

# Cricket history books launch this weekend

**CALLING** all sports lovers!

Three new books about the history of local cricket have just been published - and there will be a special launch event in Holmfirth this week.

Cricket in the Holme and Colne valleys gets a major billing, with special features on all clubs in the area.

"The series is called **180 Not Out**", explained co-author Dr Peter Davies., "And this reflects the fact that cricket in this part of West Yorkshire has a long history and a rich cultural heritage."

The books are just one outcome of the £50,000 Cricket Heritage Project being sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund and being led by Dr Davies, a History lecturer at the University of Huddersfield.

Dr Davies and his colleague on the Project, Rob Light, have unearthed a treasure trove of old photographs and archive documents relating to cricket in Huddersfield and Kirklees.

"The books are a compilation of all the best images and items we have discovered on our travels. Every club is featured - our aim was to bring to life all the big personalities and events in the history of local cricket," said Dr Davies.

The special launch event takes place at the Tollhouse Bookshop, Holmfirth, tomorrow, Saturday at 10.30am.

VIP guests from the world of local cricket will be present and there will also be a short presentation about the books.

"We would love local people to come along to the book launch event and share their cricketing memories with us. All are welcome."

The books are published by Sigma Press. Call 01484 472405 for more information.

Pictured is ex-Slaithwaite wicketkeeper George Dawson.

