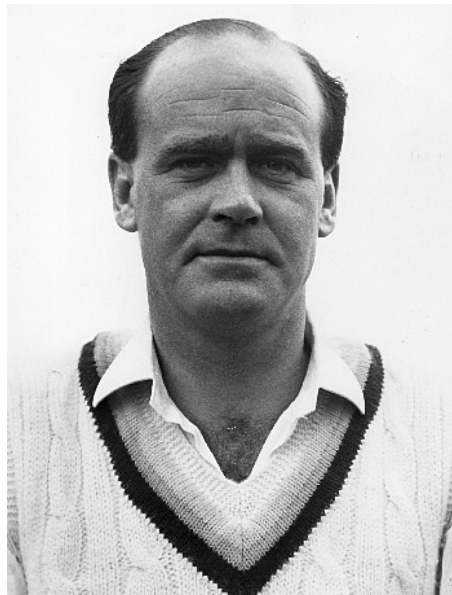


BUSY CLUB

Chris McEnhill on some historical landmarks

In 1972 Kirkburton CC was busier, with more members than there are now. There was a lot going on, it was a thriving club. We had festivals in the summer and even Christmas parties in December.

In those days we had a Whitsun double-header versus Lascelles Hall, then a very powerful club. I remember there being spectators all around the ground.



When we celebrated our Centenary we had a special fixture against Todmorden. We only picked them because they had Brian Close in their ranks! But Close was out for 6 and it spoilt things slightly!

One of the major changes I've witnessed has been the growth in junior cricket, particularly in the 1970s and 1980s. It's grown and grown and we've also had a girls side.

In the 1970s I remember hundreds of kids coming down to practise on Monday evenings. The club had a magnetic effect – somewhere for local children to come and play. Really important. I think there was a local football club too.