



GRIFFIN GAZETTE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BARNSELEY CRICKET CLUB APRIL 2009

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WELCOME.....

.....to the first official newsletter of Barnsley Cricket Club, where hopefully we will be keeping you up to date with all that happens at Shaw Lane over the warm summer months.

Between now and November, the **Griffin Gazette** will be reviewing the progress of all four Saturday teams, the views of the captains, a round up each month of all the results, fixtures and tables.

We will also keep you up to date with the progress of our successful junior set up. But the **Gazette** also would like to hear from you about your views and thoughts of the club. So if you think you have an article or a story that would be of interest to others who read the **Gazette** then please feel free to email them to Editor Kevin Motley at km014b1143@blueyonder.co.uk or to Secretary Jack Holden at secretary@barnsleycc.co.uk.

We will try to publish articles as submitted but reserve the right to edit.

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Meanwhile congratulations go to Barnsley CC member Katherine Brunt and her England team mates on winning the Women's World Cup in Sydney recently,

following their 4 wicket win over New Zealand.



Katherine, who has been involved with the National side since making her test debut, also against New Zealand in 2004, took 1-33 from her 10 overs in the final. Hopefully we will have more in our next issue.

*And finally....*this newsletter will be circulated not only around Barnsley and Yorkshire, but even the World.

Bill Brown, a former player at Barnsley CC has subscribed to the **Griffin Gazette** and writes... *i moved to Durban South Africa in 1982, but presently working in the United Arab Emirates . I played for Barnsley in the 1970's as a left arm quickie, and was part of the Barnsley team that won the Yorkshire league KO of 1981 beating Doncaster in the final, and the Ridings League side that bowled out Halifax for 16! I am well known to many of the members. I have very fond memories of Shaw lane, my wife Jenny played for Barnsley ladies hockey, and county cricket for Yorkshire . Welcome Bill, hope you and everybody enjoys our new newsletter.*

NATWEST CRICKET FORCE 2009



THE FINAL PUSH (3, 4, 5 APRIL 2009)

The ECB and NatWest are already looking forward with eager anticipation to this





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year's instalment of the NatWest Cricket Force programme, scheduled to take place between 3-5 April.

A note from NatWest

NatWest is proud to continue its association with NatWest Cricket Force and in 2009 they will continue to encourage NatWest employees to volunteer and offer support at their local clubs.

In line with the 2009 *Be Involved...* campaign, ECB Chief Executive David Collier said: "Our aim is to involve even more clubs and even more volunteers than we have managed in our recent record breaking years. The worth to cricket clubs of the effort produced by the tens of thousands of volunteers both young and old is measured in many millions."



NatWest Cricket Force 2009 will see a continuation of the 2008 Green theme, and as such will carry on placing an emphasis on energy efficiency.

Earlier this year the ECB launched its Go Green Fund which is available to registered clubs from this year and applicants for next year. Clubs can be awarded up to £10,000 to go towards energy saving projects, while we have recently agreed a partnership with energy-saving company Carbon Aided who will perform free carbon footprint assessment on ten cricket clubs across the country. This will hopefully provide a foundation for all clubs to be more proactive in using energy in the most efficient manner possible.



ECB Club Programmes Manager Dave Leighton explained: "The ECB are very keen for NatWest Cricket Force to 'Go Green' and, as such, are promoting to all affiliated cricket clubs the concept of doing their little bit to help save energy."

"That could be ensuring that there is more energy efficiency, conservation of water, exploring ways of sustaining energy supplies – i.e. reduce, reuse, recycle and insulate. In this way, cricket will secure even more support from the government, the local authorities and the business world and be as seen as a really responsible and forward-looking sport."

The progress now at Shaw Lane - ground zero (our new name for the vast hole that has appeared in the ground) has been steady but not exciting – obviously if our progress could take human cricketing form it could be compared to a typical dour Yorkshire opener. However foundations must be laid, drains must be dug and a lot of bricks need to be laid.

The most spectacular event has been the demise of our famous old scoreboard, which in typical Barnsley fashion, has become the most iconic building ever.





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The good folk of Barnsley never let reality get in the way of sentiment and the various memories and nostalgic descriptions have made us all wonder why such an historic land mark was destroyed. Well could it be the fact that the roof leaked, the floor was rotten (straight through to the downstairs in some parts), the numbers didn't work, the doors wouldn't shut, the internal walls were falling down and it was the home to a colony of wild birds? – Not much to sort out there then. The demolition has also showed the amount of land which will be released on the North West side of the ground when the hated Portakabins are eventually moved on. The whole club will benefit from an increased size car park and better access to the Holgate second pitch.

Wait until Dakronics deliver our shiny new board on the 4th April and our scorer "Motters" can sit twiddling his controls in his plush new "Scorers Room". The roof has been installed, under the severe gaze of our site foreman, Garry Clarke and the doors and windows are being installed before the next working day – the big push.

HR Johnson have promised a lorry load of tiles for our new showers which are to be installed, so that somewhat focuses the mind on making sure that the walls are in place so that we have something to stick them on.

So unspectacular but progress nevertheless – consolidation some call it. The old girl's demise has borne fruit, the hard core produced in its demolition has been utilised in the building of our new terrace and played its part in consolidating the ground beneath.

