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COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER

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Once again, thanks go to everyone who bought and sold tickets for the Christmas Draw. Congratulations go to the lucky winners and full details are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

There was a good attendance at the annual Presentation Night at The Old Bridge, Holmfirth on Saturday November 19th. It was also encouraging to see a large number of younger playing members there. They managed to keep the more venerable ones on their best behaviour. Tribute was paid to Mick Ingledow and David Oldham, both of whom have said that they are retiring from playing.

Shy and Retiring?

Mick joined us in 1996 from Hoylandswaine and made 234 first team appearances in his ten seasons, scoring just short of 6000 runs. Apart from holidays he scarcely missed a game in all that time and he was always very much a team player. Never the greatest stylist as a batsman, he always sold his wicket dearly and was always ready to encourage others, not least the younger players.

David goes back to playing as a junior in the 1960s and has been connected with the club as a player for about forty years. His only breaks came when he had a couple of years with Thongsbridge and about three years in the late 1970s working in Australia. His first team record of nearly 10000 runs and 648 wickets with a matter of 210 catches speaks for itself. Captain from 1982 to 1998, he encouraged the team to reach high standards and establish itself in the league's Premier Section. For the last five years his captaincy of the increasingly youthful second team has seen him lead by example and do a great deal to bring out the developing talents of many promising players. He has set a good example for those who now take over.

We hope to see both of them at the club as often as possible in the years ahead.



NB the above is a summary of comments made in a newsletter written at the end of September when circumstances meant that there was a limited circulation.

AGM

The chairman, secretary and treasurer were re-elected at the AGM on November 1st and Peter Holloway resumes as President for the next two years with Joyce Booth reverting to Senior Vice-President until roles change again in 2007. Lee Booth and John Eastwood continue as first team captain and vice-captain with Neil Booth and James Adler taking on the equivalent responsibilities in the seconds.

Three regular attenders gave apologies for absence from this meeting but the attendance was a little disappointing. It does only take about ninety minutes to conduct all the business and there is a chance to hear and read first

Xmas Draw Winners

Ticket No. - Prize
Winner

3340	£100
N. BOOTH	
1096	XMAS HAMPER
P.PETERS	
72	CHAMPAGNE
G. RISHTON	
2582	MYSTERY
B. HIRST	
2866	CHOCOLATES
GORDON (R.G.)	
1636	BRANDY
D. CRAVEN	
787	MYSTERY
S. ADLER	
2982	FLORAL DISPLAY
BILL (R.G.)	
3145	WHISKY
RUSS	
52	BOX BEERS
D.RISHTON	
1405	MYSTERY
J. HOLLIDAY	
202	BRANDY BASKET
A. PEARSON	
3146	BISCUITS
S. TODD	
1631	CUDDLY TOYS
T. TOMASI	
402	BACARDI
SONIA	
2051	CHAMPAGNE
J. TAYLOR	
986	MYSTERY
AMY OLDHAM	
2375	CHOCOLATES
WILF	
1299	PORT
SIMON WHITEHEAD	
1849	MEAT VOUCHER
J. PHILLPOTT	
3488	LAGERS
UNCLAIMED	

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 08th January 2005 - First Indoor Net (11am Almondbury High School)

Saturday 21st January 2005 - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 23rd April - First League Match
(First XI v Old Almondburians - home)
(Second XI v Almondbury Wes - away)

If you have any articles or ideas you would like to see in this newsletter, please let me know using one of the following methods. These can be related to the cricket club or the village in general.

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hand accounts of the previous season on and off the field as well as look at the balance sheet and learn where the money comes from and goes to.

Subscriptions for 2006 will be the same as in the past year. As a reminder they are as follows: **Senior Playing Member** - £15 plus £3 match fee for each game played (junior players or those still in full time education pay £1 when in either the first or second team); **Adult Social Member** - £7; Junior Member (aged 17 or under on September 1st 2005) - £15 (no match fee payable in junior games); **Family Membership** - Category 1 (senior playing member, spouse and one junior) - £30; Category 2 (one junior member and both non-playing parents/carers) - £20.

Subscriptions for 2006 are due on April 1st or as soon after that date as is practicable.

Grant From Kirklees

Fund raising, for the second successive year, was good and we can be pleased with the efforts made, considering we are such a relatively small organisation. As a result we entered the quieter winter period in a reasonably healthy state but always mindful of the need to repair large sections of the clubroom roof.

In the middle of October we had the welcome news that Kirklees had given us a grant of nearly £5000 towards the repairs. It was quite a long drawn out process but we got there in the end and we are grateful for the help and advice given by Councillor Mrs Christine Smith. It is hoped to have the work done by Christmas once a mandatory asbestos survey has been carried out and so we should be able to say goodbye to the utilitarian but unsightly tarpaulin and stones which have done duty for most of the past twelve months.

A big thank you must go to Jessica Stocks for her organisation of the Sponsored Walk on October 1st. It was a great example of someone taking the initiative and getting things done. The support received was also very gratifying and, with a few small amounts still outstanding, a total of £1866 had been raised by mid November. Thanks also go to the two families who added a donation for the roof repair fund to the cheque sent in with Christmas Draw money.

It is possible that some of this money may be left after all bills have been settled. The intention is to put this into a separate higher interest account designed specifically to build up funds towards future capital projects. It will not be used, short of the direst of emergencies, for paying regular bills.

In the not too distant future, work will also be needed on other areas of the clubroom and planning is at any early stage for the replacement of the changing pavilion. This may be a year or two ahead but it is important that we keep pace with other clubs as well as providing the best possible facilities for our own membership in keeping with modern expectations. The longest journey has to start with a single step and the first tentative strides have been made. We will keep you informed when progress is made.

Junior Developments

A separate newsletter for the junior section of the club will be circulated at the end of February of beginning of March giving details about activities at the start of the season.

In the meantime it is good to place on record the club's pride in the achievements of all our young players. Many of them contributed significantly in 2005 to both the first and second team and we are sure that the latter is by some distance the youngest in the entire league. On several occasions our opponents said how impressed they were with their skills and their attitude whatever the state of the game.

In their own competitions all the teams did well with great strides forward being made, particularly by the Under 13s. It is hoped that this enthusiasm is maintained next year and, as ever, if any new players can be recruited they will be sure of a warm welcome.

Under 11s

It is hoped to form an Under 11 team for the 2007 season. With this in mind we intend to hold a mini festival of cricket for Under 9s during 2006. Junior schools in the immediate area will be contacted with the relevant information and they will be encouraged to bring along teams for a six or eight a side game in a restricted area and playing with a soft ball. The emphasis will be on having a go and pure enjoyment with any 'result' very much a secondary consideration.

It is hoped to increase awareness of the club even further. We shall, of course, need extra help with coaching and we are going to try to encourage some of our sixteen and seventeen year olds to give a hand with the younger groups, guided by more experienced adults, but any volunteers, even on an occasional basis will be very welcome.

Xmas Draw Winners

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

527 MYSTERY
L. BOOTH

1575 WHISKY
SAM WRIGHT

472 WINES
TESS

2495 MYSTERY
T. COURTNEY

1447 WINE
P. BRIERLEY

3015 FLORAL DISPLAY
G. BROWN (R.G.)

94 MYSTERY
GEMMA RISHTON

551 MYSTERY
LEE BOOTH

2839 T-SHIRT
LINDA BRAMMALL

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