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Springing into action...

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After a gap of about five years it is intended to revive the club newsletter so look after this first edition which may well become a collector's item and may, indeed, feature on The Antiques Roadshow in 2103. There is no truth in the rumour that some of the committee already qualify for such an appearance!

The intention is to keep members and friends of the club informed about matters concerning the club on and off the field and we hope to publish editions for May, June, July, August/September during the playing season with two others near Christmas and just before Easter. To maximise interest any items you wish to see included should be mentioned to the secretary (A.Pearson) or written yourself. We hope to involve junior members in writing reviews and updates of their seasons and publicising the achievements of that important section of the club.

Off the field fund-raising continues to be important. We are grateful for the support given to the Christmas Draw which raised £671 this year at a quiet time of the financial year. Insurance costs have spiralled in the last couple of years, largely because of massively increased Public Liability premiums and they make big demands on financial resources along with routine running costs.

Early payment of subscriptions (due April 1st) is helpful and for 2003 rates are: Senior Players £15 plus £3 match fee or £1 if aged 17 or under and playing for the first or second team; Junior Members £5 plus 50p match fee (not payable if representing an older age group); Social Members (adult) £7. We are also introducing two styles of Family Membership as follows: (A) Playing member, spouse and first playing junior £22 (in effect the junior gets free membership) or (B) Playing Junior plus parental social membership £15 (this means the junior member pays £1 only).

Club members can hire the club, subject to availability, at no cost for a private function with full bar and catering facilities so please let us know if



you think we might be able to help.

Winter Nets at Almondbury HS Sports Centre have been well attended since January and the sessions on Sunday March 30th and Sunday April 6th had one net available for under 13s. Some of the Under 17s and Under 15s have been at a few of the senior practices and this enthusiasm is pleasing to see.

Outdoor practices started on April 17th and the following Thursday a pre-season buffet was enjoyed by both junior and senior members. Practices take place every Thursday and new players are always welcome at all age ranges.

In the opening games, the first team enjoyed a win over Edgerton at home. Our visitors who had done the double over us in 2002, struggled to 100 for 8 in a game reduced to 39 overs. After reaching 99 for 3, Mick Ingledow was caught for 37. This was followed by two bizarre run outs and the final total of 101 for 6 was less decisive than had seemed likely.

The second team totaled 200 for 8 (D.Oldham 85 and M.Hill 51) against newly promoted Calder Grove's first team who finished 7 runs short. A.Booth taking the bowling honours with 3 for 43.

Fixtures

1st Team

03-May
Old Almondburians (H)

10-May
Woolley (A)

17-May
Denby Dale (H)

24-May
Cumberworth (A)

31-May
Birkby Nuffield (H)

2nd Team

03-May
Heckmondwike & C B (A)

04-May
Penistone C&SC B (H)

10-May
Bradley & Colne. B (H)

17-May
Nortonthorpe A (A)

24-May
Holmbridge B (H)

31-May
Cumberworth B (A)

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Forthcoming Events

Friday June 6th
Casino Night - Tickets £4

Early Season Barbecue
Date TBA depending on the weather.

Speakers Evening
Details to be confirmed.

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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Under 13's

Of the regular team players from last season's section winning team, only Greg Holmes and Ashley Armitage move up to the Under 15 age group. Three others with birthdays in early September only just qualified for the Under 13s for 2003 so there is plenty of incentive for younger members to stake their claims this year with a regular team spot there for the taking in 2004.

Eight clubs in Huddersfield will play in an Under 11 competition in 2003. It is always hard to predict numbers available at that level before the start of a season but we will try to arrange one or two friendly games if possible. Precise details will be given at the appropriate time.

It is always good to have the challenge of playing in a competitive game but we try to encourage young cricketers of all abilities from the age of about nine upwards. I always think that all teams should try to win but at this level the taking part, slightly old fashioned though that might sound, is the most important of all.

Young players are not professional entertainers and different values have to apply from the often cut throat and eyeball bulging world of Premiership football. The club newsletter will be written by team members in future editions, including brief match reports and highlights and possibly player profiles, so do not be shy if approached for contributions. You do not have to be a budding Shakespeare!

Fixtures

SUN MAY 04
HOLMBRIDGE (H)

BEFORE MAY 09
MARSDEN (CUP PRELIM.)(H)

SUN MAY 11
UPPERTHONG (A)

SUN MAY 18
CUP ROUND 1 (A)

Under 15's

The U15's are looking to improve on their mediocre performance of last season and have already started well with a convincing victory over Holmfirth.

In 2002 the main batters such as Sam Oldham, Matthew Gummerson and Kris Thackray all showed their ability at times but were unable to score runs consistently so we struggled to chase some of the totals set. In the field there were some excellent bowling performances from Greg Holmes, Sam Oldham, Kris Thackray and Matthew Gummerson backed up by tight fielding.

We have some promising players coming through from the U13's and we should again have a strong bowling and fielding side - it's up to the batsmen to do their bit as well!

Fixtures

FRI MAY 02
LINTHWAITE (CUP) (H)

MON MAY 05
UPPERTHONG (A)

MON MAY 12
HONLEY (H)

MON MAY 19
HOLMBRIDGE (A)

Under 17's

The U17 season got underway with a 31 run defeat at home to Lepton, it looked at one stage as though the losing margin may be much bigger as the Lepton openers piled on the runs to reach 83 in only 9 overs. Excellent bowling however by both Greg Holmes (5-1-2-19) and Matthew Gummerson (3-0-3-16) restricted the visitors final total to 107-6 from their 16 overs.

The Thurstonland response although solid never managed to keep up with the run rate and a final total of 76-3 was reached with Matthew Gummerson top scoring with 25 supported by a fluent 17 from Sam Oldham.

It may be a fairly tough season ahead for the U17's with the majority of players being drafted in from the U15 and possibly U13 sides, this means that the few older players that we have will need to stand up and be counted this season and nurse the younger ones along.

Fixtures

WED MAY 07
ALMONDBURY WESLEYANS (A)

WED MAY 14
SCHOLES (WALKER CUP) (H)

WED MAY 21
EMLEY (H)

WED MAY 28
DENBY DALE (A)

Wakefield Road League 2002/2003

On Thursday evenings during the winter months a hardy band of adventurers wander down the wilds of Wakefield Road and surrounding districts to endeavor to represent the cricket club at darts, dominoes and all fours. The league itself is keenly fought but the members are a friendly lot and competition is enjoyed by all. This season has seen mixed fortunes for our teams with pride of place going to the darts team who have won the championship.

Congratulations must also go to Ann Roberts and Sandra Bostock who were runners up in the pairs domino knockout. We have entered a team in this league for twenty years and it has helped the club to keep going throughout the winter months. We are very grateful to those who regularly support us, and would welcome any new players or supporters.

Peter Perfect Pips Penelope Pitstop To Win



Peter Perfect proved a worthy winner in a tight race to the finish line at Downtown Delaware, in the first TCC Wacky Race night winning the £50 first prize for the Bison, Casper, Tin Man syndicate. Penelope Pitstop was second and the Gravel Brothers third, sadly Dick Dastardly after a promising late burst had some tree trouble and finished last.

Many thanks to all those that attended and helped raise a much needed £300 for club funds.