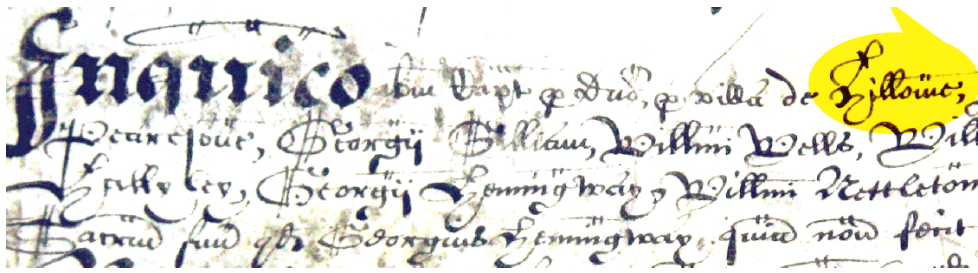


HILLAM

THE CRADLE OF YORKSHIRE CRICKET?



Thanks to Sir John Major* we have learnt that in 1620 something very special was happening in the village of Hillam



To quote from an early manuscript:

“...loco vocat[ur] Crickitt...”

Translated, this is:

“...a place called Cricket...”

The Latin words are part of a vellum manorial court roll relating to the village of Hillam (then spelt Hillome), near Selby, Yorkshire. The record chronicles the cases before the court for the year 1620. Included is the transfer of the holding, from Edward Robinson to Thomas Bew and his heirs in perpetuity, of two acres of land called Cricket. Since we know of no earlier reference to cricket in Yorkshire, we believe this manuscript to be of great importance in documenting the local roots of the game. Moreover, who can say what happened *before* 1620? For how many years had the game already been established in Hillam?

**More than a game: the story of cricket's early years by Sir John Major, published 2007 by HarperPress (page 118)*

What's more, almost four centuries later,

HILLAM AND MONK FRYSTON CRICKET CLUB

**celebrates the opening of the new pavilion
on Sunday 24th July 2011**