

**RIGHT:** Celebrating a hat-trick of championship trophies from 1976-78 are the lads from Heckmondwike CC.



**O**WZAT! Three new books about the history of local cricket have just been published – and there will be a special launch event tomorrow. Cricket in Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike and the Spen Valley gets a major billing, with special features on all clubs in the area. “The series is called 180 Not Out,” explained co-author Dr Peter Davies. “And this reflects the fact that cricket in this part of West Yorkshire has a long history and a rich cultural heritage.”

The books are just one outcome of the £50,000 Cricket Heritage Project being sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund and being led by Dr Davies, a history lecturer at the University of Huddersfield. Dr Davies and his colleague on the project, Rob Light, have unearthed a treasure trove of old photographs and archive documents relating to cricket in the Heavy Woollen area. “The books are a compilation of all the best images and items we have discovered on our travels. Every club is featured – our aim was to bring to life

all the big personalities and events in the history of local cricket,” said Dr Davies. The special launch event takes place at Dewsbury Books, Crackenedge Lane, Dewsbury, tomorrow at noon. VIP guests from the world of local cricket will be present and there will also be a short presentation about the books. “We’d love local people to come along to the book launch event and share their cricketing memories with us,” added Dr Davies. The books are published by Sigma Press. Call 01484 472405 for more information.

# Owzat for a read to bowl you over

## 180 Not Out

A pictorial history of cricket in Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury and District  
Volume 2: North Kirklees



Compiled by Peter Davies & Rob Light

Sigma Books, 2006

**LEFT:** The new book which charts cricket in the Heavy Woollen area.



**LEFT:** Gomersal women's team in 1914.  
**BELOW:** Moored cricket ground at Cleckheaton around 1910.

