

Pat Neal's history of Mirfield CC, *Thanks to the Inghams*, was published via the CK Cricket Heritage Project - *Huddersfield Examiner*, Thursday 7 February 2008

Cricketing writer charts club history



■ **RECORD:** Mirfield Cricket Club's Iqbal Khan who in 1991 became the first batsman to score a double century in a Central Yorkshire League match



■ **HOWZAT!:** John Swain and Peter Westerby, who set a new club record first wicket partnership of 237 in 1965



■ **HOW'S THIS?:** Colonel Walker opens new Mirfield clubhouse in 1952



■ **PLAYERS:** Mirfield First XI 1952



■ **BOWLED OVER:** Mirfield - Central League champions 1960

CRICKETING author Pat Neal has had a third book published.

He's brought out *Thanks to the Inghams*, based on the history of Mirfield Cricket Club.

And it is a work that is particularly relevant to Pat.

Pat, 46, originally born in Wakefield, has lived in Mirfield for 25 years, involving himself in the cricket club for many years.

He is the current captain, opening batsman and secretary of the old-established club, who play in the Arrow Central League.

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"There are lots of interesting and intriguing stories connected with the history of the club, and I thought it would be nice to collate them in one publication.

"I hope club members and local people will be interested in it," he added.

The book looks at two of the founding fathers of Mirfield Cricket Club, Joshua and E T Ingham, who each founded new

grounds for the cricket club when they needed them in the late 1800s.

Club historian Pat has written two previous books about the club including: *50 Not Out*, the story of how the club re-formed in 1952-2002, and a book on the man labelled the Flintoff or Botham of his day, George Herbert Hirst: Mirfield Cricket Club 1891.

Hirst, who was born in Kirkheaton, was one of the greatest-ever Yorkshire and England cricketers.

The new book, priced £5, can be ordered from Dr Peter Davies at Huddersfield University.



■ **WINNER:** Pat Neal with the Section B Trophy in 2005