The next few weeks are crucial to the project and a lot of work remains to be done prior to 5:30pm on the 5th April. We WILL be opening champagne on the

terrace. (hopefully....)

BARNSELEY CC - THE EARLY YEARS

The first organised game known to have taken place in Barnsley was in 1834, but it was not until the 1850's that the Clarence Club emerged as the town's main club. In 1859 they acquired a new ground in the Shawlands area of the town off Shaw Lane. The ground was opened on 14 June 1859, (which will make it 150 years old in June) when the Clarence Club played, and defeated, the Holbeck club.

The All-England Eleven first visited the ground in 1860, and in May 1862 returned to play a team described as "20 of Yorkshire". Emboldened, perhaps, by the success of this game the club organised a game in August with a much stronger 'Yorkshire' side and despite odds of 14 to the All-England's 11 this game has been granted 'Important' status by the A.C.S and to date is the only match at Shaw Lane to attract first class status.

(Scorecard at www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1272.html)

The present day Barnsley CC was formed in 1862 from an amalgamation of the Clarence Club and the Beechfield CC and the ground became known as Shaw Lane. It was not until the 1890's however that Yorkshire returned to play minor matches, including Yorkshire Colts v Nottinghamshire Colts fixture - when Yorkshire entered the Minor Counties competition in 1901. Barnsley was established as a fairly regular venue and the old pavilion on the western side of the ground is believed to date from this era. Following the loss of Bramall Lane, Barnsley was tried as a venue for Benson and Hedges Cup games in the mid 1970's; despite limited accommodation, the large playing area and a reputation for good





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wickets were in the grounds favour.



Initially the experiment seemed a success as the first game attracted an attendance of 8,000 but subsequent games were not as popular.

YORKSHIRE AT SHAW LANE - B&H CUP

21 May 1975 beat Notts by 8 wickets

22 May 1976 lost to Combined Univ by 7 wickets

23 May 1977 beat Essex by 7 wickets

13 & 15 May 1978 lost Surrey by 3 wickets

Geoff Boycott captained Yorkshire in that first cup game and, after bowling out a Nottinghamshire side containing Michael Harris, Clive Rice and Derek Randal for 137, Boycott (59) & Barry Leadbeater (41*) helped Yorkshire knock off the runs in 42 overs with only 2 wickets down. Boycott set the record for the highest individual County score at Shaw Lane, when he scored 74* against Essex, in Yorkshire's 7 wicket win in 1977, a game incidentally that Graham Gooch scored 0! (full scorecards can be found on all 4 matches by going to www.barnsleycc.co.uk/history.asp)

The Benson and Hedges cup game of 1978 was to be the last and by the mid 1980's even Yorkshire 2nd XI visits ceased until last season. (Details of all Yorkshire Seconds matches can be found elsewhere in this newsletter).

The new owners of the ground, Barnsley Rugby Club, who bought the land from the Shawlands Trust in 1996, are undertaking a series of ongoing developments. Barnsley CC has been a thriving club over

the years and they are justifiably proud of their history, and a number of cricketers have come through their ranks and gone on to represent Yorkshire and England including; Geoff Boycott, Martyn Moxon, Arnie Sidebottom, Darren Gough and Graham Stevenson. Ironically though perhaps the clubs most famous product made his name after retiring from the first class game; umpire Harold "Dickie" Bird. Famous TV interviewer Michael Parkinson also came through the ranks at Shaw Lane before moving into the show business world.

Information from 'Cricket Grounds of Yorkshire' by Steven Draper and the scorecards from www.cricketarchive.co.uk/

I SAY - Guest writers contribute to the *Griffin Gazette*

Memories of Barnsley Cricket Club By Arthur Bower

Sunday 6 September 1981 was another successful day in the annuals of Barnsley Cricket Club when they won the Yorkshire League Knockout Cup for the third time in nine years. On all three occasions they had to play away from home.

A season which began so disappointingly for Barnsley, without a win in their first 11 games, ended in glorious triumph when they beat Doncaster by 4 wickets at Town Fields.

The team was as follows:- M Ivill [Capt.], P Heseltine, P Howe, I Swallow, J Whittle, A Wilson, K Wiles, Brownhill, W Brown, A Goddier, G Nuttall.

Put into bat by Barnsley's skipper Martin Ivill, Doncaster Town's innings was held together by Bob Cummins who hit a splendid 85, although he was dropped





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twice, the only 2 blemishes in an otherwise first rate fielding performance by Barnsley. Sharing a highly productive third wicket partnership was G Hepke [16], who was content to play the anchor role while Cummins led the charge. Other double figure scorers were George Muirhead with a flamboyant 22 and Dickinson unbeaten on 15 as Doncaster finished on 158-5 in their allocated 40 overs.

Barnsley's innings got off to a good start with a firm opening stand of 55 between Phil Heseltine [19] and Philip Howe [40], but their chances of success seemed to be receding fast with six wickets falling for 45 runs. However, cometh the hour cometh the man and on this occasion it was Kevin Wiles who stole the individual honours. Defending stoically when necessary and picking the right balls to hit he knocked the heart out of a Doncaster side who had been sensing victory. Wiles was the undisputed Man of the Match but was ably backed by Brownhill as they produced a match winning unbeaten 7th wicket stand of 49. Wiles finished on 36 and Brownhill on 13.

It had been very close however, with only seven balls remaining Barnsley finished on 159-6 and with it, victory.



