

In April 2006 Toll House Bookshop in Holmfirth hosted a special launch event to coincide with the publication of *180 Not Out* – the trilogy of pictorial anthologies compiled by Peter Davies and Rob Light. Local cricket enthusiasts were also in attendance, and some brought local cricket memorabilia with them...

Authors launch series of new cricket books in Holmfirth

A SERIES of three new cricket books have just been launched as part of £50,000 Huddersfield project.

The books, entitled *180 Not Out*, are just one of the outcomes of the Cricket Heritage Project, sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and led by Huddersfield University history lecturer Dr Peter Davies. The launch was held at the Tollhouse Bookshop, Holmfirth.

Dr Davies and his co-author Rob Light unearthed a treasure trove of old photographs and archive documents relating to cricket in Calderdale and Kirklees.

Dr Davies said: "The books are a compilation of all the best images and items we have discovered on our travels. Every club is featured — we have tried to bring to life all the big personalities and events in the history of local cricket."



■ LAUNCH TIME: Ian Watkinson (left), of Shepley Cricket Club, Tim Hirst, (second from left), of Honley Cricket Club, book shop proprietor Elaine Beardsell (centre) and visiting cricket enthusiasts, watch authors Dr Peter Davies (front left) and Rob Light sign copies at the launch

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Cricket history books launch this weekend

CALLING all sports lovers!

Three new books about the history of local cricket have just been published - and there will be a special launch event in Holmfirth this week.

Cricket in the Holme and Colne valleys 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 Huddersfield and Kirklees.

"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 the Tollhouse Bookshop, Holmfirth, tomorrow, Saturday at 10.30am.

VIP guests from the world of local cricket will be present and there will also be a short presentation about the books.

"We would love local people to come along to the book launch event and share their cricketing memories with us. All are welcome."

The books are published by Sigma Press. Call 01484 472405 for more information.

Pictured is ex-Slaithwaite wicketkeeper George Dawson.

