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QUICK ON THE DRAW

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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, determined sellers or donators of prizes. Funds raised are put to good use and help cash flow at a quieter time of the year.

Details of the winning tickets, drawn at the club on Saturday December 10th, appear in a separate column.

CLUB NEWS

Rare short spells apart the 2016 summer was not favoured with the best of weather and both senior and junior teams had games interrupted by the elements or fixtures cancelled altogether. The first team got off to a slow start and did not have its first win until May 14. Things improved considerably after that with seventh place in its section being eventually achieved. For the first time we had the services of an overseas player. Mandeep Oberoi from Melbourne financed his whole trip himself and his left arm spin brought him 34 wickets and the first team bowling award for the season. His infectious enthusiasm for cricket was readily apparent throughout his stay.

Once again the second team improved on the previous season's league position finishing in fifth place in the club's



third season in the Drakes Huddersfield League.

A combination of experience and youth was a feature throughout the year and as ever it is very encouraging to see several of our junior players contributing significantly to senior cricket. Our aim as always is to continue to foster youthful talent.

Xmas Draw

Prize - Ticket No.

£100 - 1245
J Matthews

Xmas Hamper - 1901
D Andiyapan

Whisky - 641
Brenda V

Decorated Xmas cake - 537
Archie Bailey

Wine & Chocs - 1912
Russell Mottram

Wine & Chocs - 388
R Bradfield

Mystery - 1623
Louise Bailey

Biscuits - 525
Antoney Bailey

Chocolates - 389
R Bradfield

Mystery - 653
B Lightowler

Mystery - 662
Andy Booth

Candy hamper - 1284
Ann Herbert

Wine & Chocs - 674
Dazzler Burton Safes

Wine & Biscuits - 2031
Greg Holmes

Chocolate hamper - 2154
Bolly @ Dalkeith

Wine & Biscuits - 2143
Nick Corley

Chocolates - 1890
Lee Booth

Chocolate - 329
Janet Burhouse

Box beer - 338
Hillary Askham

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 19th January - First Indoor Net
6.00pm - U9s & u11s
7.00pm - u13s & u15s
8.00pm - Seniors

Saturday 28th January - Ladies Dinner

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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JUNIOR CRICKET

Lower numbers of players meant that, like several other clubs, we did not field an Under 17 team in 2016 although nearly all of those in the age group made significant numbers of appearances in both the first and second teams. Players retention post sixteen is an issue being looked at by governing bodies of many sports.

The other age groups performed creditably in spite of weather frustrations with the Under 11s being the most successful in terms of results. It is a little more satisfying to win rather than lose but the emphasis for young players must always be on the pleasure of taking part and developing personal skills whatever the level of ability and in the enjoyment of sharing a healthy activity in the company of friends. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2017 and would like to encourage all current members to persuade friends interested in cricket to become members. They can be assured of a warm welcome.

WINTER NETS

These start at Holmfirth HS Sports Centre on **Thursday January 19th** 2017 and continue until late March. **Junior members can attend from 6.00 to 8.00 with senior players practising from 8.00 to 9.00.** A contribution of £2 per session is requested to help offset the costs of hiring the facilities. Lee Booth and other senior members will be there to help with coaching our young players.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017

We feel that our subscription rates give good value for money. Next year **the fee for junior members will remain unaltered at £40.** Social membership is £10.

Family membership is available for one junior player and both parents/carers at £50 and confirmation of this will be sent in the pre-season newsletter.

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.

Match fees in both senior and junior cricket have been abolished with a lump sum of £70 now the rate for senior players, payable in two instalments if required. **Several players still qualified for junior teams make valuable contributions to the senior sides but their subscription is still the £40 due for Under 17s and below.**

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 in early April and the precise arrangements for outdoor 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.

Mystery - 346
Mark Askham

Bacardi - 1571
John Torley

Baileys - 1950
Dan Peace

Cava - 1515
K Dickson

Prosecco - 1918
Russell Mottram

Whisky - 2049
Greg Holmes

Shortbread - 1937
Russell Mottram

Smellies - 678
L Brown Burton Safes

Whisky - 1659
Shabeer Malik

Meat voucher - 433
Joanne Burhouse

Mystery - 2102
S Poole

Big Chocolate Bar - 581
Rachel Empson

Mystery - 429
Joanne Burhouse