

Three men and a book go off the beaten track

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Three Men and a Cricket Season

Diary 2006



Tony Hutton, Mick Bourne & Brian Senior

■ **AUTHORS:** The book and its writers (from left) Tony Hutton, Mick Bourne and Brian Senior



■ **WINNERS:** Honley, Drakes Cricket League champions in 2006, celebrate with captain Robert Moore (front right) and Praveen Gupta (front left) with the Byrom Shield (3931-1-06)

Story of a season of cricket

HUDDERSFIELD area cricket grounds have been featured in a new book of stories by three sporting enthusiasts.

The book, *Off The Beaten Track: Three Men and a Cricket Season*, has been written by cricket lovers Tony Hutton, Mick Bourne and Brian Senior.

The three retired men spent the cricketing season of 2006 travelling all-over in search of cricket matches; anything from school games to league and county contests.

On their travels they took a liking to the grounds of Kirklees and decided to feature them in a book about their trips.

They include the grounds at Honley, Shelley, Emley and Cartworth Moor.

Mr Hutton said: "Soon after retirement I began to travel further afield and began photographing all the grounds I visited.

"I've now watched cricket in every county of England.

"I still enjoy finding new village grounds off the beaten track.

"There are still over 200 of these to go at in Yorkshire alone!"

Mr Hutton is chiefly interested in county cricket, while Mr Bourne is a fan of junior and schools cricket.

Mr Senior, who lives near Headingley cricket ground in Leeds, is interested in

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professional cricket and aims to watch a season of it without using his own transport.

He said: "I owe a major debt to my travelling companions, without whom my season of 200 cricket trips would be impossible."

The 136-page book, featuring 16 colour photos, has been published in conjunction with the Cricket Heritage Project running at Huddersfield University.

All three men took part in a cricket history course as part of the project in 2006.

Project leader Dr Peter Davies said: "They've certainly got a story to tell.

"Their passion for local cricket and their interest in the social history of the game ties in perfectly with the philosophy of our project."

All proceeds from the book sales will go towards the Cricket Heritage Project, which aims to explore the history of local cricket and raise awareness of it.

The book costs £5, or £6 including postage.

It can be bought from Dr Davies at the History Department, Huddersfield University, Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH.

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