



**Last night was a big occasion for Mirfield Parish Cricket Club, for the Dewsbury and District Cricket League club officially opened new clubhouse extensions and performing the opening ceremony was Yorkshire and England cricketer Geoff Boycott. Boycott, now a member of the Yorkshire committee, is pictured (right) with Mirfield club secretary John Bamforth (left) and president Bill O'Donnell**

# Boycott opens new extension

YORKSHIRE opening batsman Geoffrey Boycott was in a jovial mood when he visited Mirfield Parish Cricket Club on Thursday to open the new £25,000 extension.

"We don't want to have any trouble tonight because we have had enough of this all winter," he joked.

Boycott went on to give a question and answer session to an enthusiastic audience enjoying the club's improved facilities.

The brick-built extension has been added to the old pavilion which the club bought from Marshall K. Marshall who used it on their ground at Ravensthorpe.

The bar has been extended, a new dressing room built and ladies' toilets provided.

Secretary Mr. John Balmforth paid tribute to the work of president Mr. Bill O'Donnell who, he said, had been the driving force behind the project.

"The evening has been the culmination of all our efforts over the last decade," said Mr. Balmforth.

The club, who now play in the First Division of the Leeds League, were honoured this winter by the election of their former captain Philip Akroyd as the Dewsbury member on the Yorkshire committee.

