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## SANTA'S POSER: IS IT GOING TO RAIN DEAR?

by ANDREW PEARSON

Thank you to everyone who sold and/or bought tickets and to those who kindly donated prizes for our annual Christmas Draw. Your support is very much appreciated. A list of winners and the ticket numbers appear in the side column of this newsletter. Congratulations to the winners and I hope those who were not lucky this time have better fortune next year.

The draw is an important fund raiser for the club and the total amount from this source is usually around £600. A few bills have to be paid before next April, not least insurance, and so this money helps towards paying them.

### THE 2007 SEASON

This will be remembered, at least in part, for the wet weather which was unprecedented in its persistence. All teams suffered with the firsts probably the worst hit as eight out of twenty-two league games were unfinished, including four which never started and two others in which a total of six overs were bowled. Even the most dedicated cricketers found enthusiasm hard to sustain because of the stop-start nature of things which included a period of a month when the first team never took the field.

In spite of that there were achievements to celebrate. The Under 17s won a closely contested Walker Cup final against Armitage Bridge to take that trophy for the first time. Angus Cox with his fifty and three wickets was Man of the Match. He also won the Keith Shaw Trophy for Fielder of the Year in senior cricket.

Batting and bowling awards in the first and second teams respectively went to John Eastwood and Gary Oldroyd and to Lee Booth and Greg Holmes.

Both senior sides finished in fifth place in their sections and the first team achieved the proud record of completing its twenty-fifth successive year in the Central League's top section. David Rishton has the distinction of playing in every one of those. He has now been chosen in the first team on 588 occasions, second only to Martin Oldham on 670. The latter has finally called it a day after thirty-five years in senior cricket, starting as a fourteen year old in 1972. The golf course now calls. A brief tribute was paid to him for his loyal commitment at our Dinner and Presentation Night on Saturday November 10th.

The Oldham family continues to be well represented by his nephew Sam and his son Jack who was a valuable member of the Huddersfield Joe Lumb team in his final season as a junior. He is already well established as an opening batsman in the first team and I am sure he can look forward to many years of cricket. Also gaining repre-

### Xmas Draw Winners

#### Ticket No. - Prize Winner

2639 - £100  
S. Adler

724 - Xmas Hamper  
Gareth

1944 - Champagne  
Gill H

3567 - Quality Street  
Claire Field

2356 - Box of Wine  
Casper

312 - Mystery Prize  
John Booth

1918 - Bottle of Port  
Martin H

306 - Box of Biscuits  
Roz

2217 - Bottle of Wine  
E. Sykes

2167 - Mystery Prize  
Simba

1237 - Whisky  
C. Mawhinney

1469 - Coffe Set  
R. Haigh

2237 - Mulled Wine  
E. Sykes

2988 - Mystery Prize  
L. Bostock

875 - Box of Biscuits  
Dean

3516 - Pack of Lagers  
S. Horsfall

3438 - Port  
J. Philpott

2322 - Bottle of Wine  
Lee

256 - Celebrations  
B. Jessop

1847 - Mystery Prize  
A. Booth

### Forthcoming Events

Sunday 06th January - First Indoor Net (11am Almondbury High School)

Saturday 19th January - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 20th April - First League Match - 1st Xi v Cawthorne (home)

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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sentative honours was Henry Philpott who played in one of the two games organised for the Huddersfield Under 12 age group in preparation for the fuller Under 13 programme in 2008.

The biggest change for the club was the formation of the Under 11 and Under 9 squads. In spite of the weather many busy and purposeful practice sessions were held on Tuesday evenings. We were delighted with the response and we hope to build on this in 2008. Lee Booth established or renewed contacts with several local first and junior schools and, assisted by three or four other club members, he conducted a series of coaching sessions in late April and throughout much of May which were well attended and much appreciated by those involved.

We continue to try to add to our coaching staff and it has been pleasing to see several of our young players, who themselves are only recently out of junior cricket, helping out on a regular or an occasional basis. Their energies are much appreciated by the more experienced stalwarts who remain part of the team for 2008. Details of arrangements for the new season will come in our pre-season newsletter which will be posted to you in late February/early March. Any new members of this important section of the club will be most welcome so any publicity you can give, over and above our own contacts, is very welcome.

### **OFF FIELD DEVELOPMENTS**

Our veteran reserve outfield mower, about forty years old, gallantly stayed the course after the theft in late June of the one we obtained in 2004. If it had not kept going during the second part of the season, we would have had serious problems. The specialist machine which cuts the match wickets also disappeared at the same time and that had done barely twelve months service. Insurance obviously helps in replacing the lost items although our policy does include excess payment.

The new machines should be in action by next spring and we have removed the old garage, which was getting rather unsightly, and it will be replaced by a storage unit which, we hope, will be more resistant to burglary attempts.

A Sponsored Walk at the beginning of September was well supported and attempts are being made to set aside funds for a medium term aim which is the replacement of our changing facilities. We are getting informal estimates for the cost of this so any grant applications in the future have ready essential evidence of forward planning.

At our AGM Joyce Booth once more took on the role of President on the two year cycle she shares with Peter Holloway who, in turn, becomes Senior Vice-President. Trevor Peace was elected chairman, replacing Lee Booth who stood down after one year. Lee has many other tasks in the club and the extra responsibilities of being chairman as well as doing all the other things was becoming rather demanding. Trevor is a long standing member and had a period of time as treasurer during the 1980s.

### **INDOOR NETS**

The sessions start on Sunday January 6th 2008 at Almondbury High School Sports Centre from 11.00 to 12.00 and will continue to Easter. Junior members qualified for the Under 15s upwards are welcome to attend, even on an occasional basis. Unfortunately the space available does not enable us to offer the facilities to the younger age groups.

### **PRE-SEASON AT THURSTONLAND CC**

Precise details will be given in the newsletter in spring but the format we tried last year seemed to work well with the 'signing on' evening on a Thursday in early April, when subscriptions can be paid and any alterations made to essential family information, with the first practice sessions the following week.

**BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR  
FROM EVERYONE AT THURSTONLAND CC**

## **Xmas Draw Winners**

### **Ticket No. - Prize Winner**

**1648 - Bath products  
J. Higgins**

**305 - Bottle of Wine  
Roz**

**2667 - Mystery Prize  
A. Jones**

**2570 - Bottle of Wine  
Leeds Sc**

**859 - Bottle of Salts  
Paul**

**347 - Bottle of Wine  
Peter H**

**2334 - Bacardi  
Lee**

**136 - Xmas Table Decoration  
I. Dunn**

**3923 - Xmas Table Decoration  
Y. Morley**

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