

## **Trevor Heeley: Committed to the Cause**

By Matt Elston

One of only two men to have ever been awarded the prestigious Fred Stallard Trophy for services to local cricket, Trevor Heeley is one of most committed individuals in the game. He is an ambassador for everything that is special about cricket and it is little wonder that his work, his achievements and his character are held in such high esteem throughout the local cricket community.



Former RAF man Trevor has his feet firmly on the ground. A reluctant flyer, he served the air force on the ground. He occasionally dabbled in table tennis with the forces and later found himself more than fully involved with cricket. By gum, there's nothing this fellow hasn't done! Trevor could run a cricket club single-handed...while also organising all league and cup fixtures, winter nets, general meetings, training and umpires. He has spent his entire life working with and for Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club.

Mr Heeley is as dedicated now as he was when he found himself at a club AGM 55 years ago. Little did he know that this would be the start of everything he is now so proud of. He spent the fifties and sixties keeping Skelmanthorpe alive. I'm sure no-one would argue that without this man's input and commitment, Skelmanthorpe wouldn't be where they are today. Trevor has acted as club chairman, secretary, league representative, treasurer and player. League representative for an incredible 50 years, Trevor was also secretary for 37 years and the club's youngest ever chairman. He has also turned his hand to umpiring and is still campaigning "without fear or favour" to get young umpires into the local leagues today.

Trevor sees nothing more important than fostering the game at a local, amateur level. His campaigns against rate relief for amateur clubs are well known and he continually strives to get the best for the club he loves so dearly and also for his local community. Trevor is also a regular member of his church and plays the pianocordian.

He considers himself to have been "privileged and honoured" to contribute so much to Huddersfield cricket. His character, will and determination are to be envied. A kind, welcoming personality, he is everything that cricket should be.