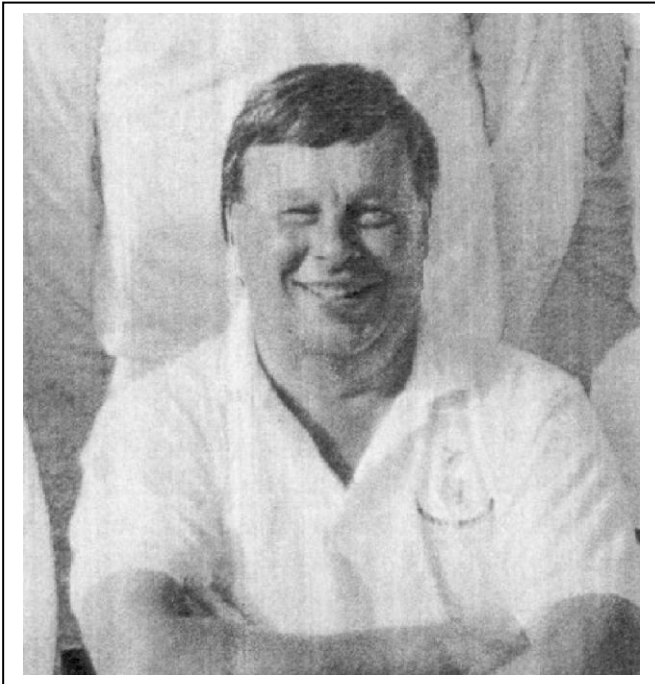


Hall of Fame

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



David RIPPON

Osbalwick 1958 – 2007.
Club Secretary – 1968 – 2007.
Captain – 1st XI – 1980 – 1992
Captain – 2nd XI – 1993 – 1999
Groundsman

York Senior League

Assistant Secretary 1995 – 2003
Delegate to York Sports Council
Delegate to York & Scarborough Area Cricket Council

York Cricket Development Group

Chairman – 2006 – 2007.

David Rippon's commitment to Osbalwick Cricket Club goes back to 1958 and represents exactly 50 years of devotion to one club. Since 40 of these have seen him serve as Club Secretary there can be no disputing his right to receive the League's 'Lifetime Achievement' award.

He first joined the club in 1958 when Osbalwick were members of the York Saturday League, which is now known as the York Vale League, and played for his side in both that league and the York Evening League until Osbalwick's admission to the York Senior League in 1972.

By this time he had already held the post of Club Secretary from 1968 which means that he is way out ahead in terms of years served by current club secretaries. In fact, he occupies second place, behind Sessay's Brian Flintoff, in the League's long-serving club secretaries' list, although he is only credited with 36 years from the time of his club's admission to the League.

His position at the administrative centre is not his only contribution as he was Secretary of the overall Osbalwick Sports Club from 1973 to 1984 and then took over as Chairman in 1990, a role he still fulfils to the present day. He has also been a highly regarded groundsman for many years and has ensured that the playing area at 'The Leyes' has maintained its rating in the top rank of grounds within the League. This concept was proven in 2005 when his ground was marked best Ground and also received the highest outfield mark in the same year.

Dave, who is a former professional rugby league player, served for nine years as League Assistant Secretary with the specific responsibility of running the league's representative sides in the various inter-league knock-out competitions and enjoyed a measure of success in this role before stepping down in 2003. As a league committee member he was always willing to put his views forward and argue his cause, which was not always the popular view, strongly and his passion for the game was always very evident. He represented the League on York Sports Council for a number of years and also was a League delegate to the York & Scarborough Area Cricket Council. He has been Chairman of the York Cricket Development Group since its inception early last year.

As a player, Dave represented his club from 1958 to 2002, during which he skippered the first eleven from 1980 to 1992 before taking over the reins in the second eleven until 1999. Ironically, after giving his club pre-season notice that he would be standing down from leading the first team at the end of 1992, Dave led his side to their only League Championship when they had a nine point advantage over Woodhouse Grange. Earlier he had had mixed emotions when, under his leadership in 1986, Osbalwick became only the third club since 1925 to pull off the double of the Myers & Burnell Cup and the York Senior Charities Cup but were then relegated at the end of the season.

Dave is yet another wicket keeper to enjoy enrolment to the 'Hall' and as with his fellow glove-men, his career records within the league handbooks are sketchy due to the absence of keeper records.

The Rippon family have been a major force at Osbaldwick for as long as anyone can remember and are still an integral part of the club's set-up. Dave's wife, Dorothy has been, and still is, an absolute stalwart who, as well as supporting her husband, has been in charge of the catering department for many years and has earned her club the reputation for providing some of the best teas in the League. In fact her efforts in the tea-room coupled with Dave's work both on the ground, as match day announcer and general organiser ensured that last year's League Cup final was one of the best staged ever.

Dave and Dorothy's two sons, Nigel and Simon are both regular players for the club with the latter currently the club Treasurer. Four nephews are also in the playing ranks, with Andrew, Philip and Stuart Hall being augmented by Alex Rippon. A further cricketing connection reveals that Stamford Bridge Secretary, Norman Pearson is Nigel Rippon's father-in-law.

DAVE RIPPON – PLAYING RECORD

(Wicket Keeping Records are not available prior to 1988)

YEAR	DIV.	INN	N.O	H.S.	RUNS	AVE	100s	Pos.	W.K.	Ct	St	NOTES
Osaldwick C.C.												
1972	4	11	0	95	248	22.54						
1973	3	dnq										
1974	3	dnq										
1975	3	no averages submitted										
1976	2	13	1	57	209	17.41						
1977	2	dnq										
1978	2	dnq										
1979	2	16	3	44	212	16.31						
1980	3	dnq										
1981	3	dnq										
1982	2	dnq										
1983	1	dnq										
1984	1	dnq										
1985	1	dnq										
1986	2	dnq										
1987	3	dnq										
1988	2	dnq							22	20	2	Top WK in Div.
1989	1	dnq							25	23	2	
1990	1	dnq							18	14	4	
1991	1	dnq							18	14	4	
1992	1	dnq							19	17	2	
1993	3	16	9	38	163	23.29			17	14	3	
1994	3	dnq							10	8	2	
1995	2	dnq							19	16	3	
1996	2	dnq							17	14	3	
1997	2	dnq							13	8	5	
1998	2	dnq										
1999	2	dnq										

Most Runs in a Season	248	1972
Highest League Score	95	1972
Most Victims in a Season	25	1989
25 Victims in a Season	1	1989
Leading Wicket Keeper in Division	1	1988 Div.2
Number of Years Qualified for League Handbook	14	

Batting = 4 Wicket-Keeping = 10