakefield Trinity Wildcats for the new Super League season
1999	Mar	The Wildcats' very first Super League game was at Castleford with the visit of Salford seeing Belle Vue's first Super League game



Trinity's 1992 Yorkshire Cup winning team

The 2000s

2000	Sept	The Wildcats go into a 'voluntary CVA' releasing over a dozen players
2001	Sept	The Wildcats maintain their Super League status, avoiding relegation on the last day of the season with victory at Salford
2003	Nov	Gareth Ellis represents Great Britain against Australia, Trinity's first GB international for eleven years
2004	Feb	Jamie Rooney breaks the club's points-in-a-match record with 36 (three tries & twelve goals) in an 88-6 win at Chorley
2004	Sept	The Wildcats' reach the Super League play offs for the first time, winning at Hull FC before losing at Wigan Warriors in the elimination semi final
2004	Sept	Sid Domic & David Solomona are selected in the 'Super League Dream Team'
2006	Sept	Wildcats' defeat Castleford Tigers, 29-17, in a 'winner takes all' league game with the loser relegated, with a home Super League record crowd of a sell-out 11,000
2007	Sept	Jason Demetriou is selected in the 'Super League Dream Team'
2007	Oct	Jamie Rooney & Richard Moore are selected for the 'Northern Union' in the centenary international against New Zealand at Warrington
2008	Jul	Trinity reach their first RL Challenge Cup semi final in 29 years, falling to Hull FC, 24-32 at Doncaster
2008	Sept	Danny Brough kicks 107 goals in the season, only the ninth Trinity player to kick a century of goals in a season
2008	Oct	Eight Wildcats' players travel to Australia for the 2008 World Cup as part of the Scotland, Ireland & Tonga squads
2008	Oct	Popular Cook Island prop, Adam Watene, collapses and passes away during a training session
2009	Mar	Academy forward, Leon Walker collapses and passes away during an academy game at Celtic Crusaders, in South Wales
2009	Sept	The Wildcats finish in fifth place in the Super League table, losing out to Catalans Dragons in the first round of the play offs
2011	Feb	The Wildcats go into administration, are docked four league points and numerous players released
2011	Jul	Wildcats gain a Super League reprieve, maintaining their top flight status after the Crusaders withdrew their application during the 2011 licencing process
2013	Sept	Danny Kirmond is selected in the 'Super League Dream Team'
2014	May	Trinity establish a 'Hall of Fame' with Ian Brooke, Mick Exley, Neil Fox, Jonathan Parkin, Harold Poynton, David Topliss, Derek Turner & Harry Wilkinson being the first eight inductees
2015	Jul	2nd Annual "Hall of Fame" night sees AK "Nealy" Crosland, Herbert Goodfellow, Don Fox, Bob Haigh, Keith Holliday, Bill Horton, Don Robinson & Trevor Skerrett inducted into the "Class of 2015"
2015	Jul	The Wildcats finish bottom of Super League and go into the league's new play off system, the 'Super Eight Qualifiers'
2015	Oct	Trinity win the 'Million Pound Game', a winner-takes-all play off game defeating Bradford Bulls, 24-16, to maintain their Super League status



Four of Trinity's original 'Hall of Famers' (Class of 2014)
Jonathan Parkin, Neil Fox, Derek Turner & Harold Poynton