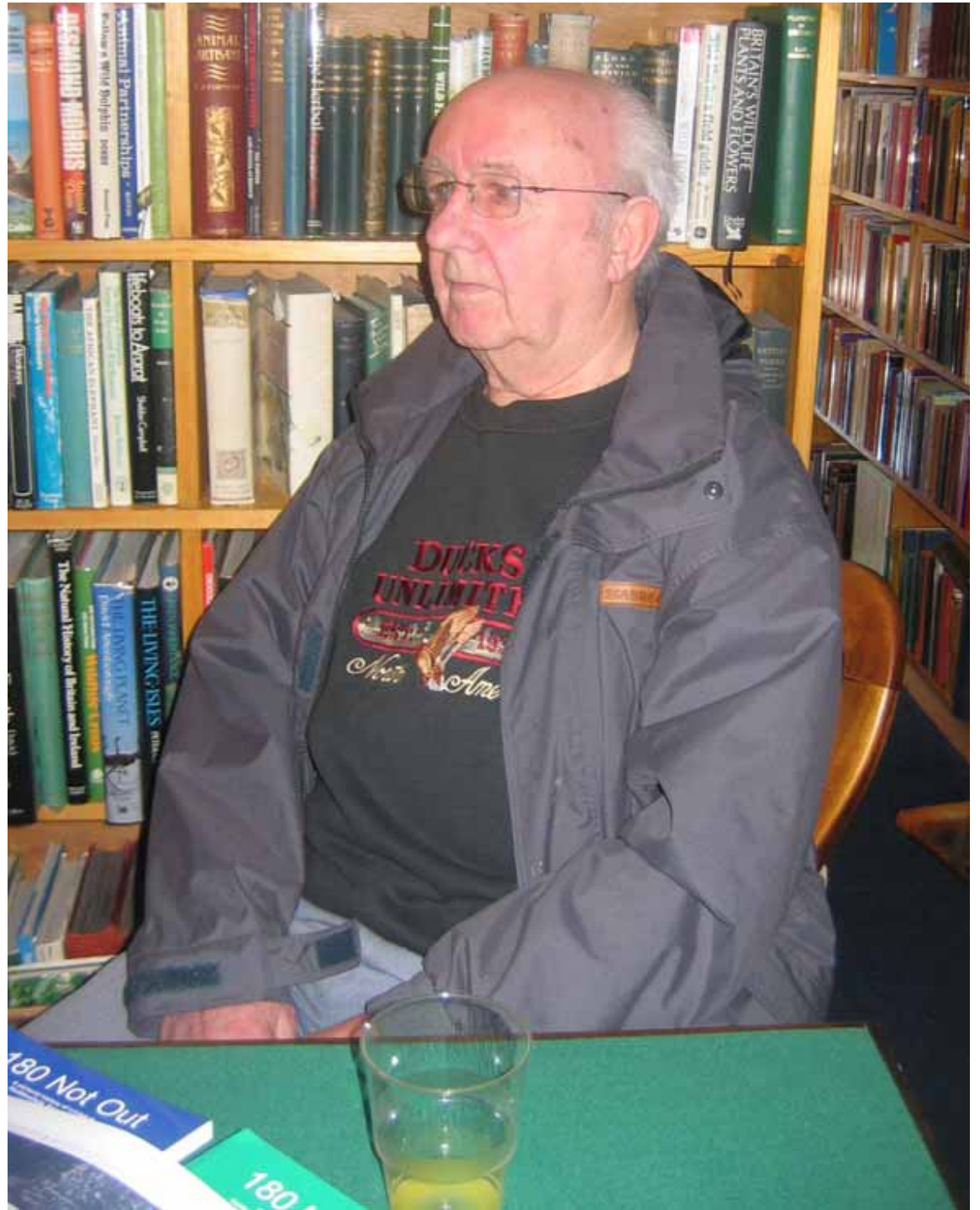


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