

### **Jean Margetts on her father and Spen Victoria CC...**

I was brought up to be very interested in cricket as my father was a good player and took a keen interest in watching it on TV. His name was Frederick Anthony Margetts, Tony to everyone, and he played at Leeds University before the war. We lived in Birkenshaw and he taught at Gomersal county school, afterwards Gomersal Middle, for years and coached cricket and football all the time. I remember a Peter Booth? who went on to play for Yorkshire being at school. I used to go along to the after-school practices sometimes.



My dad was very devoted to sport at school and used to go off to all the inter-school matches and was part of a Spen Valley schools sports group that used to meet in a pub in Cleckheaton, the Wilton, I think, at the bottom of Spen Bank as you come into Cleckheaton. He also used to be active at Cleck Rugby club and I can remember going with him to mark out the lines at Rawfolds with some white stuff and then he filled up the big bath. As an older man he used to go to Spen Victoria Cricket Club bar every week but I'm not sure if he did any coaching.

My dad once took me to see Yorkshire play in Bradford when Fred Trueman was bowling but I was a bit young to understand much about it.