



Good old days: 1948 cartoon of Illingworth Cricket Club

History lesson paves way for new season

By Brian Coates

THE district's cricketing heritage will be the focus of attention tomorrow.

The fourth annual Pennine Cricket History conference takes place at the University of Huddersfield.

Speakers include Malcolm Heywood (Todmorden Cricket Club), Alan Stuttard (Walsden Cricket Club) and Tony Hutton, co-author of *Off The Beaten Track: Three Men and a Cricket Season*.

A session led by Dr Andrew Hignell, heritage officer at Glamorgan County Cricket Club, will be entitled *Rain Stopped Play* and will focus on the relationship between cricket and the weather.

And another special lecture will consider the history of Halifax side Queen's Road Muslims.

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League winners: Stones Cricket Club during the 1920s

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The free event in the Castle Hill Suite starts at 10am and runs until 4pm.

The Heritage Lottery Fund and the University of Huddersfield have given grants to The Cricketing Heritage of Calderdale and Kirklees project, which is

managed by the university's division of history department with help from the Trinity Insurance Halifax Cricket League.

Dr Davies said cricket was a fundamental part of local cultural tradition and the project aimed to establish cricket archives, help organise exhibitions and encourage the recording of heritage through books.

Contact Dr Davies on 01484 472405 or go to www.crick-etheritage.org.uk.



■ HISTORY: Holmbridge in the 1920s (left) and Leslie Duncalf of Armitage Bridge (above)



■ WINNER: R. Dyson of Broad Oak

Ready to field the questions

HUDDERSFIELD'S proud cricket heritage will go under the spotlight at a special event.

The fourth annual Pennine Cricket History Conference will take place at the university on Saturday.

Speakers will include the event's organiser, Dr Peter Davies, the leader of the continuing £50,000 Cricket Heritage Project at the university, who has carried out extensive research into the history of the sport in Huddersfield and the rest of Kirkles.

Much of his work formed the basis of exhibitions which toured many of the area's cricket clubs.

Dr Andrew Hignell, the heritage officer at Glamorgan County Cricket Club, will give a talk called Rain Stopped Play, which will focus on the relationship between cricket and the weather.

Sessions will also be led by Malcolm Heywood (Todmorden CC), Alan Stuttard (Walsden CC) and

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The free event is in the Castle Hill Suite at the University campus. It runs from 10am to 4pm.

Anyone interested can also pop in for the morning or afternoon sessions.

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Davies hoping for good turnout

Organiser Peter Davies is hoping for a good turnout when the heritage of cricket in Halifax and Calderdale goes under the spotlight at the Pennine Cricket History Conference at the University of Huddersfield on Saturday.

Speakers include Malcolm Heywood (Todmorden CC), Alan Stuttard (Walsden CC) and Tony Hutton, co-author of *'Off The Beaten Track: Three Men and a Cricket Season'*.

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Heritage of cricket under the spotlight at fourth annual Pennine history conference



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Davies, leader of the ongoing £50,000 Cricket Heritage Project at the university and Dr Andrew Hignell - heritage officer at Glamorgan County Cricket Club - whose talk Rain Stopped Play focused on the relationship between cricket and the weather. Sessions were also due to be led by Malcolm Heywood (Todmorden CC), Alan Stuttard

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Anyone interested was welcome

to attend sessions in the afternoon.

Contact Dr Davies on 472405 or go to www.cricketheritage.org.uk.

Pictures from the cricket archive show a Lascelles Hall line-up from 1952 (left) and Holmbridge CC in 1920.

(Left) © Walford and Todmorden

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The Hartshead Moor cricket team of 1965, one of the many pictured donated to the Cricket Heritage project