

Herbert Cowgill: Left-armed and vice-president

Steady left-arm medium-pacer who became a club stalwart, serving as committee member and vice-president. He particularly enjoyed opening the bowling for the 2nd XI with his son Derek, who also became a lifelong servant of the club. He is pictured below in the 1980s.



Linthwaite officials prepare to launch their appeal and make their successful Christmas draw at the Coach and Horses last night. From left—Chris Woodhead, Herbert Cowgill (standing), Chris Payne, Alan Dean, president Derek Cowgill and Donald Pearson

Cinderella club seeks millionaires' support!

MILLIONAIRES Paul Getty and Tim Hudson, the charismatic manager of England's Ian Botham, are among those being contacted by a local cricket club who need to raise £10,000 by the start of next summer.

Linthwaite Cricket and Bowling Club, one of the original 10 members of the Huddersfield League, launched their appeal at the nearby Coach and Horses pub last night.

They need the money to buy the materials to replace the 90-year-old changing rooms they were forced to demolish at the end of last season.

There is already a temporary classroom and concrete seasonal building on site and the club are hoping to provide a bar and improved tea room facilities along with showers.

The players and committee have various fund-raising schemes in mind and committee member Trevor Holmes explained:

getting through to the Lord's Taverners, Paul Getty, who is interested in cricket, Tim Hudson and all the counties.

"We have not gone to local cricket clubs because we feel they have enough on their plates, although, if they are willing to help, they will be quite welcome."

By ROBERT GLEDHILL

"We will also be contacting the TCCH and MCC, ex-players and everyone connected with Linthwaite, including local business, clubs and pubs because we have to reach this target figure before the start of the season, otherwise, we will be changing on the field."

Players and wives have already raised £400 from a sponsored Colne Valley walk and last night, thanks to donations of prizes, they realised a £200 profit on their Christmas raffle.

And they are hoping to raise around £2,000 by staging a Colne Valley Sports Night at Stalwart Club hall on Friday, February 7.

It will be run on a similar line to Woodall Wanderers FC's successful event in the Holme Valley, which Holmes helped initiate, and will include a Colne Valley sports personality award and a Huddersfield services to sport award.

George Shelton is also planning to run a 64 strong bowling festival for Colne Valley League players with the final on July 13 and he says:

"We have come to the conclusion there has been animosity between bowling and cricket and we think it's time we all got together to make one club."

Holmes added: "We are just trying to compete a little with neighbours Broad Oak and we want to get away from the image of being a Cinderella club."

President Derek Cowgill says: "It will all go ahead but how well it goes depends on the response. There are a lot more people interested in the club and if this initiative can be channelled in the right direction, things look good."