

## **Player Profile - Trevor Kellett**

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Following Mirfield's withdrawal from the Bradford League at the end of the 2004 season - due to the loss of a number of first-team players - the club joined the Huddersfield Central League for the beginning of the 2005 season. In order to build a first eleven capable of performing at that level, Mirfield CC made the decision to join forces with Harry Lime Cricket Club – formally of the Dewsbury League and Central League – and it has proven to be highly successful and beneficial for both clubs.

One long-standing HLCC member who joined Mirfield CC was Trevor Kellett. Trevor joined Harry Lime Cricket Club in 1976 not long after the club had been formed. He will go down in Limers history as the first player to score a century for the club. This is a statistic he still considers to be his proudest moment in cricket, even to this day.



One of the main things Trevor will be remembered for during his time at Harry Lime is his close friendship with fellow cricketer Kevin Bell, a friendship they both still continue with to this day at Mirfield Cricket Club. In fact, it was Kevin who first introduced Trevor to Harry Lime in the first place. The pair first met while working for the company Rigbys. When it came to new players for Harry Lime, they had to be 'recommended' - they could not just join up. Trevor later made his debut for Harry Lime playing for the second eleven.

His first game was against Batley Muslims up at Castle Hall School. The Limers bowled out the opposition for just 87. Harry Lime won the game with Trevor and Kevin maintaining a batting partnership that saw the pair notch up the winning runs. Looking back on Trevor's debut match, Kevin remembers: "As we walked onto the pitch we said to each other 'we're going to see this game through'". "And we left with smiles on our faces," adds Trevor.

Kevin was Trevor's batting partner when he picked up the Limers' first century. The match was played against Denby Grange. Trevor looks back on the feat with great fondness as the century is the only one he has scored during his career thus far. Reflecting on the moment, Trevor remembers: "I was batting alongside Kevin but he nearly ran me out on 99!", to which Kevin adds: "I was even more nervous than he was!" The achievement was even more spectacular as Trevor had picked up consecutive ducks in his previous two matches. As he worked his way through the innings towards the century,

Trevor recalls: "I just kept reminding myself to take things in my stride and that it was only just another game of cricket."

Other memorable moments in his career include the time his side narrowly lost out in the final of the Super Cup, as well as the match which saw Calder Grove seconds bowled out for just 4 runs when Trevor was playing for the Harry Lime second eleven.

Trevor says he enjoyed cricket during his youth, although he did not play it particularly often at a competitive level. He played for the house teams at his school but never for the actual school team itself. Speaking on the cricket options available to him at the time, Trevor states: "If I had had the opportunities that kids have open to them nowadays, I would have started playing at a much younger age." Trevor was influenced in his love for cricket by his father who also enjoyed the game but, like many children of his generation who shared an interest in cricket, his idol was the legendary Geoffrey Boycott.

Incidentally, Trevor's first experience of competitive cricket, after leaving school came when he was 21 in 1976 – the same year that he joined up with Harry Lime. This opportunity came through his job at Rigbys, and he played for the company's cricket team in the local works league which went under the title of the Spen Valley and District Workshop Cricket League. He would eventually go on to become the team's treasurer. After joining Harry Lime, Trevor would play for Rigbys on a Monday having played for the Limers on the previous Saturday. The two leagues were comparable in quality, with both containing cricketers who had previously played at a higher level.

A successful season saw Harry Lime win Section 'E' of the Dewsbury League in 1983. They also managed to reach the semi-final of the Sheard Cup, a game they eventually lost to Etherton. It was during the early 1980s that Trevor first began to consistently turn out for the Harry Lime first team. This saw him hit a personal 'purple patch' that resulted in the century as well as becoming leading scorer at the club in that same season.

The club eventually made a move from the Dewsbury League to the Huddersfield Central League. This was largely due to slipping standards in the Dewsbury League. The second team folded in 2002 before the Limers finally merged with Mirfield CC at the end of the 2004 season. Looking back on the move, Trevor believes that it was a move that should have happened years earlier. "We now play at a higher level but there are still some of us who just want to have fun."

Trevor describes himself as a bad loser with a winner's mentality: "I have a reputation for being demonstrative, a bit intense and excitable. I think I amuse people because of this." As well as working at Rigbys, Trevor has also been a life insurance salesman, and he now drives a van for a home delivery network. He has one child and is married to Glenys who he wed in 1986, with Kevin Bell his best man.

Trevor looks back on his time as a Limer with great fondness and remembers that in some ways the cricket club had a uniqueness that was different to others. "Harry Lime was always a social club that enjoyed playing cricket not the other way round."