

Instant hit: That's Yorks pop trio

Take a bricklayer and a miner, team them up with a warehouseman, and what emerges is an award-winning pop trio.

Since they got together four months ago after a chance meeting in a Castleford male boutique, Mick Cartwright, 28, and Paul Williamson and Mark Henderson, both 22, have become one of West Yorkshire clubland's most popular trios.

They have made such a rapid impression on club audiences that their group, Carlton Park, has been voted the top trio in the past year by the Halifax and West Yorkshire branch of the Club and Institute Union.

Tomorrow the likely lads will be among club acts receiving annual awards at an all-star concert at Sowerby Bridge Working Men's Club.

Lead guitarist and ex-bricklayer Mark Henderson, who is now a full-time professional, said: "Although we have only been playing together since January, the clubs have voted for us ahead of all the other trios and we are really pleased.

"It's amazing to think at the start of the year we were all with different groups, but then we met at a Castleford shop and decided to try our luck together."

Carlton Park are now doing so well that vocalist Mick Cartwright is about to leave Fryson Colliery, Castleford, to turn professional.

If their success continues at the present rate it won't be long before rhythm guitarist Paul Williamson is packing in his warehouseman's job at the Hickson and Welch chemical plant.

Invitations from clubs are coming in all the time.

Mark, who lives in Weetsworth Park, Glasshoughton, said: "Everything seems to be happening so quickly and we are now appearing four or five times a week."