

Peter Brennand

Peter Brennand is one of Todmorden's most remarkable sportsmen. He first played for Bridgeholme Cricket Club around 1960 and, at the age of 72 is not only still playing for the second eleven, but according to more than one observer, 'still diving around like a spring chicken'! Peter last played regular first team cricket in the late 1980s when he was an all-rounder, although he plays as a batsman these days.

He and Keith Hudson have shared duties on the ground for the last 20 seasons. During the season Peter cuts the outfield every Friday in preparation for the weekend games. In the winters he has suggested, implemented and seen through a variety of projects to improvement to the ground. Recently he has knocked down and re-built the tackle shed and single-handedly painted the interior of the new pavilion with three coats of magnolia.

In 2001? Peter's efforts were recognised when he won the Todmorden News's Ron Wild trophy, awarded annually for outstanding service to sport in Todmorden.

'You could not wish to meet a nicer bloke,' says Bridgeholme's Keith Hudson. 'He seems to be friends with just about everybody in Tod. The number of funerals he attends is legendary!'