

# FRIENDLY BANTER AND FUNDRAISING

Interview with Gary Rodger, Northowram Fields CC Webmaster

**When did your club website go online?** The club website went online in April 2007.



**How many people help with the website apart from you?** There is one other member of our club who helps out, Chris Thompson.

**What are your main day-to-day tasks as webmaster?** The main tasks particularly in the cricket season are updating the fixtures and results section of the website. I also keep the news section up to date and forthcoming events on the home page.

**Which features of the site are most popular with club members or general browsers?** Our forum is probably our most popular feature; there is

plenty of friendly banter and through the winter it keeps everybody amused. In the cricket season probably the results and fixture pages are most popular.

**How might your website develop in the future?** We are hoping to develop the advertising side of the site this season to raise funds for our new clubhouse project, and also to enhance our junior pages.

**In your opinion, what is special and unique about your club in general?** I think the most unique aspect of our club is that we are separated from Northowram Hedge Top by just a wall; I do not know of any other cricket grounds that are so close to each other.

**What do you like most about your ground?** I think personally that our ground is a nice size, not too big, but not too small either; it generates a nice atmosphere.

**What does the future hold for your club?** We are hoping to raise enough funds for a new clubhouse in the 2009/10 season and we are also concentrating on our Junior Section because this is where our future players will hopefully come from.

**What is your club famous for when it comes to the cricket teas you put on? Any culinary specialities?** Our teas on a whole are very good, but for special occasions one of the players' wives makes a mean orange cake and chocolate cake.

**Favourite away ground you like visiting?** Because I have only played one season at the club I don't have a favourite ground, but from my Halifax League days I have to say Triangle is my favourite ground because of its size, atmosphere and quality wicket.

**What has changed most about local cricket during your lifetime?** I think probably the facilities and wickets have changed out of recognition since I started playing many years ago.