

# NEW BEGINNING

## Dave Sutton on the birth of Upperthong CC

There was a meeting in the Huntsman and the possibility of a new Saturday club being formed and playing games at Upperthong was discussed.

This eventually happened but for a short period there were two sets of secretaries, chairmen and treasurers while things settled down. Dave Knight was one of the 'old' people and he's still playing for the new club today.



I said that if this was going to happen the ground and the square wasn't good enough. So I took more of the work on. I wanted to create a 12-pitch square. I got 20 tons of Surrey loam, marked the pitches out and let it settle over the winter.

I went on more courses and talked to the ECB. Sometimes the ECB advice and the Kirklees advice was conflicting slightly. I received valuable guidance from the groundsman at Alwoodley.

Today I work about 40 hours a week on the ground. I work on it every day and I love it. It's very relaxing. When I come up here to work it's really tranquil and there's nothing to disturb me.