

VILLAGE GALA

Bob Haigh (below) on cricket and football

I was born in 1933. I played for the juniors when I was 9 or 10 and by the age of 18 I was playing for the 1st XI.



I was Shelley club captain between 1965 and 1967. We had a poor team then but that said we reached three cup finals in four years – 1957, 1958 and 1960.

I also captained the football club to a league-and-cup double. We used to play our home games behind the village hall. I don't think the soccer club has won anything since!

Shelley CC has been on quite a journey – from being a small village club playing in the Huddersfield Central League to a club that now employs professional cricketers and plays in the Drakes Huddersfield League. But I'm not sure whether that's good or not?

In the old days the cricket ground used to be the venue for Shelley Gala. There would be a full week of events – including whist drives, dances and fancy dress – and then the culmination of the week would be the gala.