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CAPTAINS CORNER

JASON BOOTH - 1st XI

On returning to Barnsley I was very impressed by the way it was run and I am

very proud to be back in charge after some 19 years. I have played for several clubs since then but always had the inkling and aching to return to what has always been MY club. Instrumental in this was Mark Beardshall, whom I have known for all my life with us both, being "Wombwellians" along with our new signing Richard Wilkinson. We are lucky to have Wilko back at Barnsley and my first words to him when he signed were "do you want to captain it" because of the brilliant job he did whilst in charge and since then we have failed to reach those heights. Wilko kindly declined the invitation and so you are left with me for what we all hope will be a very successful year. Also joining us is Andy Bourke who has an outstanding Yorkshire League record, and Oliver Hannon-Dalby who will be looking to show enough early season form to get involved with YCCC 1st eleven. I think we have recruited well and together with Bobby Londt (another new signing) there is a chance for players in the second team to stake a claim for a first team spot with early season form. Leaving us is Graham Wilson and Andy Carrington and both will be missed on and off the pitch and I wish them all the best at Townville, along with Dan Wood (Australia) and Mark Lawson (another planet!)

I will be looking for the senior players to be more consistent this year and for the team to be a lot more ruthless when in good positions. Players like Joe Ellis and Greig Batty can be devastating at times and I will be looking to use them at the right times with both bat and ball. Simon Widdup and Almo will be the openers and there are not many better players in league cricket. This season I expect to see great improvement from both Matt Wilson and Steven Nuttall who will be the backbone of BCC in the future. They have had a couple of years in the YL and now should be ready to kick on! Luke Bullingham takes over behind the stumps and deserves to after serving a long enough apprenticeship, Bully is very





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talented and can also bat and will get a chance to do so at points in the season, young Tom Shaw will keep Bully on his toes and this should be good for both talented keepers.

This year there will be a lot of emphasis put on winning our league title back as I see this as a true measure of your team and the lads will be left in no doubt about this. We will be putting a lot of pressure on teams with both bat and ball and asking questions of all the sides we play, but we will also be enjoying playing for BCC. We start with a tough couple of league games against the YCCC Academy and York whom I presume will be up there challenging again, before that we have a Heavy Woollen tie against Morley at home and this is a great opportunity for the team to set off with a positive performance. There has been a big effort from the BCC committee to improve Shaw Lane and hopefully we can match those efforts on the pitch.

Keep smiling,
Boothy

First team fixtures for April:- Sunday 19th v Morley (H) Heavy Woollen Cup 1st Round 1pm; Saturday 25th v Yorkshire Academy (A) Yorkshire League 12 noon;

All first XI scorecards will be available on line at the conclusion of each game, sometime during the evening, at

www.barnsleycc.co.uk/scorecards.asp

You can also check 1st team live scores on match day, where facilities permit, by logging onto: www.barnsleycc.co.uk/Live_score.asp

MARK BEARDSHALL - 2nd XI

The South Yorkshire Premier league team having gained a toe hold on the beach over the last two years will this year have an objective to press on and take some ground inland. Whilst it is difficult to

compete with the professional clubs within the league over the length of a season I would like, indeed **expect** to see the team become difficult to beat and along the way cause the odd upset.

Gary did a fantastic job to keep the team in the league and now with the return of the experienced duo of Gareth Fenton and Peter Hadfield, the acquisition of Simon Potter and South African born Bobby Londt combined with a crop of good youngsters chomping at the bit then the aforementioned target should be an achievable realistic goal.

I want to see a team that enjoys its cricket, plays with a smile and relishes the battles that await. Shaw Lane is evolving only the strong survive, with this in mind the team has been changed to reflect the clubs ambition and with three teams going down I'm looking forward to an exiting enjoyable season.



Second team enjoying their Crowther Cup win.

Second team fixtures for April:- Saturday 18th v Treeton (A) South Yorkshire League Prem. Div 1pm; Saturday 25th v Sheffield Collegiate (H) South Yorkshire League Prem. Div 1pm; Sunday 26th v Morley (A) Crowther Cup 1st Round 1pm:

GARY NUTTALL - 3rd XI

Season 2009 will certainly be an interesting one. As captain of Clarence it is my task to help the team bounce back after the





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disappointment of relegation last season. As far as personnel goes, we have the ability throughout the squad to achieve our goal. We have a healthy blend of youth and experience with seasoned campaigners like Martin Ivill, Richard Ledger and David Clayton playing along side talented youngsters. We are happy with the abilities of our junior cricketers, but they will have to perform when the pressure is on and not simply rely on the old uns to see the team over the finish line. Winning the close games is a skill and it is vital to their development that they acquire this ability quickly.

A lot of work has been done behind the scenes, and improvements are being made to our facilities year on year. The biggest reward for the hard workers of this club would be success on the playing field. Finally, good luck to all concerned, lets make this a season to remember for all teams representing this super club.

Yours in sport
Gary Nuttall

Third team fixtures for April:- Saturday 18th v Mexborough B (H) South Yorkshire League Div 4 West 1.30pm; Saturday 25th v Doncaster Town C (A) South Yorkshire League Div 4 West 1.30pm;

JOHN SMITH - 4th XI

We will hear from John on the 4th XI's progress during the season in the Pontefract League.

