

HELPING OUT

Angela Hepworth by Zak Data

In most organisations you could argue that the tea lady is among the unsung heroes. However, according to Angela Hepworth of Hanging Heaton Cricket Club near Batley, the job is a whole lot more than just making the tea. Angela's role at the club is vital and has a major impact on the running of the club.



Hanging Heaton is a very close-knit club with many of its staff working on a voluntary basis. Situated on the outskirts of Batley and Dewsbury, Hanging Heaton Cricket Club is not the only sports club in the town; it is also adjacent to Hanging Heaton Golf Club. It is the voluntary side of the club which holds Hanging Heaton together. Angela herself has been involved with the cricket club for over 10 years, and with assistance from her husband Tony, they do a remarkable job. Although her main

duty is as tea lady, Angela is not restricted to just that, she also helps with the behind-the-scenes running of the club.

“I’m heavily involved with helping out at the club” she states, “and all of the other helpers put in work behind the scenes. We all help with various tasks which need to be completed in order to keep the housekeeping up to scratch. It’s not just doing teas, although that is our main priority.”

Angela’s day starts at around 7am. She heads off to the local supermarket to buy all the ingredients and all the snacks and things. She offers a wide range of different filled sandwiches, from chicken, tuna and spectators’ favourite cheese and onion. She makes sure that plenty of food is made for the supporters and players.

How did Angela’s relationship with Hanging Heaton begin? Well, she was initially drawn into it because of her husband Tony’s relationship with the club. The club then asked her: “Will you help us out by doing teas?” Angela couldn’t refuse. And, as the saying goes, the rest is history. Angela hasn’t looked back and it seems as though Hanging Heaton CC holds a certain power over her.

Angela has got the club’s interests at heart, and that’s what it’s all about, keeping the club running. It is this mentality that helps keeps Hanging Heaton remain a dominant club in the Bradford League. Just walking around the club you can feel the wholesome family atmosphere that keeps the club together. She cheerfully states, “We’re very proud of Hanging Heaton Cricket Club.” Cricket plays a big part in

Angela's life. She believes she has a duty to put a smile on the faces of supporters, family and players.