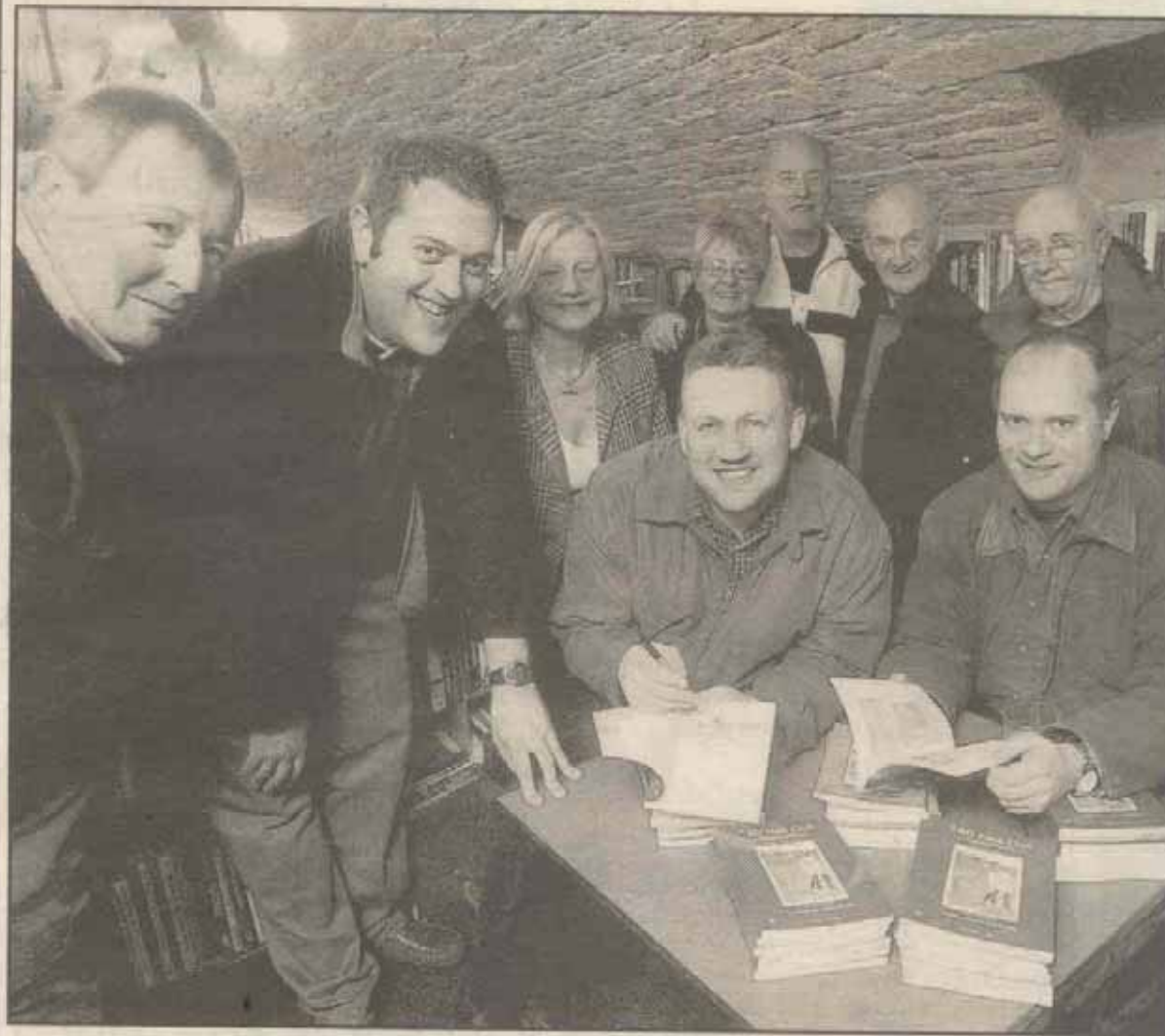