Fourth team fixtures for April:- Saturday 18th v Knottingley (A) Pontefract League Div 6 1.30pm; Saturday 25th v Barnby Dunn (H) Pontefract League Div 6 1.30pm; Sunday 26th v Eggborough (H) Heywood-Williams Trophy Pre. Rd. 1.30pm;

2nd and 3rd XI results can be found on our play-cricket website by 12 noon the following day. 4th XI results will be on the website, but

not sure by what time.



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NEW FACES & BON VOYAGE

BARNSELEY CRICKET CLUB is pleased to announce the signing of 19 year old right arm fast bowler Oliver Hannon-Dalby, for the 2009 season.

Oliver played last season for the Yorkshire Academy in the Yorkshire League, but also made his first class debut for Yorkshire against Surrey at the Oval last May.

Born in Halifax, Oliver made his 2nd XI Championship debut against Warwickshire at Stamford Bridge in 2006, and has since played in 20 2nd XI Championship matches, his best bowling coming also at Stamford Bridge when he took 6-32 against Scotland in 2007.

Last season he took 3-17 when Yorkshire 2nd's made a successful return to Shaw Lane in the second XI championship, against Derbyshire.

Another new face at Shaw Lane in 2009 will be the former Castleford opening batsman Andrew Bourke. He comes to the Griffins after playing 2 seasons in the Bradford League for Pudsey Congs, but of course he has had plenty of Yorkshire League experience with the Savile Park club, scoring 1482 league runs in 36 innings, including four centuries. He holds the record for the most runs in a season in the Yorkshire League, scoring 1421 in 2003. In the four seasons he played at Castleford he also took 46 wickets, so can make a contribution with the ball as well.

Returning to Barnsley in 2009 will be former captain Richard Wilkinson. Richard





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left the club to become coach of the Yorkshire County Cricket club's Academy side in June 2007 after leading Barnsley to their first ever success in the Yorkshire League, in 2006, along with two Heavy Woollen Cup final victories in 2005 & 2006. Two other arrivals at Barnsley CC are Simon Potter and Bobby Londt. Simon is an experienced local batsman who will be a valuable member for the club, after stints at Kexborough and Darfield. Bobby is a native South African who is Anglicised, and joins after several seasons at Stainborough. He is a quick scoring batsman and also offers something with the ball.

The club will also welcome back Gareth Fenton after a lengthy shoulder injury. Gareth is a proven batsman and left arm spin bowler with many years experience in the Yorkshire League.

However the club have decided to release last season's captain and wicket keeper Graham Wilson and bowler Andy Carrington

Graham joined the club in 2006 from Cleethorpes, and has played in all 97 league and cup ties for the first team - taking 61 catches and 27 stumping's in all. Still regarded by many as the best wicket keeper in the Yorkshire League, Graham picked up his second Championship medal and a Heavy Woollen Cup winners medal in his first season at Barnsley, and won the Yorkshire League wicket keeping award in 2007 with 37 dismissals. He took over as Barnsley captain in August 2007, and kept the role throughout last season.

Graham, to his credit, has understood the decision to release him, thanking the club for three wonderful seasons along with sending them his best wishes for the future.

Andy played two seasons for Barnsley after joining them from Sheffield United Cricket Club. He played 60 League and cup ties

and took 70 wickets in the league and 18 in the Cup. His best performance came at Chesterfield in the ECB Cockscur Cup taking 6 for 36, and at Appleby Frodingham in the league (6 for 40) both in 2007.

Andy and Graham have both signed for Townville in the Central Yorkshire League, where they will team up with another former Barnsley old boy, Peter Hepworth.

Also missing this season from the first team will be both Mark Lawson and Danny Wood. Mark's expected release from Yorkshire County Cricket Club has also seen him decide to leave Shaw Lane as well. Mark signed after the departure of Richard Wilkinson in 2007, and although he only played in 43 first team games, he took 94 wickets with his spin bowling, and also proved useful with the bat - few will forget his magnificent 103 not out from 82 balls against Spondon in the ECB Cockscur Cup last season.

Mark is expected to be playing his cricket for both Derbyshire and Hanging Heaton this season.

Danny has contributed 3070 runs for the Barnsley first team in 100 league and cup games, with 4 centuries and 13 half centuries. He developed as a useful opening batsman for the club and a proven bowler as well. However Danny has taken the decision to emigrate to Australia for a new life, and the club wishes him, Mark, Graham and Andy well for the future and thank them for their services over the years.

Other departures from Shaw Lane are Jamie Green & Matt Jordan.

Jamie has signed for Hoylandswaine, the Barnsley-based side having been fast-tracked from the Arrow Central League after a vacancy arose in the Drakes Huddersfield League, Cedar Court Conference, following the expulsion of Primrose Hill at the December annual meeting. Jamie played 23 games for the second team last term after progressing





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through the junior sides. He scored 359 runs from 22 innings, including 2 half centuries, finishing the season with an impressive 59 against Treeton. Jamie also took 20 wickets from 161.2 overs, and also made 1 appearance for the first team in the League cup game at Doncaster Town last season.

Matt was also involved with the second team last season, playing 25 matches and scoring 553 runs. He hit an excellent 104* against Lascelles Hall in the Crowther Cup, where he shared an unbroken second wicket stand with Jamie, the pair steering Barnsley to a 9 wicket win.

