

Hall of Fame

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Cliff ELLIKER



Heworth Cricket Club – since 1954

League Assistant Secretary – 1960 – 1964 (5 years)

League Committee 1960 – 1971 (12 years)

League Vice-President – 1977 – date

League Life Vice President – 2006

Cliff Elliker was amongst the first names to be nominated for a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' when the Hall of Fame was suggested and is quite deservedly included in the first batch of inductees after devoting a literal lifetime to his club Heworth and also being a staunch supporter of the York Senior League.

Whilst his actual participation as a player is minimal and not documented, his dedicated hard work and reliability has undoubtedly been a major factor in keeping Heworth amongst the league's top clubs for almost 50 years. In fact Cliff's history of holding official posts at the club goes back to his appointment as Club Secretary in 1952 and, in that role, he was heavily involved in the club's application to join the Senior League which was successful in 1958, with the second eleven joining a year later.

Cliff describes himself as a "very average player" whose only claim to fame was an occasion when he hit a six of York R.I. paceman, Clive Hendry to win a cup match. He says he thinks he had his eyes shut at the time.

Another major triumph during his 13 years as Secretary was the switch from the Meadow Way Ground to their current ground at Elm Park Way which rapidly became one of the top grounds in the League

As well as being Club Secretary, Cliff doubled up, or perhaps it should be quadrupled up, as Fixture Secretary from 1954, Club Treasurer from the same year and Bar Treasurer from 1956. He held the latter post until 2001 when he felt it was time to hand over to someone 'younger' but found himself pressed into service again in 2003.

In later years he was appointed Vice Chairman in 1991 and then upgraded to Chairman in 1995 and has been appointed President of his beloved Heworth Club for the 2006 season. This is a fitting tribute to a man who has served his club loyally for 55 years.

Despite his heavy involvement at club level, Cliff played an important part in the development of the York Senior League in the sixties and served on the League Committee for 12 years between 1960 and 1971. The first five of these years saw him in the post of Assistant Secretary with the specific responsibilities for receiving and processing results and compiling the League's press reports. He handed these duties over to Albert Pattison at the end of the 1964 season and eventually left the Committee in 1971. However he has remained a solid supporter of the League and is a familiar face at league cup finals and representative games and his knowledge of the league coupled with his flair for maintaining and recalling statistics is a valuable resource which is often tapped into by the author.

Cliff was made a Vice-President of the League in 1977 and, in tribute to his life-long involvement in local cricket was made an Honorary Life Vice President at the Annual General Meeting last November.

During his working life, Cliff worked for the NHS in the Family Practitioner Committee Department and held the position of Finance Officer when he retired in March 1984. His son, Clive, played cricket for Heworth under 15s and won the senior fielding trophy in 1982 but ceased to play some years ago.

No visit to Elm Park Way would be complete without being greeted by Cliff's bright face and beaming smile and his enthusiasm and wicked sense of humour remain as sharp as ever, He really is the true embodiment of a real "Man of Cricket"

Cliff says "I have had much pleasure out of cricket and I hope I am spared a few more years" He also says he was honoured to be elected President of Heworth and is appreciative of the "nice gesture" shown by former President Roger Bowling who had asked to stand down to make way for Cliff to be elected

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Ancient photo of Cliff in a rare appearance as a player supplied by the man himself.

CLIFF ELLIKER – POSITIONS HELD

A full list of the positions held by Cliff Elliker is as follows

Heworth Cricket Club

- 1952– 1964 Club Secretary
- 1954– 1990 Fixture Secretary
- 1954– 1959 Club Treasurer
- 1956– 2001 Bar Treasurer
- 1991– 1994 Vice– Chairman
- 1995– 1997 Chairman
- 2003 Bar treasurer (2nd spell)
- 2006 President
- unknown dates Fundraising Secretary
- Scorer

York & District Senior Cricket League

- 1960– 1964 Assistant Secretary (Results & Press Reports)
- 1960– 1971 Management Committee
- 1977– 2005 Vice– President
- 2006 Honorary Life Vice President