

BIG DILEMMA

Roy Wainwright on cricket and brass bands

I was born in the village at Morley Fold. I went to Denby Dale Junior School and then, at 11, to Scissett Modern. I think I can remember back to the 1930s and 1940s but I'm not sure!



I joined Denby Dale CC and played a bit of junior cricket. But I was also passionate about my brass bands, so I had a big dilemma. Cricket or the brass bands? I chose the brass bands!

But I was still associated with the cricket club and if they were ever short I'd always turn out for them. I didn't play consistently, but I'd always support the club and go down to the ground as a spectator.

Denby Dale Brass Band was where I spent most of my time, but the band packed up in 1979. It was forced to disband – it was very sad.