

QWZat for our heritage?

CURRY and cricket are on the menu at Cleckheaton's Aakash restaurant with a new exhibition.

The event, launched last Thursday by the restaurant and Kirklees Cricket Heritage Project, celebrates the contribution of Asian cricketers to local sports history.

Area trade coordinator Keith Joplin said the launch of the Lottery-funded project was a great success.

He said: "The response was tremendous, especially from the Asian community.

"It's the ultimate partnership - between a restaurant renowned for its Asian specialities and a pioneering project that wants to make local people aware of cricket's rich heritage in this part of the world."

The exhibition traces the story of cricket through the eyes of the local Asian community. Post-war immigrants in Kirklees established their first cricket club in 1962 - Batley Muslims CC - and since then a

second and third generation have played a key role in promoting the game in the area.

Solly Adam, who starred for Batley Muslims in the 1960s and went on to win trophies in the Bradford League, now has a thriving cricket goods business in Savile Town, Dewsbury.

Another example is Mount CC, based at Mount Pleasant, Batley, which runs several junior and senior teams with qualified coaches.

Project leader Dr Peter Davies said: 'Aakash is the perfect venue for such an occasion, and over the summer we want

restaurant visitors to learn about the fascinating cricketing and cultural history of the area."

The exhibition will be open into the summer.

For more information call Dr Davies on 01484 472405 or go to www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk



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