

First Mention in Minutes

The Club will be 100 years old in 4 years time & ideas for a 'project' are to be considered & discussed at a later date.

Hopton's cricketers to celebrate a century

UPPER Hopton Cricket Club is hoping to mark its centenary with an extension and improvements to its premises.

The club, in Jackroyd Lane, is hoping to provide a larger lounge area for spectators and increase its toilet and shower facilities in time for its centenary celebrations in 2004.

Mr Jack Carson, the club's assistant secretary, said they were hoping for help from the community to fund the scheme which is expected to cost between £10,000-£15,000.

The club, which has around 250 members, is also hoping to mark the special occasion with a commemorative booklet charting its history from when it was founded in 1904.

Originally the club was based on grounds next to the Travellers' Rest in Hopton Lane and played its first match in 1905.

According to Mr Carson, the team was triumphant in its first year, winning the Dewsbury League Shield.

The club re-located to its current purpose-built premises in Jackroyd Lane in the early 1960s and the pavilion was extended in 1980.

Now Mr Carson said the club was hoping for sponsorship to help fund its expansion plans.

"It will be achieved, that is the bottom line, whether it is 2004 or it takes us longer to raise the money," he said.

The club is also hoping for support from the community to help compile the glossy 50-page club history booklet, which they intend to sell to help fund their expansion plans.

Mr Carson appealed for any information, pictures, poems and stories which they could collate into a booklet in time for their centenary celebrations. He said they would be able to collect the memorabilia.

Anybody who can help should phone Mr Carson on (01924) 494379.