Matt has moved to Ackworth CC and Barnsley wish him and Jamie well for the future.

Barnsley Cricket Club present An Evening with Paul Merson

(plus a top comedian.)

@ Ardsley House Hotel

Friday 17 April 2009

Starts 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

Price £30

(which includes a 3 course meal.)

All proceeds to the Cricket Club.

Contact Trelford

on 0794 957 0868.

GROUNDSMAN GRIGG

By the time you read this, preparation of the ground, for the new season, will be well under way. We've cut both squares 5-6 times, just a light topping of the grass to even out some uneven growth over the winter, applied a winter fertiliser and commenced our pre-season rolling programme.

This winter has been unusually cold with lots of frosts and therefore the ground has "Heaved" more than usual.

Cricket requires a firm, even surface over

the whole square and the careful use of various rollers, light, medium and heavy, over a period of a few weeks, across the line of play, on the diagonal and finally in the line of play will gradually consolidate the surface.

The height and cut on the square will be gradually reduced to our summer height of 12mm. While individual pitches will be cut as low as 3mm for match day.

Mr. G

JUNIOR CRICKET ROUND UP



BarnsleyCC U 11B Central League Champions 2008

Welcome to Barnsley Cricket Club Junior round up. We intend to keep parents and children up to date with current events concerning our under 11, 13 & 17 teams, including team selection, news, fixtures, match reports and image galleries.

We hope that this season will be a fun time for the children as well as improving their cricketing skills. We wish to instil team spirit, good sportsmanship and the understanding that cricket is a co-operative game and that they must learn to support and reassure each other.

The Junior net sessions on Friday evenings are coming to a close and it is clear that nearly all the lads have progressed and benefited from them. In the next few weeks all the lads are looking forward to the longer evenings and the chance to go into the outdoor nets. Even so, it is unfortunate that the attendance levels at the nets, particularly the Kwik Cricket





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levels, have been disappointing. However, the talent on display in all age groups is promising and the club should have some success in the Junior Leagues this coming season.

The fixtures for all the Junior teams are available on the Barnsley CC web site.

April fixtures include:

Sunday 19th Under 11 v Penistone (a);
Under 11b v Darton (a);
Sunday 26th Under 13 v Hoylandswaine (h);
Monday 27th Under 11 v Higham (h);
Under 11b v Darfield (h).
Tuesday 28th Under 13 v Silkstone Utd (h);
Wednesday 29th Under 17 v Grimethorpe MW (h)
Thursday 30th Under 15 v Dodworth (a)

Starting times can be found on the clubs website.

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

The first 2009 meeting of the Child welfare committee was held on Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm at Shaw Lane. Members of the CW committee are as follows:

- Kath Grigg (CW Officer)
- Sue Brunt (Asst. CW Officer)
- Richard Wilkinson
- Mark Beardshall
- Julie Clayton
- Kevan Goldsby-West
- Kay Hawley
- Sue Nuttall
- Nick Wrest

Policies and Procedures have been updated. Only CRB checks done through the ECB are valid and need to be renewed every 3 years.

If you have any child welfare concerns, please contact Kath Grigg (07803 047444) or one of the CW committee members.
Mrs G



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GRIFFIN GREEN PASTURES

Chairman Ken Green has been involved with Barnsley Cricket Club for well over 50 years, so we asked him to share some of his wonderful memories with us.....

When first asked to submit a contribution to the **Griffin Gazette** I wondered where to start to recollect my memories since I joined the club in the early 1950's.

The first thing that comes to mind is the changes that have taken place since that time. The club has certainly expanded and moved forward since playing in the Yorkshire Council [1st XI] and Yorkshire Council Minor League [2nd XI] to a now thriving club with 4 open age teams playing each weekend and 7 junior teams aged from under 9's to under 17's.

When you first approached the cricket ground [which will always be affectionately known as "Shaw Lane"] from Shaw Street through the iron gates and past the wooden pay box [disappeared years ago], the first things that came into view were the score board and pavilion. Sadly both have now disappeared in the wake of modernisation and progress. The score board has recently been demolished and will be replaced by an electronic one thus eliminating the manual labour of turning the numbered wheels. Many young boys were introduced to cricket by working the score board including my own son David, David Clayton and another well known cricketer Jack Baxter.





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When Barnsley Rugby Club purchased the freehold from Shaw Lane Trust it started off the extensive development that we see today and is still continuing. Unfortunately so that progress could be made the existing club house with its century bar, first floor changing rooms and the most wonderful players' balcony had to go. I may be wrong but I think Barnsley had the finest cricket pavilion in Yorkshire. Nowhere else could the players step out of the dressing room onto the balcony in the 40's thru to the 80's, not even at the county grounds. We now have the new changing rooms installed and the players' balcony is in the course of construction. Let us hope it becomes as legendry as the old pavilion. The hard court tennis area disappeared to make way for car parking and likewise the practice area. Now some of this area has been enveloped by the Astroturf football area. The new nets were prepared a few years ago when the cricket square was also re-laid. I wonder if it will be as famous as the late John Matthewman's hallowed square.

