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## THURSTONLAND CALLING..... THURSTONLAND CALLING.....

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Having been notified ten days earlier, the club was host to a team from BBC Radio 4 on Sunday June 19th. The programme concerned is Open Country which goes out for twenty minutes on a Saturday morning at 6.10 and in an extended thirty minute version at 1.30 on Thursday afternoon. The recording made at the Flockton cup game, interrupted at tea by the thunderstorm, will be broadcast on July 2nd and July 7th.

The programme's remit is coverage of rural affairs and we had been 'discovered' via a trawl through the internet which happened upon our website and a link from there to Peter Davies (Huddersfield University) who is leading the Calderdale and Kirklees Cricket Heritage Project. If you have not been able to hear the broadcast then do not despair as a CD will be sent as a souvenir and thank you from the BBC.

Several people were interviewed and the age range covered was from Jack Oldham, fresh from his excellent 81 in the cup match, to Harry Broom, one of our oldest members and a stalwart on the playing field from the forties to the sixties, who had made the journey from his home in Southport. All participants are now looking forward to nominations at the appropriate presentation ceremonies.

### PLAYING MATTERS

The first team is in third place in the Premier Section after nine games, having lost only to Birchencliffe and Cawthorne who are the two sides above them. Runs have flowed in most of the games and not only form the usual suspects. John Eastwood has passed the 400 run mark for the season but both Kris Thackray and Jack Oldham have shown excellent form and are almost at the 300 run landmark as I write. With significant contributions also from Lee Booth, Martin Oldham and Mick Ingldow in several games, the lower order has had few opportunities. Indeed David Rishton has yet to have an innings as the season approaches the halfway mark. Rumour has it that he has had his pads on twice but the reliability of our source has to be checked.

All the main bowlers have had several good performances as well with Dan Peace leading the way with 20 wickets. Lee Booth has 18, Greg Holmes 14, including an excellent 5/15 at Hoylandswaine, and David Rishton 13. David's lat-



est wicket was his 850th for the first team and Dan Peace has now reached the 250 wicket mark as well as recently making his 200th first team appearance. Two more victims, possibly taken by the time this is read, will see Lee Booth reach 400 wickets.

The second team, winless after four games, have not lost since and have raced up the Section C table to be six points behind the leading two sides Azaad B and Flockton whom they beat in a low scoring encounter. The game against Azaad was a victim of the weather at the end of April.

David Howarth has scored important runs with good contributions also from Sam Oldham, with two fifties to his name, Gareth Howell and Mark Hill, not forgetting a good 61\* from Neil Booth against Holmbridge. This has helped the young bowling attack to play its part.

David Johnson has already taken 25

### Fixtures

#### 1st Team

Sat Jul 09  
Birchencliffe A (A)

Sat Jul 16  
Cumberworth A (H)

Sat Jul 23  
Woolley A (A)

Sat Jul 30  
Green Moor A (H)

Sat Aug 06  
Old Almondburians A (A)

Sat Aug 13  
Cawthorne A (H)

Sat Aug 20  
Denby Dale A (A)

#### 2nd Team

Sat Jul 09  
Birchencliffe B (H)

Sat Jul 16  
Azaad B (A)

Sat Jul 23  
Nuffield Hosp Hudds B (H)

Sat Jul 30  
Denby Dale B (A)

Sat Aug 06  
Almondbury Wes. B (H)

Sat Aug 13  
Penistone C&S B (A)

Sat Aug 20  
Flockton A (H)

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### Forthcoming Events

Saturday 02nd July - Village Gala

Sunday 10th July - U15 Cup Final at Thurstonland

Sunday 28th August - Twenty20 Re-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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wickets and, with nine victims in the last three games, Ashley Armitage has 16. Sam Oldham has a double opening role at the moment and his bowling has brought him 7 wickets to add to his contributions with the bat. Under 15 Angus Cox also made his mark with 4/14 in the second round Tinker Cup game at Nortonthorpe. This is all very encouraging.

