



One hundred years – still going strong!



Bat on, 'Burton – for another ton!



Kirkburton launch centenary

By JOHN GLEDHILL

KIRKBURTON Cricket Club, founded in 1860, this weekend launched the centenary of their present ground at Riley Lane.

And they created local cricket history when they made a woman an honorary life member. Mrs Ada Martha Earnshaw's thirty-five years' work for the ladies' section was recognised when she received an impressive certificate.

Two other new life members, Mr Fred Povey, instrumental in the success of the club's forecast scheme for over a decade, and Mr Alec Lodge, who recently retired after ten years as Huddersfield League president, also received certificates.

Mr Reg Hey made the presentations and as centenary committee chairman

outlined some of the events planned as part of their celebrations.

"The first game on the ground in 1878 was against Hepworth and ex-cricketer Brian Pennington, now a licensee in that village, will bring a team to Kirkburton on April 23 to commemorate the first fixture.

"We also have plans to play against a Danish touring side, publish a brochure and hold other sporting and social events," said Mr Hey.

Mr Lodge spoke of the role of cricket clubs in a village community like Kirkburton.

"Many years ago the church or chapel was the centre of village life but unfortunately those days have gone. Now the cricket club has an important part to play — and I think

most of our clubs realise this," he said.

"Cricket must still be the top priority but other facilities which help keep youngsters off the street and out of trouble are a big contribution — and one which Councils will come to appreciate sooner or later," added Mr Lodge.

Mr J P W Mallalieu, MP for Huddersfield East, paid tribute to Mr Lodge's work for cricket — "no-one has done more for the game in this area, he has been a great servant."

● Pictured when the club unfurled their centenary flag, featuring a terrier mascot, are (from left) — Mr Hey, Mr Garry Leach (chairman), president Mr Stanley Kinder, Mr Lodge and Mr Mallalieu.



A HUNDRED years ago this weekend, Kirkburton played their first match at Riley Lane, against a side from Hepworth.

Hepworth licensee Brian Pennington, a former Huddersfield League cricketer, took a side from the village including ex-County men Bob Platt and Stuart Jakeman to Kirkburton yesterday when the club began their ground centenary celebrations.

Kirkburton started a summer programme of events with a victory, scoring 137-4 — all run, with no boundaries under the laws of the game as played in 1878 — in fifty four-ball overs before Hepworth were bowled out for 49.

● Players and spectators were in Victorian dress for the occasion and Kirkburton skipper Geoff Barnard (left) and Mick Saville, receive good wishes from two attractive home supporters.



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