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## IF CHRISTMAS COMES CAN CRICKET BE FAR BEHIND?

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Once again I would like to express thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Draw by selling or buying tickets or by donating prizes. This fund raising venture does come at a time of year when there are considerable demands on the purse strings but the money raised is important to the club and your support is greatly valued. Not everyone can be a winner but congratulations go to those who have been lucky this year.

Since the beginning of September there have been four events which are enjoyable affairs in themselves but which also help to raise essential funds to see us through the winter months when bills still have to be paid. The first of these was the Sponsored Walk when over thirty people did a round trip from the club via Farnley Tyas, Thunderbridge, Shepley and Stockmoor. Some of the money raised was donated to the Breast Cancer Awareness charity and being 'pretty in pink' was part of the dress code. If you are brave enough you can view a short video as well as several still shots of the walk featuring some unlikely characters in the required colour on our website at [www.thurstonlandcc.com](http://www.thurstonlandcc.com). Our Harvest Home on the last weekend of the season was also well supported and we are grateful to those who attended for the auction of produce and to those who generously donated items. The Wacky Races night in October was organised by Lee Booth with wagers on the outcome of the races in the cartoon series popular a few years ago adding excitement to the event. Vehicles in each race were sponsored.

### DAVID RISHTON

The first Saturday in November saw fifty members and friends of the club at our Annual Dinner and Presentation Night at The Old Bridge Hotel, Holmfirth. As well as presentations to the winners of batting, bowling and fielding prizes for 2009, a special feature was acknowledgement of David Rishton's tremendous contributions to the club since joining us in 1983. In July he took his 1000th first team wicket and he was presented with the specially mounted match ball to celebrate this achievement. He received a standing ovation as he went up to receive this memento.

He is probably best known to Under 15 members as their coach for over ten years and he is now stepping down from that role as well as retiring from playing regularly. It is his intention to make occasional appearances on the playing field in 2010 but, when including ten years turning out for his native village of Cowling between Skipton and Keighley in the Craven League, he feels that after thirty - seven years of regular weekend commitments the time has come to step down. He will continue to be a committee member and the club is indebted to him for continuing to

### Xmas Draw Winners

#### Ticket No. - Prize Winner

- 1139 - £100  
Evan McFalls
- 1563 - Hamper  
Dave B
- 1341 - Champagne  
S Kerr
- 1592 - Biscuits  
Ann Thackeray
- 1641 - Mystery  
C Adamson
- 1795 - Vodka  
Charlie
- 100 - Chocolate  
George Weaver
- 1647 - Mystery  
AP
- 349 - Port  
Gill Coldwell
- 1150 - Biscuits  
Vicki Moorhouse
- 483 - Mystery  
Suzi Clothiers
- 1656 - Rum  
Gill H
- 820 - Mystery  
J Brooker
- 1509 - Martini  
Tim Coy
- 386 - Mystery  
Jads
- 347 - Shortbread  
Renee
- 1345 - Mystery  
E Kerr
- 1633 - Wine  
Mark
- 1214 - Mystery  
Rob Pinder
- 531 - Chocolate  
Linda B

#### Forthcoming Events

Sunday 10th January - First Indoor Net (1pm Almondbury High School)

Saturday 23rd January - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 25th April - First League Match

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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organise our senior match sponsorship and for the years he put in as club treasurer during the early 1990s.

Yorkshire CCC Junior Membership (Under 12 category and 12 - 18 category): I have six publicity leaflets for this offer. The cost is £39 which entitles the member to entry to all YCCC home games as well as other benefits. Please ring 01422 - 365762 (Andrew Pearson) if you would like details sending.

### THE 2009 JUNIOR SEASON

Writing this at the end of November which has seen rain on just about every day of the month, it is good to reflect on cricket and anticipate at least some days in pleasant sunshine. Whilst not a vintage summer for weather, 2009 was an improvement on the previous two years although it did not have much to beat. Tuesday practice nights were largely unaffected by rain although Thursday fared a little less well. Sunday mornings for the Under 13s and Monday evenings for the Under 15s saw relatively few interruptions but Wednesdays for the Under 11s and Under 17s were a different story as several downpours led to cancellations.

Junior teams in total represented the club in between fifty and sixty matches or tournaments. Individually and collectively they were a credit to the club and the Under 9s created quite an impression in their distinctive team shirts. The Under 17s struggled on one or two occasions to field a full team and the aim is to make sure that players continue to move through the age groups. It is recognised that other commitments and interests develop over the years but we are anxious to maintain our proud record of being one of the few clubs in the area to have fielded teams at all age groups as they have been established for over twenty years. For the record our Under 17s were formed in the early 1960s, the Under 13s in 1982, the Under 15s in 1988, the Under 11s in 2006 and the Under 9s in 2007.

Contacts with local schools are being maintained to foster interest in cricket in general and to recruit new members for the club but encouragement from existing members is also helpful. Please mention us to friends who might be interested in joining us. They can be assured of a warm welcome. Our senior teams are made up of almost 70% of current or former junior members and both Tom Broom and Josh Booth, both sixteen, played some games in the first team last season whilst the latter won the second team batting prize. Jonathan Mudd and Ashley Blore also made one first team appearance each as well as playing in the seconds whilst other juniors representing the second eleven in 2009 were Oliver Bailey, Cameron Field and Henry Philpott.

Winter Nets start at Almondbury HS Sports Centre on Sunday January 10th from 1 - 2 pm and will continue until near Easter. Under 17s and Under 15s are welcome to attend, even on an occasional basis. Unfortunately space does not allow for younger members.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010

We feel that our subscription rates give good value for money. It was mentioned in last March's pre-season that two small increases were being proposed for the next two years (2010 and 2011). These were approved at our AGM on November 10th and for next year the fee for all playing members is £25. Social membership remains at £7. For reference senior players have an additional match fee of £3 for each game.

Family member options remain available as follows: Category 1 - Senior player, wife/partner and one junior player £40 (a saving of £17 on paying for each category separately). Category 2 - One junior player with both parents as social members £30 (a saving of £9). All adult club members (aged 18 and over) are able to hire the club for a special occasion, including kitchen and bar facilities, free of charge. There is no match fee for junior games and no extra payment for practice sessions and £1 is requested from junior members representing a senior team.

### PRE-SEASON NEWSLETTER

As usual a newsletter will be sent at the end of February or beginning of March with information about the signing on night at the beginning of April and the arrangements for practices. Any help with these sessions, even on an occasional basis, is very welcome. Please do not wait to be asked and full guidance about helping small groups will be given by club coaches. Helping our enthusiastic young players is what it is all about. They are a pleasure to be with.

## Xmas Draw Winners

### Ticket No. - Prize Winner

1140 - Bacardi  
Ciaran McFalls

276 - Mystery  
Josh Davis

1082 - Wine  
Simon Farrar

981 - Glasses  
Blyth

1083 - DVD (cricket)  
Simon Farrar

374 - Wine  
Jads

302 - Wine  
Ash H

1218 - Spark wine  
Rob Pinder

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