#### EVENTS OFF THE FIELD

It was disappointing to say the least that the Graeme Fowler evening had to be cancelled at the last minute because of a breakdown in communications between him and his agents. This was potentially a good fund raising event as well as a chance to hear a good speaker talk about cricket. The bag packing at Morrison's raised £303 which is a welcome addition to club funds. Thanks go to all helpers and particularly to the junior members and their families who were on duty for either the morning or afternoon sessions.

As everyone should be well aware, the roof on the clubhouse needs attention. The money requires runs well into four figures. As ever it seems, grant applications start promisingly but then seem to founder. We have not yet had the final decision from Kirklees but things are not looking too good it seems. The thunderstorm which put a halt to play in the Flockton cup-tie also set off leaks in the visiting changing room. This is not a satisfactory state of affairs. Please support any fund raising efforts and pass on any ideas to resolve these issues, including potential sources of labour, possibly voluntary.

Wednesday June 29th (7.30 pm start) sees the Longwood Harriers Joe Percy Memorial 10k race from the club and, of course, the Village Gala is on the outfield on Saturday July 2nd. All support is welcome.

### Under 13's

The team appears to have benefited from its experiences last time and has been much more competitive this season. Wins in our section have been enjoyed over Upper Hopton and Almondbury Wesleyans on the field whilst Cumberworth had, sadly, to concede the game at the beginning of the Spring Bank half-term break as they were unable to raise a side because of holiday commitments.

We also beat Upper Hopton in the cup before losing to a strong Kexbrough team in the next round after a spirited effort. They also beat us in our section game. The other defeat came against Shelley in our only really below par performance in 2005.

Tom Broom is the leading wicket taker at the moment and he has also held on to five catches. Benji Philpott and Josh Booth have also enjoyed success with the ball with Deklan Womersley and Ashley Blore the most consistent run scorers although others have had one or two good innings. Improved fielding has been a particularly encouraging feature of the games so far.

### Fixtures

Sun Jul 03  
Kirkheaton (A)

Sun Jul 10  
Shepley (H)

Sun Jul 17  
Rastrick (A)

Sun Jul 24  
Clayton West (A)

### Under 15's

The under 15s have made a brilliant start to the season and after 10 games it's a case of played 10, won 10. Half of the games have been in the cup and with wins over Scholes, Skelmanthorpe, Denby Dale and Golcar they play Thongsbridge in the cup final at Thurstonland on Sunday 10th July.

Five wins out of five in the league have been achieved by scoring a lot of runs and bowling and fielding tightly. Jack Oldham has been the star with the bat, already scoring 286 runs and only being out once but other lads have also made regular important runs - Russell Mottram, Angus Cox and Joe Law. All the bowlers - Jordan and Joe Thackray, Jack Butterworth, Angus Cox, Joe Law, Jack Oldham and Sam Wright have taken wickets at the right times and have been backed up by some excellent fielding.

Keep up the good work boys.

### Fixtures

Mon Jul 04  
Honley (A)

Mon Jul 11  
Shepley (A)

Mon Jul 18  
Thongsbridge (H)

Mon Jul 25  
Meltham (A)

### Under 17's

A promising start to the season with wins over Kirkburton, Cumberworth and a hard fought last over victory over Shepley saw us top of the table after the first three fixtures. However the subsequent loss of 4 points for playing an unregistered player and a heavy recent defeat to Lascelles Hall has seen us slip to mid-table with only 4 more league games remaining this season hope of the title have all but gone.

After reaching the Walker cup final last year it was also disappointing to go out in the second round this year after a narrow defeat by Clayton West. With the hosts making 91 for 6 from their allotted 16 overs and Thurstonland finishing on 88 for 9 with A.Thackray (33) and A.Cox (38) making the runs.

So although it looks like there will be no trophies to be collected this season, there have been many encouraging signs and it is also good to see that the majority of the team is getting at least some experience in the senior sides.

### Fixtures

Wed Jul 06  
Clayton West (A)

Wed Jul 13  
Emley (H)

Wed Jul 20  
Almondbury Wes (H)

Wed Jul 27  
Denby Dale (H)