Bookshop owner Elaine Beardsall with Rob Light



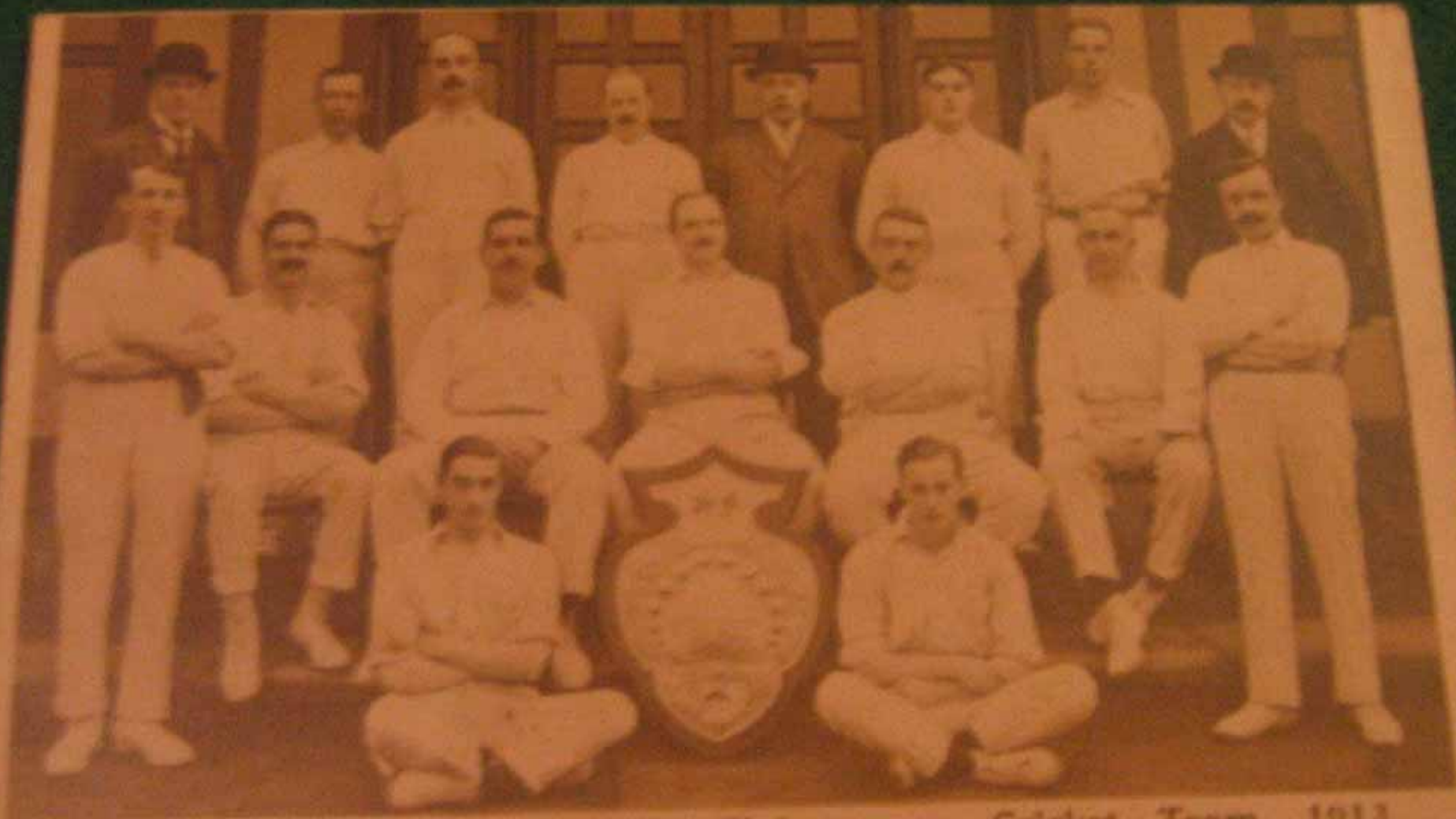
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□ SIGNING ON: Cricket enthusiasts were out in force for the launch of three new books on Saturday. The series — 180 Not Out — was launched at Holmfirth's Toll House Bookshop and includes historical facts and special features on all clubs in the area. Pictured are co-authors Dr Peter Davies and Rob Light (seated) with Ian Watkinson of Shepley CC, Tim Hirst of Honley CC, shop proprietor Elaine Beardsell and cricket fans.

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Huddersfield Cricket & Athletic Club.

Cricket Team, 1913.

Presented to the Huddersfield and District Cricket League Championship Dinner 1914.





MR. SAM HIRST
Prominent Local Cricketer
of Pre-War Days

The death took place on Sunday at his home, the Radcliffe Arms, Almondbury, of Mr. Sam Hirst, who in pre-war days was a notable cricketer in Huddersfield League circles.

He was associated with Meltham Mills in the early days of the Huddersfield and District League when that club were one of the strongest teams competing in the competition. He was a member of their team which defeated Kirkstheaton at Armistage Bridge in 1888 and so became the holders of the Byrom Shield in the second year in which it was held for competition. That was regarded as one of the greatest successes ever gained by Meltham Mills, for the opposing side included Wilfred Rhodes and George Herbert Hirst.

Mr. Hirst also played as professional with the Uddington and Middlesbrough clubs.

The funeral took place at South Croxland Parish Church on Thursday. The services both in the church and at the graveside were conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Sweeping.

The family mourners were Mrs. Hirst widow, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hirst (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. J. W. Hirst (brother), Mrs. C. Hirst (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Senior (sister and brother-in-law), Mrs. Wain, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Fleming, and Mr. Joseph Petre. Messrs. Sam Hirst, F. Hirst, W. Hirst, Herbert Hirst, Harry Senior, and W. Holmes, acted as bearers.

Included among the other mourners were Mr. F. Taylor, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. J. Woodhouse, Mr. George Todd, Mr. John Beaumont, and Mr. Kenyon.