During my earlier days as a member of the committee and chairman in the early 60's I can remember many of the players of that era. Dickie Bird, Geoff Boycott [who was introduced as a 16 year old by Barnsley's Yorkshire representative, the late Clifford Hesketh], Ernest Steele, Harry Crick, Vic Buckingham, Alf Adams Jack Cunningham, Eddie Leggard, Barry Wood, Peter Sutcliffe, Eric Butcher, Hubert Padgett, George Barnett, George Palmer, Graham Pearce, Peter Myers, Michael Parkinson and later Arnie Sidebottom, Graham Stevenson, Martin Moxon, Darren Gough and Steve Oldham, many who represented their county and country.

In the next edition I will recall a few events and stories that happened in my time with the club in the earlier years.

NEWS ROUND UP

YORKSHIRE SECONDS CONFIRM RETURN TO SHAW LANE

Yorkshire County Cricket Club has announced that their Second team will play 2 matches at Shaw Lane in 2009. After a successful return last season, Barnsley CC will host a one day game between Yorkshire seconds and Glamorgan seconds on Tuesday 14th July starting at 11am. The match will consist of 50 overs per side, played with coloured clothing, black sight screens, fielding circles and white balls.

The two sides then compete in the three day Second XI Championship starting the day after on Wednesday 15th July, each day starting at 11am.

Yorkshire's second team enjoy an unbeaten run at Shaw Lane in the 2nd XI Championship having won 5 and drawn 4 of the 9 matches played.

The first game in 1975 saw Yorkshire draw with Warwickshire, Peter Squires top scoring for the home County with 127*.

1976 saw Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by an innings and 29 runs, Bill Athey scoring 90, and then 2 months later a draw followed against Nottinghamshire, Peter Ingham scoring 96 and Jim Love 61.

Nottinghamshire returned to draw again in 1977, before Yorkshire beat Northamptonshire by 7 wickets in 1978, Peter Whiteley's spin taking 10 wickets in the match.

Yorkshire also won their second game of 1978, beating Worcestershire by 190 runs, Jim Love (93) and Barry Leadbeater (54) sharing a first wicket stand of 129 in the 2nd innings.

Yorkshire beat Derbyshire by 7 wickets in 1984, thanks to an innings of 118 from Geoff Boycott when the seconds returned to Shaw Lane 6 years later, and then drew against Northamptonshire in 1985 after rain only allowed 18.5 overs of the game to be





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played.

Finally after a gap of 23 years second IX championship cricket returned to Shaw Lane, and Yorkshire defeated Derbyshire by an innings and 8 runs. *(click on www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Grounds/11/294_sec for full scorecards)*

The Yorkshire Second XI also competed in 22 Minor Counties Championship matches at Shaw Lane between 1900 and 1973 in which Yorkshire won 6, lost 4 and drew 12. *(Link to matches and scorecards:- www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Grounds/11/294_minc)*
(Scorecards from www.cricketchive.co.uk/)

E.C.B. NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - GROUP 2 DRAW

The draw for the group stages of this years E.C.B. National Club Championship has been made and Barnsley CC are in Group 2 for 2009.

The draw is as follows:

Round 1 (Sunday 3rd May)

- 1) Hallam v Cleethorpes
- 2) North Leeds v York
- 3) Chesterfield v Alderley Edge
- 4) Bowdon v Barnsley**
- 5) Sheffield United v Bramhall
- 6) Cuckney v Sheffield Collegiate
- 7) Papplewick & Linby v Treeton
- 8) Doncaster Town v Wickersley Old Village

Round 2 (Sunday 24th May)

- 9) Winner match 7 v Winner match 5
- 10) Winner match 6 v Winner match 4
- 11) Winner match 3 v Winner match 2
- 12) Winner match 1 v Winner match 8

Round 3 (Sunday 14th June)

- 13) Winner match 9 v Winner match 11
- 14) Winner match 10 v Winner match 12

Group Final (Sunday 28th June)

Winner match 14 v winner match 13

Barnsley start this seasons competition with a visit to the relatively unknown Bowdon Cricket Hockey and Squash Club who play at South Downs Road in Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Bowdon's 1st Team compete in the Cheshire County ECB Premier League, the 2nd Team play in Division 2 and the 3rd team in Sunday Division 2.

Bowdon finished runners up to Alderley Edge last season in the League with 13 wins from their 22 matches.

Carl Hey was their leading run scorer with 434 runs, all rounder Richard Wilkinson scoring the sides only century, 143 not out, against Oulton Park in the League.

Wilkinson came third in the batting charts for Bowdon, and also 2nd in the bowling charts with 16 wickets - 10 behind leader Gareth Edwards.

Bowdon are captained by Anthony Crozier, and a tough tie is anticipated when Barnsley make the trip over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

The Cheshire club reached the Group 6 semi final in the competition last season, before losing to eventual group winners Northern CC by 54 runs.



For those planning to make the trip, it is about 45 miles - ground to ground, taking the A628 Barnsley/Manchester Road, joining M67, M60 (South) and M56 before joining the A538 at Junction 6 (alongside airport).

Turn left onto Hale Road (towards Hale) before turning left into Park Road (B5162) around a mile later. Roughly after another mile you will head straight onto South





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Downs Road, with the ground (pictured above) on your left. For Sat. Nav. users the post code is WA14 3DT (Est travel time 1hr 17 mins).

