

HALL OF FAME

Club Stalwart

PETER MILNE



LONDESBROUGH PARK C.C.
(1960-2009)

Sunday XI Vice-Captain 1968

Club Captain 1972-78

Club Secretary – 1980 to present

Management Committee 1980 – to present

Junior Coach

Ground Assistant

Peter Milne's first visit to Londesbrough Park Cricket Club was in 1947 when, as a one year old, he was taken by his father who was club captain at the time. He says he's "never been away since". Once he was big enough he helped his mother prepare match day teas and had the task of carrying water in a bucket from the nearby farm to the pavilion.

His first appearance for the club was in a second eleven friendly game as a 14 years old and he was a member of the side that competed in the newly formed Humberside Federation League in 1962. After progressing to the first XI he had his first taste of captaincy in 1968 after becoming vice-captain of the Sunday XI. He then captain his club's team in the East Riding Sunday League when, due to the need for five bowlers, he occasionally turned his arm over.

He became club captain in 1972 and held the post to 1978, being in charge of his team in the East Riding Pennant Alliance. During this time he made his only century, against Bishop Burton in 1973. He retired as a player after more than 30 seasons. By his own admission he remembers running out most of his team-mates, some of them on more than one occasion.

Peter represented the Pennant Alliance as a batsman on a number of occasions and recalls being on the winning side when the Pennant Alliance defeated the York Senior League at Dunnington in the Pazo Packaging Yorkshire Inter-League K.O. Competition.

His wife, Margaret took over as Club Treasurer in 1972 on a temporary basis but remains in post some 39 years later. Peter became Club Secretary in 1980 and will shortly 'celebrate' 30 years in this all important role. It is a tribute to his administrative skills that, since joining the York Senior League in 1998, he, and his club, have built up a reputation as one of the best run clubs in the League, a fact that is confirmed by their consistently high rating, including two runners-up placings, in the League's Merit Table.

In actual fact the club failed in its initial bid to join the York League in 1994 due to the inadequacies of the old pavilion. The club took on board the League's requirements and Peter was a leading member of a development group which built a new pavilion at a cost of £80k and led to York League membership in 1998. A further major extension and improvement to facilities enabled the club to gain both Clubmark and Focus Club status.

Having retired from work in 2002, Peter has been heavily involved in developing the club's junior section which now boast five junior teams and has also turned his attention to ground work and grass-cutting duties. He has, on a number of occasions, served on the League's Appeals Panel and has encouraged the York League and various other cricket bodies to use the picturesque Londesbrough Park ground for representative games and cup finals.