Gordon Scott

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Ton-up two match the occasion

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TWO players who have been familiar figures around the local cricket scene for 50 years – Gordon Scott and Tracy Pollard - will mark their sporting careers with a special match at Southowram CC on Sunday (1.0).

Both are still involved at the club, Gordon as a player for the seconds and under 13s coach and Tracy as a player for the thirds on Sundays, as well as umpiring in the Halifax League on Saturdays.

The pair will captain sides in a 45-every-get-side contest for the Millennium Challenge Cup and the match will be preceded at 11.0 by a buffet and followed by a dinner.

The teams are drawn from players Scott and Pollard have teamed up with during their careers.

Scott, who started as a 10-year-old for Siddal Under 13s, has had two spells at Greetland and Rastrick and also played for Copley and six current clubs in the Halifax League. The early-order batsman, who also bowls off breaks, has also played for Elland and Primrose Hill in the Huddersfield League and Halifax in the Yorkshire League.

He has played in three Parish Cup finals and five Sykes Cup finals, collecting five winner's medals. He also has a Parish Cup final batting average of 332, having made scores of 78 not out, 79 not out over three nights and so.

Scott, who lives at Heaton, Bradford and is the manager at Russell Hall Primary School, Queensbury, has topped the Halifax League batting averages four times and also was the leading 6 getter in the Huddersfield League. He is a grade two coach.

Opening bowlers Pollard, who was 40 in April, has had three clubs. He spent 29 years with the old Deep Clough side, who later became Crossleys and played at Manningham. When Crossleys lost their ground he spent 11 years at Triangle before answering the call from his nephew Nick to join Halifax League new boys Southowram 18 years ago.

He has played in five Parish Cup finals, winning once, and is also well known in amateur music circles as a former manager at Wheatley Walls, a referee for 13 years and a key figure behind Southowram Juniors AFC.

A former Calderdale Council plumber who retired four years ago, he lives in Claremount.

Scott's team will include his brother David while Pollard has called on Nick and his son Wayne for the Elland Trophy and Engraving Contemporary cricket, which Pollard presides will be a serious match.

TON UP PAIR ... Southowram's Tracy Pollard (left) and Gordon Scott, who will be celebrating 100 years of local cricket action between them this weekend. PICTURE: Ian Swift.