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP & CROWTHER CUP DRAWS

HEAVY WOOLLEN CUP - FIRST ROUND

- Gomersal v Liversedge
- Undercliffe v Golcar
- Barnsley v Morley**
- Skelmanthorpe v Townville
- Yeadon v Wakefield St Michael's
- Shepley v Carlton
- Hanging Heaton v Buttershaw St Paul's
- Baildon v Spen Victoria
- Idle v Wakefield Thornes
- Methley v Kirkheaton
- Shelley v New Farnley
- Clayton West v Scholes (HL)
- Barkisland v Slaithwaite
- Birstall v Lascelles Hall
- Wrenthorpe v Mirfield Parish Cavaliers
- Scholes (CYL) v Woodlands

The Crowther Cup First Round is the opposite of the Heavy Woollen Cup ties.

TIES PLAYED ON SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Morley, however, have asked if our Crowther Cup tie can be moved back a week as the date clashes with a St Georges Day Festival that is held every year at Morley's ground. It is one of the main fund raising events of the year for the club, and involves organisations from all over Morley. Barnsley have agreed to the request and the tie will now take place on the 26th.

The dates for the other rounds are:

- SECOND ROUND - 10 May
- QUARTER FINALS - 2 June
- SEMI FINALS - 5 July
- FINAL - 2 August

Each round will be drawn after the completion of the previous one.



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YORKSHIRE LEAGUE CUP

1ST ROUND

- Sunday 10 May
- F** Rotherham Town v Appleby Frodingham
- Sunday 17 May
- A** Doncaster Town v Sheffield United
- B** Cleethorpes v Castleford
- C** Barnsley v Yorkshire Academy
- D** Sheffield Collegiate v Harrogate
- E** Hull v Driffield Town

2ND ROUND Sunday 7 June

- G** B v Scarborough
- H** C v A
- I** E v D
- J** F v York

SEMI FINAL Sunday 19 July

- K** G v J
- L** H v I

FINAL Sunday 16 August

- L v K

Barnsley where originally drawn away to the Yorkshire Academy, but the Academy requested a switch to Shaw Lane, as their Weetwood ground is not available on Sundays. That means Barnsley will be at home in every round this season if successful.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE TWENTY20

This years contest has been extended to





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12 clubs from last seasons 8, with 8 clubs playing a qualifying round and the 4 winners going through to meet the seeded 4 clubs in the quarter finals.

The 4 seeded clubs are: Treeton (holders), Rotherham Town (highest SY side in Yorkshire League), Doncaster Town (2nd highest SY side in Yorkshire League) and Elsecar (highest placed side in South Yorkshire League).

All games will be played at Sheffield United's Bawtry Road ground, starting at 6pm.

All matches will be played in coloured clothing, with black sight screens and white balls. Umpires will be selected from both the Yorkshire and South Yorkshire Leagues.

The draw for the Qualifying Round is as follows:

Match 1 - (Monday 8 June) Wath v Tickhill

Match 2 - (Thursday 11 June) Barnsley v Sheffield United

Match 3 - (Monday 15 June) Hallam v Whitley Hall

Match 4 -(Thursday 18 June) Sheffield Collegiate v Houghton Main

QUARTER FINALS

Monday 29 June - Treeton v winner match 1

Thursday 2 July - Rotherham Town v winner match 2

Monday 6 July - Doncaster Town v winner match 3

Thursday 9 July - Elsecar v winner match 4

The four winning quarter finalists then go forward to the finals day on Sunday 26 July (new draw made for semi finals) first game starting at 10am.

Reserve days have been set aside for all ties should the weather intervene.

SOAPSTARS TO PLAY CRICKET AT SHAW LANE FOR CHARITY

Stars of cricket, cabaret and 'Coronation Street/Emmerdale' are set to converge to

Shaw Lane for a carnival in aid of Barnsley Hospital's renal unit.

On Spring Bank Holiday Sunday 24 May, the event will start with a 'champagne meet and greet' lunch, which will see 200 diners, each paying £25, mix freely with celebrities, soap stars from the 'Street' and 'Emmerdale' (pictured below), and those from the world of cricket.



They will then sit down to a four-course luncheon overseen by former Ardsley House Hotel manager and current catering manager at Shaw Lane, David Petherbridge.

Afterwards while the stars battle it out in a light hearted cricket match, others will be able to patronise a barbecue and bars from the cover of gazebos while enjoying the match or children's entertainment provided by jugglers, stilt-walkers, face painters and the like.

Hopefully it should be a carnival day out for all the family as well as raising a whole load of money.

The organisers are also looking for corporate and commercial sponsors to come forward, and anybody interested should contact David at the club (01226 203509), or to book a place at lunch.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE LEAGUE ANNOUNCE NEW SPONSOR



Stafforce have agreed to become the new





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South Yorkshire Cricket League sponsor and the League will be known as :

The Stafforce South Yorkshire Cricket League in 2009

Stafforce are a well known Recruitment Agency with branches throughout Yorkshire and the North Midlands.

The SYL have enjoyed a developing relationship with them for the past 3 seasons and they have sponsored the major Cup Competitions.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE NEWS

The League will start a week earlier than normal, with the Yorkshire League Knock Out Cup Final held over from 2008 between York and Castleford at Clifton Park, York on Saturday 18th April, 12.00 start.

The game should be a very good appetiser to the main course, which is the League campaign, which starts the following week. The new Migration Rules should make a difference in the League this season, with the Home Office tightening the rules for bringing in Overseas Players to this country.

