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## WINTER DRAWS ON AGAIN

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### CHRISTMAS DRAW

Once again the club would like to express its gratitude for the support given to the draw whether as buyers of tickets, indefatigable sellers or donators of prizes. The money raised is of great value during the quieter close season and you can be assured that it is put to good use.

Details of the winning tickets, drawn at the club on Saturday December 11th, appear in a separate column. Congratulations go to those who have had the luck of the draw whilst hopes for better fortune next time are extended to everyone else.

### CLUBMARK

In September it was confirmed by the Yorkshire Cricket Board, the regional body of the ECB, that we had been given Clubmark status. The application process is quite a lengthy one and we are grateful for the time put in by a number of people filling in the necessary forms and arranging for visits so that we could reach our goal. Lee Booth was the project leader and our treasurer, Gill Halliday, co-ordinated much of the paper work required to keep the necessary records of our junior membership.

The award is in recognition of the way the club is run generally with a strong emphasis on the provision made for junior members, in particular the organisation of the coaching sessions and the way in which they are made to feel supported in a caring environment. We have always enjoyed working with young cricket enthusiasts whatever their abilities and any newcomers are assured of a warm and friendly welcome.



We are continuing to try to expand our coaching base and it has been very encouraging in the last year or two to see several members getting involved who themselves are at the end of their 'junior' playing days or not far removed from them as well as the with parental help with small groups of our Under 9s.

### JUNIOR CRICKET IN 2011

Precise details of our provision for 2011 will be given in the pre-season newsletter which is sent out in late February or early March but Tuesday will be the evening for the Under 13s, Under 11s and Under 9s.

## Xmas Draw Winners

### Ticket No. - Prize Winner

2260 - £100  
Sam Roseveare

60 - Hamper  
Blythe

1741 - Champagne  
Chris Kenworthy

1556 - Mystery  
Andy

2139 - Xmas Cake  
Chris Curry

2239 - Chocolates  
Mel Blore

457 - Mystery  
Farrar

1069 - Bacardi  
Josh Eastwood

2213 - Wine  
James Adler

2207 - Mystery  
S Poole

2025 - Rugs  
Greg Holmes

2307 - Wine  
Jennifer Booth

2093 - Mystery  
Roey

1920 - Saki  
Joyce Booth

660 - Martini  
Arthur Difford

2186 - Wine  
A Hirst

1824 - Mystery  
Mark Hill

1037 - Sweets  
Josh Eastwood

1916 - Rugs  
Brian Lightowler

1024 - Box Beer  
Josh Eastwood

### Forthcoming Events

First Indoor Net (TBA)

Saturday 15th January - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 29th 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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The Under 15s will continue on Thursdays but we will not be running an Under 17 team in 2011. This was not an easy decision to make but last season, and we were far from being the only club to experience this, numbers were very low at that level and it was thanks to the Under 15s and Under 13s that we were able to fulfil our fixtures. The situation with this age group will be monitored and it is hoped to resume again in 2012.

We hope that all those who were with us in 2010 at the younger age groups will be involved again and if that is the case then all teams from U15 down to U9 have an adequately sized squad. As ever, any new recruits will be most welcome with word of mouth recommendation an effective means of publicity.

We would like to register all our Under 15 players for senior cricket when the time comes for our signing on night in April next year. This means that they are available for the second team if the need arises without the need for form filling on the week or, indeed, the day of a game. Anyone who does play, and there were a number who did so last season, will be given every support from senior players and experience all aspects of a game and not used just as 'fielding fodder' in remote parts. Expectations will be realistic but it is important that young players are encouraged both for their own benefit and for the longer term future of the club.

No one below Year 8 (still part of the Under 13s) is allowed to play in senior cricket and Year 8 students must have the signed consent of a parent or carer. Only in the rarest circumstances will anyone in this category be chosen for a senior team.

### **CLOSE SEASON MATTERS**

Since early September members have raised money for the club and the Yorkshire Air ambulance via a sponsored walk and Lee Booth has spent two weeks with a group from Cricket Without Boundaries coaching in Rwanda with the aim also of raising awareness about key health issues (see [www.cwbrwanda.co.uk](http://www.cwbrwanda.co.uk)). He and two friends successfully completed a marathon by running 120 laps of our field to raise funds towards the cost of the trip. We had our annual Harvest Home in October and our Presentation Dinner and AGM in November.

Details of winter net arrangements will be given to Under 15s when they are known and they are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions arranged. Jack Oldham, elected as first team captain for 2011, and at twenty-one probably the youngest ever person to hold that position on a regular basis, will finalise details in the near future.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2011**

We feel that our subscription rates give good value for money. In 2009 it was decided at our AGM that two small increases would apply in 2010 and 2011. Next year the fee for all playing members is £30. 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 £45 (a saving of £22 on paying for each category separately). Category 2 - One junior player with both parents as social members £35 (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 although £1 is requested from junior members representing a senior team.

### **PRE-SEASON NEWSLETTER**

Once again a reminder is given that a pre-season 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 precise 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**

**53 - Wine**  
Blythe

**811 - Wine**  
Tony Stone

**449 - Mystery**  
Farrar

**1745 - Glasses**  
Michael Batineca

**2185 - Martini**  
Dave Barron

**644 - Box Beer**  
Arthur Difford

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