

Yorkshire cricket on the agenda at fund-raiser

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YORKSHIRE cricket will come under the spotlight when two local VIPs speak at a special fund-raising event in Calderdale.

Ex-county all-rounder Gary Fellows will join forces with outgoing Yorkshire CCC chairman and board member Robin Smith to help raise funds for the pioneering Cricket Heritage Project, which has researched and exhibited the history of all Brighouse and Rastrick clubs over the past year.

They will be the headline guests at a special event at Illingworth Cricket Club with all proceeds from the evening going to Project funds.

'We are very grateful to Gary and Robin for sparing the time,' says event organiser Dr Peter Davies, a cricket historian at the University of Huddersfield. 'They're going to talk about various topical cricketing issues and we're looking forward to the evening.'

Halifax-born Fellows played for Yorkshire between 1998 and 2003 and picked up County Championship and C&G Trophy medals during his Headingley career. He is now skipper at high-flying Bradford League side Pudsey St. Lawrence.

Meanwhile, Smith has overseen many recent developments at Headingley, both on and off the field. Most recently, he recruited Yorkshire and England Test legend Geoff Boycott on to the Yorkshire board.

The event takes place on May 19. The two guests will speak about their careers at Yorkshire and also take part in a special Q&A session. The evening will also include food, a local cricket quiz, and a special raffle and auction. Tickets cost £8 and are available from Ian Patchett at Illingworth CC and Dr Davies at the University (01484 472405).

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