

Gordon Pickford – Denby CC (Pavilion Memorial)



Gordon Pickford was a Denby CC stalwart who died tragically aged 44. He had been involved in all aspects of the club – as player, coach and official. The club decided to re-name its clubhouse the 'Gordon Pickford Pavilion'.



Stalwart dies

THE Huddersfield Central Cricket League today mourned the loss of stalwart Gordon Pickford.

Mr Pickford, 44, had a life-long association with Denby, as a player and coach to the juniors. In 1982 he became the club's league representative, and in 1986 became Cumberworth Cricket Club's regular umpire. Five years later he was elected onto the management board.

A service at St John's Parish Church, Upper Denby, at 1.00pm on Tuesday, January 25, will be followed by cremation at Wakefield Crematorium at 2.00pm.

Sports stalwart accident victim

A SPORTING stalwart has died following a tragic accident.

Gordon Pickford, 44, of High Flatts, was badly injured in a road accident in Gomersal at around 8am on Monday. He was taken to Dewsbury General Infirmary and later transferred to Leeds General Infirmary where he died on Tuesday.

Mr Pickford was a long-standing member of Denby Sports and Social Club. He was on the management committee of Huddersfield Central Cricket League and umpired for Cumberworth Cricket Club. He also played darts and

dominoes for the Queen's Head, Scissett, B-team.

Denby Sports and Social Club secretary Howard Moxon said: "He was a committed and very hard-working member of Denby Sports and Social Club.

"His main love outside his family was sport — cricket, football and anything like that."

Mr Pickford was a staunch supporter of Barnsley Football Club and a keen follower of Yorkshire County Cricket.

Mr Moxon added: "He is a person who will be very sadly missed. He was very well know

throughout the area."

Mr Pickford worked as a wagon driver with his nephew, Stephen Slater.

Mr Slater's wife Jill said this week: "Gordon was very lively, outgoing and always had a smile on his face. He was very easy going."

He leaves his wife Thelma, two sons Tony and Andrew and daughter Julia.

● *Police are appealing for witnesses to the accident which involved an Astra van and Mr Pickford as a pedestrian at the junction of Spen Lane and Gomersal Lane.*

Feast of runs in Denby's Pickford Memorial match

DENBY Sports and Social Club cricketers had an afternoon off on Saturday as both matches against Edgerton and Almondbury respectively were rained off, the latter sponsored by Price Construction, Building Contractors.

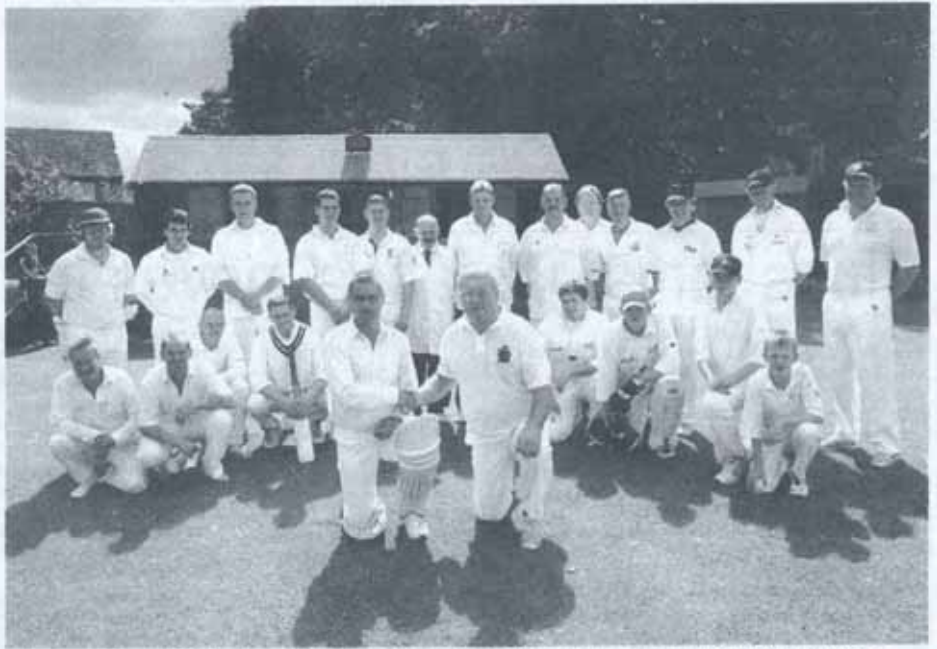
Sunday saw the club hold the Gordon Pickford Memorial Match with an Andrew Pickford XI taking on a Select XI.

Pickford's team batted first and made 254 all out in 38 overs. Leading the way was Edward Hunt with 77, which included three sixes and 12 fours. He was dropped five times and caught out off a no-ball. Ben Neville scored an effortless 43, including two sixes and four fours. Chris Ashton's 27 included one six and five fours while Jonathan Hunt hit five fours in his 23. Stephen Roebuck hit 20 and Pickford 13, while Ashley Littlewood, Mark Butterfield and Clifford Smith each took two wickets and excellent catches were taken by Adrian Whittaker and Bas Lucas.

The Select XI's reply was positive. Ashley Littlewood made 15, Lucas 27 — including one six and four fours — while Matthew Dolley hit 23, Brian Dolley 19 and, until Butterfield was out for an excellent 74 (four sixes and seven fours) they looked to be in sight of the winning post.

But, David Jones with 5-48 from his eight overs saw the Select XI close on 232.

Mrs Thelma Pickford presented her son Andrew with the Memorial Trophy on a day when 71 boundaries were scored, keeping umpires Brian Hodgson, Howard Moxon and scorer John Mosley busy.



Skippers Andrew Pickford and Bas Lucas are pictured with their respective sides before the game.

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