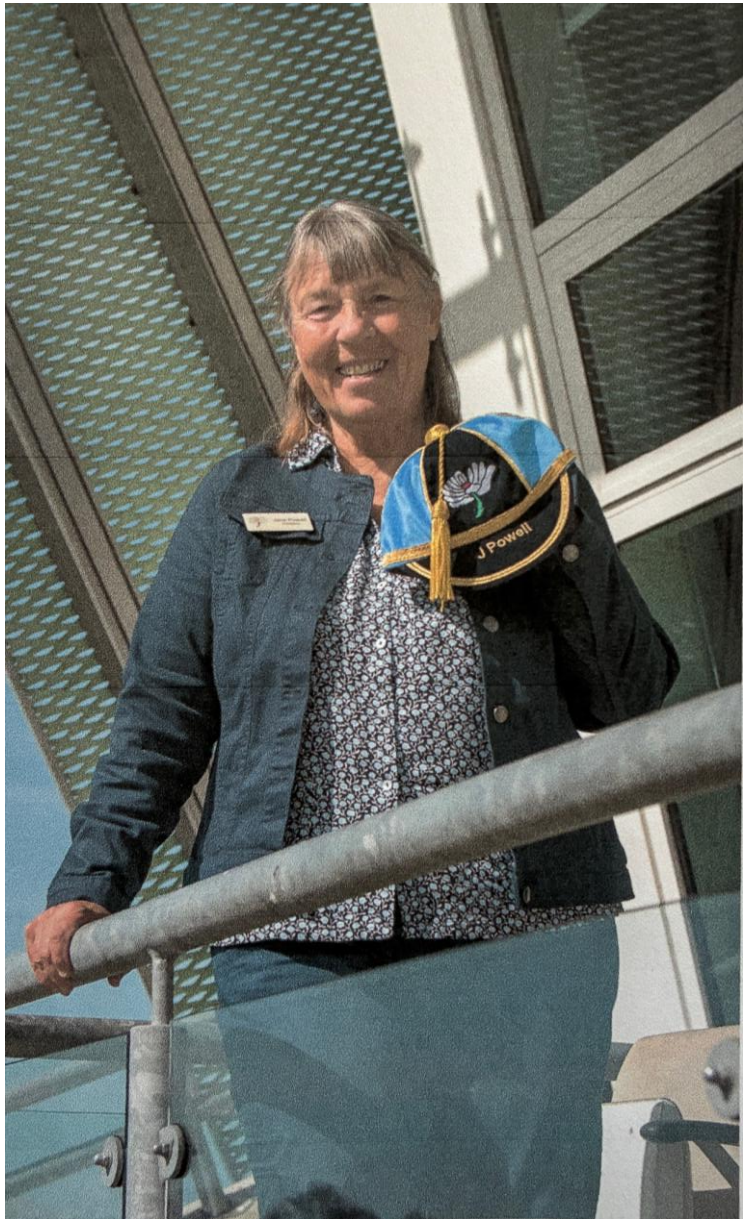

Cricket has always been a part of my life. From 4 months old was being taken to cricket every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday nights on the various pitches in Sheffield. I always thought of cricket as the family game as we attended as a family - Dad (Tony) played and Mum (Barbara) made the sandwiches.

It struck me that Dad was having the most fun and so myself and my twin sister Jill asked if we could play, the rest is history as they say.

Playing for Yorkshire in the very early days as a 16 year old meant that we travelled down to London to play in the national six a side competition. From that competition the Junior England side was selected and both Jill and were selected in our first year.

I was very lucky to captain a strong Yorkshire team who won county titles almost every year and 50% of the squad would play for England.

Family is the feeling whenever I think of cricket. Initially that was literally my family and latterly that is the different environments I have found myself in.

As Yorkshire President - the first female in 160 years - I have recognised just how strong the family" roots go in the County. On any given Sunday in the cricket season there are over 1,000 games of cricket. Most of those games will be family affairs with brothers, sons, daughters and fathers all coming together to play this great game.

If all those players recognised how important they are to the County we would attract more and more people to this wonderful game. To all of you, thank you for welcoming me into the Yorkshire family and just like my blood family, it feels nice to belong.

Jane Powell

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