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Thomson scans the Examiner sporting archives

Outpost cricketers reach top century

CARTWORTH CELEBRATE MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT

CENTENARY celebrations were in full swing at outpost cricket club Cartworth Moor.

Peter Holling, secretary of the Central League outfit, cast his eye over the remaining club archives and admitted: "It's a miracle we have survived for so long given the number of rival teams in the Holme Valley area."

Cartworth had lost many of their records when fire destroyed their headquarters at the Rising Sun pub, whose landlord Benny Parker was the club president.

While the beer pumps dried up, the summer game continued, with the social base switched to the Farmers Arms at Burnlee.

A cutting from the old Holmfirth Express newspaper from 1888, which referred to cricket being played at Cartworth Moor the previous year, was enough proof for the centenary celebrations, which included a dinner at Durker Roods.

"Given the scattered population in this district, it is remarkable two teams can be gathered together on a regular basis, but such is the case," said the report.

In the 1887 season, Cartworth had come up against Holmbridge, Wooldale Free Church and Hepworth home and away.

Holling added: "It's understood the club owns the ground, although nobody knows where the deeds are."

"Older members say the ground was given to us some years ago."

Even in 1987, the isolated venue had no running water, with players carrying buckets from local farms.

"We get plenty of rain, so the pitch does okay!" laughed Holling.

High spots had been the Tinker Cup triumphs of 1935, 1959 and 1974, when the Central League Section C title was also clinched.

In 1987, Cartworth were back in Section C with a side skippered by Stuart Clayton and including ex-Holmfirth players Alan Hollingworth and David Battye and Doug Shaw, who had started out at the Moor before joining Meltham.

Sprightly 60-year-old Doug Thorpe had moved up the hill from only player actually born in Cartworth Moor.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: centenary-celebrating Cartworth Moor's Central League Section C side of 1987 line-up: Back row, from left: Alan Hollingworth, Simon Wagstaff, Steven Taylor, Paul Addy, Peter Beever. Front row: Doug Shaw, Peter Vincent, Stuart Clayton, Dennis Garside, Peter Greenman, Doug Thorpe.



FIVE OF THE BEST: South African star Andrew Hudson equalled a Huddersfield League record by virtue his side had to make do with a point after rain prevented a finish, Hudson (above) was able to celebrate after matching the five hundreds in a season achievement of Pakistan Test star Mansoor Pirmohamed for his side's 234-8 in a match which came to within seven overs of a conclusion.