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COUNTDOWN TO CRICKET

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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 10th, 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.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Grant aid received from Kirkburton Parish Council, Kirklees and the Common Good Trust enabled work on our facilities to be carried out during 2011. Disabled access was improved by the building of a ramp to the front of the clubhouse and a safety railing will be added once we are through the worst of the winter weather. The new patio area received favourable comments when it came into use in the second half of last season and, again, a few small additions to its surroundings ought to be in place soon after matches begin again.

Both the gents and ladies toilets have undergone major refurbishment over the past eighteen months and we are also grateful to club members who redecorated the clubhouse itself during the early part of last summer. As well as benefiting club members, our facilities have been used in the last twelve months for at least three birthday celebrations and a christening party whilst Longwood Harriers once



again held their annual presentation night at the club in March and in June staged the 10k Joe Percy memorial race around the locality, starting at the club. Two hundred runners representing athletics clubs from all over West and South Yorkshire took part with the furthest travelled being a team from Rossendale, just over the border in Lancashire. Great value is placed on our links with other sporting organisations.

Hire of our premises is free to senior club members whilst open ended terms can be dis-

Xmas Draw Winners

Prize - Ticket No. Winner

£100 - 1506
Rob Pinder

Xmas Hamper - 1788
E Kerr

Sweet Hamper - 2012
Bullas

Whiskey - 1557
Kaye

Shortbread box - 1641
Josh Eastwood

Crate Beer - 1888
Gill Halliday

Whiskey - 1957
Duffy

Bacardi - 466
P Flannagan

Biscuits - 415
Dave Harrison

Sweets - 128
Mr & Mrs P Lees

Mystery - 1971
Lynne Whiteley

Quality Street - 1678
Robert Moorhouse

Mystery - 1128
Suzi Clothiers

Mystery - 126
Mr & Mrs P Lees

Mystery - 1963
Martin Parker

Mystery - 2052
Vicki Moorhouse

Quality Street - 181
Lee Booth

Beer & Glasses - 46
Mark Hill

Mystery Bag - 1688
Difford

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 26th January - First Indoor Net 7.30pm @ Holmfirth High School

Saturday 21st January - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 22nd 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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cussed with others wishing to make use of our premises.

JUNIOR CRICKET IN 2012

Precise details of our provision for 2012 will be given in the pre-season newsletter which is sent out in late February or early March but Tuesday will again be the evening for the Under 13s, Under 11s and Under 9s practice sessions.

The Under 15s will continue on Thursdays and we are reviving our Under 17 team after a one year absence. We would like to register all our Under 17 and 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 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.

For reasons involving, variously, family commitments, work schedules, injury and world travel we 'lost' about twelve senior players at the start of 2011 who either did not play at all or who were able to do so only on an irregular basis. The contributions of young players in covering these gaps was greatly valued but every effort is being made to ensure that they are not required to carry too great a responsibility in 2012 whilst giving as many as possible appropriate experience in the second or, in one or two cases, the first team. Any recruitment of young players by existing members is most welcome.

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.

WINTER NETS

These start on **Thursday January 26th** at the newly refurbished **Holmfirth High School Sports Centre** from **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**. Four lanes are available and **junior members are encouraged to go along to any session for practice and coaching**. The final gathering will be on Thursday March 22nd when we will be just three weeks or so away from starting outside.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2012

We feel that our subscription rates give good value for money. Next year **the fee for all playing members is £30** which is unchanged from 2011. Social membership remains at £7. For reference senior players have an additional match fee of £3 for each game.

Family membership options remain available as follows: **Category 1** - Senior player, wife/partner and one junior player £50 (a saving of £17 on paying for each category separately). **Category 2** - One junior player with both parents as social members £35 (a saving of £9). Any further junior members in the same family pay the £30 membership. 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.

Remember: **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.**

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.

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