



Graeme Hick, who has a date at Luddenden Foot CC

Alias Smith and Hick!

Cricket

IT'S not often a former Test cricketer descends on a quaint Halifax League cricket ground.

But tomorrow former England star Graeme Hick and Worcestershire team-mate Ben Smith will ditch their world of electronic scoreboards, body protection and video replays to take a journey back to grass-roots cricket at Luddenden Foot.

For two hours the stars are giving a coaching clinic to the players at the Section B side who will be hoping to pick up a tip or two from the pros.

The session is part of the prize the club received for winning the team of the year section in the Slazenger Club Cricket Chall-

enge last year.

Philip Swain won the six-hitter of the year title and the club received equipment from Slazenger. But it is tomorrow's VIP visit that is creating most interest.

"We're looking forward to it and just praying that it won't rain as we don't have any indoor facilities," said committee member and scorer Susan Woolford.

"Two hundred and thirty two clubs entered from Yorkshire and 3,000 players so to win it was a real feather in our cap."