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BOWLED OVER BY CHRISTMAS

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We hope the headline does not reflect your feelings at this festive time of year. On behalf of the club I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

This winter edition of the newsletter has details of the winning numbers in the Christmas draw which was held at the club on Saturday December 6th. Thanks go to all those who sold and bought tickets and to everyone who donated a prize. Money raised at this time of the year is important as bills still have to be paid at a time when income is not as consistent as it is during the playing season.

PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

Remedial work has been done on the roof and to the external walls. The next task is to replace the flooring during the close season, probably in early March. This is essential to keep the building sound although it is recognised that, in an ideal world, the whole structure is in need of attention.

Informal approaches were made to the Heritage Lottery Fund as the Edwardian frontage is of interest. Whilst sympathy was expressed in general terms, we were advised that any formal application for a grant would be rejected as the village is not in a priority area in terms of social deprivation. This is a key factor in judging what applications to support.

The intention is to try to do as much work as possible in stages to bring improved facilities over the next year or two. Any ideas about different ways of raising finance or thoughts about how to tap into the expertise of club members and friends who might be able to offer practical help will be most welcome. It is felt to be important that our changing rooms are of as high a standard as possible,



given our constraints, to serve the needs of our members and visitors.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2004

At the AGM on November 11th it was decided to hold subscriptions and match fees at 2003 levels. Membership is due for renewal on April 1st 2004, or as soon as is practical after that date, and details of the rates are given as a reminder: Social Members (non-playing) £7; Senior Playing Members £15 plus £3 Match Fee (NB anyone qualified for junior cricket or at college who plays in either the first or second team pays a £1 Match Fee); Junior Playing Members (those eligible to play at Under 17 level or below) £5 plus 50p Match Fee. No match

Xmas Draw Winners

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

3521 - £100
WILF HOLLAND

0395 - HAMPER
JOSH EASTWOOD

2569 - MEAT VOUCHER
LYNDA BOOTH

1805 - WHISKY
BAMMY (R.G.)

2593 - BACARDI
LYNDA BOOTH

3574 - MARTINI
P. FEENY (R.G.)

1526 - CHOCOLATES
WILF HOLLAND

2890 - BISCUITS
LINDA OLDHAM

0002 - CHAMPAGNE
DAVE RISHTON

1923 - SHERRY
JIM (R.G.)
J. SMITH

BOX OF WINES
JOAN (R.G.)

1533 - TIN OF BISCUITS
WILF HOLLAND

2049 - CUDDLY TOY
FAZ (R.G.)

3673 - WHISKY
MARY HAIGH
J. BOOTH

1348 - VERMOUTH
MATT GUMMERSON

0273 - MYSTERY
DRIVER (R.G.)

2494 - BACARDI
CHRIS (NEW MILL CLUB)

1727 - XMAS CAKE
MARK LEE (R.G.)

2985 - WHISKY
DAVE OLDHAM

1769 - MYSTERY
DUNN (R.G.) 131 - WHISKY
MICK YOUNG (R.G.)

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 11th January 2004 - First Indoor Net

Saturday 17th January 2004 - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 25th 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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fee is payable if playing in a team above a particular age group.

Our family membership offer was taken up by a few people last year and the two categories are as follows: Playing member plus spouse and one junior member £22 (in effect the junior member pays nothing) OR Social membership for parents/carers plus one junior member £15.

We hope that this option is worth consideration. Adult members are able to hire the club, subject to availability, free of charge and the facilities include a fully staffed bar and use of the kitchen. We have hosted several wedding anniversaries and birthday celebrations over the past year or two as well as providing a meeting place for other functions.

We are keen to boost all categories of membership and look forward to welcoming new faces as well as those who have been part of the club for several years.

INDOOR NETS

These begin on the 11th of January at Almondbury HS Sports Centre and are on a Sunday morning from 11.00 to 12.00, just in time to work up an appetite for Sunday lunch. Junior members are most welcome to attend and they will receive coaching alongside senior members. The Under 13s will probably have one or two sessions in late March where a separate net will be available for them but they, as well as Under 15 and Under 17 players, are welcome at any of the sessions.

We feel it is important that, whilst there are different priorities involving the various age groups, everyone feels he/she belongs to the same club.

SAFETY ISSUES AND YOUNG PLAYERS

We have always aimed to provide a safe and friendly environment for young players whether on a match day or at the regular Thursday evening practice sessions. All sports are having or have had issues of child safety raised in formal sessions at local and regional levels.

Much of this is, we would like to feel, a matter of common sense but young players have to feel secure and confident that adults who help with coaching or who meet them informally at the club will treat them with respect as befits their status as human beings as well as with particular regard to their age. Some coaches at the club, because of their involvement in education, have been subject to appropriate checks about their fitness to have access to young people and others have been checked, or soon will be, via coaching courses.

The club will appoint a person who will be formally responsible for the welfare of junior members in accordance with national guidelines. Should any issue causing concern arise then this individual will be the first point of contact. Once officially appointed relevant details will be made available.

Whilst we have always had a list of names and addresses and home phone numbers available so that any necessary contact can be made, it is probable that a slightly wider range of information may be asked for at the start of the season.

In addition to the details we already hold, a second contact number in case of emergency will be required as well as brief details (to be kept in strict confidence) of any medical condition regarding, for example, allergies which could be important in the event of any emergency during a match or at a practice.

This may sound a little heavy handed but I hope you understand the reason for passing on the information. We have to be seen to be fully prepared and on the surface little will be different from what has gone on before but there is a requirement to make things a little more formalised and to have procedures in place to deal with any eventualities.

LADIES DINNER

This will be at the club on Saturday January 17th 2004 at 7.00 for 7.30. This is our 24th such event and players and committee members will once again serve a five course meal as a formal token of our appreciation for all the work done in preparing teas, staffing the bar and catering at other functions during the busy playing season.

Xmas Draw Winners

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

**1212 - WINE
S. ARMITAGE**

**0206 - MYSTERY
JOHN LITTLEWOOD**

**3701 - SPARKLING WINE
ANDREA (R.G.)**

**1622 - PUNCH
GORDON (P/R)**

**3290 - WINE
CASPER**

**3702 - WINE
ANDREA (R.G.)**

**2703 - BEERS
M. FITON**

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