

Hall of Fame

Kenneth Richard PIERCY



Huby

Player 1942 – c 2003

Captain 1951 – 52; 1954 – 1983

Evening League XI Captain 1984 - 1997

Groundsman – 1949 – present

Fixture secretary 1954 – present

Club Secretary 1972 – 1985 & 1996 – present

Umpire

Having been actively involved in cricket for 67 years Ken Piercy must surely be a contender for the longest server, not only in the York Senior League, but in the County and even further a-field. That his entire cricket career has been at one club is even more remarkable.

He first played for Huby in 1942 when, as an 11 year old, he appeared in a Jamieson Cup game at Easingwold this was the beginning of more than 60 years as a player. His first game for Huby's men's side was on 7th August 1944, his 14th birthday, when he played against Sutton on Forest when he took 6 wickets for just 7 runs. He played his final York Senior League game at the age of 70 but continued in the evening league for a while before donning the white coat and remembers once giving five Huby players out LBW. One of his best performances saw him gain the Man-of-the-Match Award in the Myers & Burnell Cup against Woodhouse Grange at Clifton Park when, at the age of 50, he took 2 for 20 and made 45no.

His league days started after the war when the Forest Of Galtres League resumed and he had a two year spell as Club Captain in 1951 and 1952. After a year in the vice captains role he embarked on a remarkable stint of 30 years as club captain between 1954 and 1983. In addition he captained his club's evening eleven in the Pilmoor Evening League from 1984 – 1997. This equates to a 44 year period of unbroken captaincy which must rank as one of the longest spells in the history of cricket.

He has been, and remains, club groundsman since 1949 and has been club Fixture Secretary since 1954. He was Club secretary in 1972 when Huby joined the York Senior League and held this position until 1985. After some years absence from this role he resumed the Secretaryship in 1996 and remains in post having totted up 27 years in the position.

Ken's highest score was against Wistow in the late 1950s when he recalls he arrived at the crease for the final ball of the first over after Huby had lost 4 wickets for no runs. He hit the delivery for six and went on to make 67 invaluable runs. He took 57 wickets in 1950 in the evening League and had a 6-16 return at Alne in the Forest of Galtres League. His best York Senior League figures are thought to be 6 for 36 in a 22 over spell when making a rare appearance for Stillington. He also recalls taking 5 wickets for no runs in the York Saturday League and a week later taking two wickets without conceding a run.

He holds the undoubtedly unique record of having attended every annual meeting of both evening and Saturday leagues since the resumption of cricket after the war. His dedication was recognised in 1986 when he named as Yorkshire Post 'Services to Sport' Award Winner in 1986.

As a player he had a top score of 67 v Westow in the York Saturday League and gained a full wicket bag when he took 10-17 v Baldersby in the Pilmoor Evening League. His best season in the York Senior League was 1973 when he claimed 39 wickets at 10.33 and held eighth place in the fourth division averages.

Ken has not kept any personal records and cites his ultimate cricketing highlight was when he played with his son Colin and his two grandsons, Thomas and Stephen for Huby in 1993 and 1994. His family relate a story about a game at Stillington when brother Johnny was batting, Ken was bowling, son Colin was keeping wicket and another brother, Dave, was umpiring. Fates conspired to produce a sportswriters dream scenario whereby Johnny edged a ball from Ken that was caught by Colin and Dave was called up on to lift the dreaded finger of fate.

He established the Ken Piercy Invitation Knock-Out Competition a good many years ago for teams from the local villages . This has provided some good cricket over the years and still continues despite the sad decline of evening and Sunday cricket in recent years.

Ken is the one of those devoted and often unheralded heroes who epitomises all the values of the game of cricket at grass roots level and thoroughly deserves his entry into the 'Hall of Fame'

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KEN PIERCY – PLAYING RECORD
(Details of years when qualified for League Handbook)

YEAR	DIV.	XI	INN.	N.O.	H.S.	RUNS	AVE	100/ 50s	Pos.	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	RPO	5w/1	Pos.	Ct	St	Notes
Huby																				
1972	4	1st								165.0	33	470	36	13.05	2.85					
1973	4	1st								126.0	33	403	39	10.33	3.20					8th
1974	4	1st								83.0	14	233	21	11.09	2.81					9 th
1975	4	1st								135.0	29	349	23	15.17	2.59					
Totals										509.0	109	1455	119	12.23	2.86					

Record held by Ken Piercy

- Longest serving current club member = 67 seasons 1942 - present
- Longest unbroken term as club captain = 44 seasons 1954 - 1997

Award received by Ken Piercy

- Yorkshire Post Services to Sport Award 1986



HUBY C.C. – 1968 – includes three brothers Ken, John & Dave plus son Colin



THREE GENERATIONS OF PIERCYS – KEN, SON COLIN & GRANDSONS THOMAS & STEPHEN