

Elland CC and Idi Amin

Whilst searching for a suitable dignitary to open the new clubhouse in 1977, the committee was briefly attracted by the sporting credentials of the Ugandan despot, Idi Amin.

Various luminaries had already been unsuccessfully approached, including Harold Wilson and the Duchess of York, before the name of the former boxing champion came to the fore.



Fortunately however, further research revealed Amin to be an unsuitable choice. The American President, Jimmy Carter, was then asked to perform the ceremony. But unfortunately he was also unable to oblige the club.

And finally, opened by a legend

The perfect candidate to open the pavilion was eventually found when the Red Rum the great racehorse, who had won his third Grand National in that year, performed the ceremony.

