

In March 2005 the 1st Pennine Cricket History Conference was staged at the University of Huddersfield. Many local cricket enthusiasts came along to listen to the guest speakers and engage in discussion



Peter Davies welcomed guests to the Conference

The Department of History presents:

THE HERITAGE AND HISTORY OF PENNINE CRICKET

A Unique Day Conference: Saturday 19 March 2005



Unknown Greetland CC bowler c.1911

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In a league of their own Cricket conference is a first

By **KATIE CAMPLING**
News Reporter

HOWZAT! Huddersfield is set to stage a cricketing first.

A conference — entitled The Heritage and History of Pennine Cricket — will be held on March 19 at Huddersfield University.

It is thought to be a first ever academic conference to focus on the history of local league cricket.

It is organised by lecturer Dr Peter Davies and PhD student Robert Light, both from the university's history department.

Mr Light will speak about local league cricket, along with Brian Heywood and Ian Tomlinson, while guest speakers Prof Jeff Hill and Dr Jack Williams will speak about cricket in the inter-war years.



■ **CONFERENCE:** Dr Peter Davies

The event is part of a lottery-funded project Dr Davies and Mr Light are undertaking to investigate cricketing history in Kirklees. Last August, the pair received a £43,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the two-year project.

They aim to create a cricketing archive for the area, focusing on the social history of the game over the past 200 years —

information plaques will also be placed outside all Kirklees cricket grounds as part of the project.

Mr Light, 39, is an expert on cricket in the Victorian era, while Dr Davies, 38, of Salendine Nook, has lectured in history at Huddersfield University for 13 years.

Dr Davies, who believes historians have often ignored sport in the past, published a book last August to coincide with the start of the project.

For the book, entitled *Pennine Pitch*, he visited all 46 league cricket clubs in South Kirklees taking photographs, chatting to locals and learning about the history.

● Admission to the conference is free and it runs from 10am to 4pm.

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Brian Heywood spoke about the history of Todmorden CC and the schools activities he has producing as part of the Project



Professor Jeff Hill talked about the history of Lancashire League cricket

University opens the innings!

Conference makes history

THE first-ever conference about the history of local league cricket has taken place in Huddersfield.

The conference, entitled The Heritage and History of Pennine Cricket, was held at Huddersfield University on Saturday.

It was organised by Huddersfield University lecturer Dr Peter Davies, 38, and 39-year-old PhD student Robert Light.

Both work in the history department.

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The conference was part of a National Lottery-funded project

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Dr Davies and Mr Light are undertaking to investigate cricketing history in Kirklees.

They have received a £43,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant for the two-year scheme.

Dr Davies, who lives in Salendine Nook, said: "Cricket is a real passion of mine, so now it is like a dream come true.

"This was just part of the project. We are planning to tour libraries and even pubs with exhibitions about the history of cricket in the area," Dr Davies added.

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■ **HISTORIAN:** Dr Peter Davies with some of the cricketing memorabilia on display
Picture: Paul Welch (1260-14)



Dr Jack Williams spoke about women and cricket in the inter-war years





Ian Tomlinson from Keighley College focused on the financing of cricket