

Cricketing book launch

THREE new books about the history of local cricket have just been published – and there will be a special launch event this week.

Cricket in Batley, Birstall and the Spenn Valley gets a major billing, with special features on all clubs in the area.

Co-author Dr Peter Davies said: "The series is called *180 Not Out*, and this reflects the fact that cricket in this part of West Yorkshire has a long history and a rich cultural heritage."

The books are just one outcome of the £50,000 Cricket Heritage Project being sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund and being led by Dr Davies, a history lecturer at the University of Huddersfield.

Dr Davies and his colleague on the project, Rob Light, have unearthed old photographs and documents relating to cricket in the Heavy Woollen area.

"The books are a compilation of all the best images and items we have discovered. Every club is featured," said Dr Davies.

The special launch event takes place at Dewsbury Books, Crackenedge Lane, Dewsbury on Saturday at noon.

The books are published by Sigma Press.

180 Not Out

A pictorial history of cricket in
Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury and District

Volume 2: North Kirklees



Will Barber

Compiled by Peter Davies & Rob Light

The cover of the North Kirklees local cricket history book which will be launched on Saturday.