

TRIBUTE FROM DAVID NORMANTON
President of The Townergate Halifax Cricket League

On behalf of the Cricketing Community of The Townergate Halifax Cricket League I want to offer our sincere condolences to Doreen and the family, at this sad time, when we all have to come to terms with the sudden loss of our former President and Senior Life Vice President Terry Wynne.

Terry was only the eighth president to take office since the League began in 1914 and he was a very hardworking President who never took a step backwards when it came to promoting the Halifax League and singing its praises wherever he went.

Terry took over the presidency from Roy Smith, who was known as "Mr Cricket", Roy was a hard act to follow but Terry took on the role with a new intensity and really put the Halifax League on the map within Yorkshire.

Terry will be greatly missed throughout the League and beyond. No words will ever be sufficient to acknowledge his work and devotion to the world of cricket. He had a wealth of knowledge and experience of running a cricket league second to none and he oversaw a large number of changes in his 25 years in office as Chairman and then President. His commitment for the amateur game was always prevalent linked to a genuine passion to promote the game at junior level in order to ensure continuing success for his beloved league.

He put his duty to the League before all other considerations and many times recently he attended meetings when he really was not well. He was still thinking about cricket matters while in hospital. Over the years he put forward many candidates for the Collinson Memorial Committee's holiday to the Scarborough Cricket Festival and he told us that he had allowed his name to go forward for this year. He still had reservations because he thought that he was too closely involved in the Committee's work and so he will miss the holiday that he deserved more than anyone.

His dedication to the Halifax Cricket League was unstinting and unwavering and his service has set a benchmark that will never be surpassed.

David Normanton 13 January 2010

Background Information on Terry Wynne

Terry's service to our great game spans almost 60 years. It was in 1952 that he became a member of Bradshaw Cricket Club and in the following year Bradshaw became members of the Halifax League. In his playing career the highlights were a Parish Cup runners up, a Crossley Shield winner and runner up and membership of a Second Division Champion side. He continued playing until 1978.

It was in 1960 that his service to the league began when he joined the League Committee representing Bradshaw. In 1965 he became a member of the League Executive Committee. In 1978 he became Chairman of the League and in 1988 succeeded Roy Smith as League President. He retired in November 2003 and became the Senior Life Vice President.

Other positions he held were Chairman of the Calderdale Association of Cricket Coaches; Chairman of the Halifax and Huddersfield Area Cricket Council 1995 to 2003; a member of the Yorkshire Cricket Association Committee from 1997 to 2003; Chairman of the Collinson Memorial Committee for 17 years from 1993 to date and Secretary for 15 years previous to 1993.

Awards which he has received in recent years have been The Barbara Smith Award for Services to Junior Cricket in 2000, the Evening Courier Sports Council Award for Services to Sport in 2001 and in 2003 the ultimate accolade of the Harold Brooksby Award for Services to Sport in Calderdale. The Yorkshire Cricket Association made him an Honorary Life Member in 2007. He was also honoured in 2008 for his service to Yorkshire Cricket when he won the Inaugural OSCA (Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards) for Services to Leagues and Boards from the Yorkshire Cricket Board

During his time of serving our League he put in countless hours of hard work on our behalf and enjoyed wonderful support from his wife Doreen.

He was one of the prime movers of the establishment of the League's Benevolent fund which has been used to help members of our cricketing families with special difficulties. He made a point of bringing those needs to the League's attention and visiting and supporting the people involved.