York CC is delighted to announce that it has secured the services of Yorkshire and Scotland batsman Jim Love as their new head coach.

Charged with improving the standard of coaching and cricket throughout the club, it is hoped that Jim will help York CC fulfil its ambition of producing first-class cricketers for Yorkshire and have signed a couple of local players to bolster their squad. The prolific Aussie batsman Daniel Wilson makes a welcome return.

Runners up Castleford have signed the experienced wicket keeper Jason Pitcher from Collegiate.

Doncaster will have local favourite Michael Chadwick available this season, having been given permission from the County to play his weekend cricket at Town. With the

Pakistani player Kashif Raza deciding to play with locals Tickhill in 2009, Town have decided to rely on their local young players to better their 4th position last season.

Rotherham have lost Stuart Guy (Treeton) Simon Guy (to a club near his home) and Greg Norton (Wickersley), but have signed the Yorkshire CCC youngster Ben Sanderson.

It looks like Driffield have lost the services of their Yorkshire trio this season, and last years skipper, Mark Tennant, has joined his brother at Scarborough.

Harrogate welcome back John Proud as skipper, and it is hoped that he can use his experience to rebuild the team.

Info thanks to Steve Ward.



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MENORCA THRO IVILL'S EYES

Barnsley, were defending champions of the TWENTY20 CUP after our emphatic 100% victory in 2007, under the "astute" leadership of Gary Nuttall.

However, defending the title would be a far more difficult task; due mainly to the fact that we weren't invited back.

David Clayton and tour veteran Stewart Dobson (Rawden CC) put their heads together and came up with the idea of travelling as "The Rawden Gents", we were accepted, and so The Trojan Horse Tour was born.

The tournament consisted of five teams, which meant a mini league of round robin games, the top two playing a final on the Thursday, with teams finishing third and fourth playing for a plate, also on the





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Thursday.

The first game arrived against The All Stars, which turned out to be made up of players of mixed ability, so the toss was "negotiated" so we could have a bat. Greg Batty and Andy Beck opened the batting, getting us off to a very quick start. We ended up on 154 for 4 with Bats unbeaten on 108. The All Stars reply was slow with new tourist Andy Barnes bowling well in the early stages. Everyone got a go with the ball, even Matthew Clayton, who bowled three overs (although all 18 deliveries were in the same over), much to the amusement of dad David on the sidelines (who was at this point Magners'd Up with Timmy and Sav). The All Stars were eventually all out for 104, and attention turned to extra curricular activities.

Game day two was against The Northern Nomads. Another negotiated toss, however they wanted to bat, and opened with a bloke wearing bright yellow football socks with his trousers tucked in. We managed to bowl them out for exactly 100, but not before the man in the football socks put Greig Batty into the Donkeys field, (apparently one of the biggest sixes ever seen on the ground).

We got to the runs for the loss of two wickets, Tony Bowry top scoring with 37. Rampside were our opponents for game three, in an eagerly anticipated clash which many thought was a dry run for the final. An actual toss took place for the first time, and our perceived strongest XI was selected we chose to have a bat. Greig Batty was given LBW for a 2nd ball duck by our own umpire. Not the best start. However, Andy Beck, Luke (tourist of the year) Bullingham, Paul Benson and Adam Wiles got us up to a respectable 140 from 20 overs. In reply Rampside, struggled against our main bowlers, but it was Gary who was the aggressor in the field. After having an LBW turned down, his mutterings at third man (which are un

printable) caused the scorer to drop his pencil for laughing. Gary did have the last laugh though; clean bowling the same batsman breaking the off stump in the process. Rampside closed on 119 for 9, and we were guaranteed a place in the final. This would give us an opportunity to play the travelling support in our final group game against hosts Menorca.

The eagerly awaited debut of Sav was all that could be talked about at the BBQ the previous night, and the time was here. "Opening the Bowling from the Donkey's Field End, Craig Savage". There was a little bit of encouragement after the first ball was straight and full. However, an 11 ball over was to come. At least it wasn't Matt Clayton. After his over, Sav was sent to Third Man to which he replied, "Do you mean the Left Wing?" Menorca managed to get to a very respectable 142, which should've been much less as it not for 7 dropped catches. Including two in the same over by Billy Golden from his captain's bowling. He was laughing as he dropped them!!! In reply, the plan was to knock off in the final overs, which we did thanks to Greig and John Morley. It was closer than it should've been, and it's not a good sight as captain watching Sav padded up practicing how to stop the ball hitting "them three corner flags"!

The final arrived, and Rampside were eager to avenge several things. The game we won in the group stages, and the fact that one of their guys challenged Bully to a drunken press-up competition, which tourist of the year Bullingham won without breaking sweat. Winning the toss and fielding first, we restricted Rampside to 115 from 20 overs, with Myself, Batty, Steely, Nutts and Heppy bowling 4 overs each. It was however the two veterans who bowled us into a match winning position, with miserly spells.





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In reply, Wilesy and Becky were sent in as they had scored runs all week. They didn't disappoint as they bludgeoned the ball all over Menorca taking the score to 111 for 1. We lost 4 more wickets before knocking off the runs in the 11th over. We were champions again! That evening we went to the presentation to collect our trophy and have a beer.

The only thing left to do was come home, which shouldn't be too hard with a lunch-time flight, we'd be home for around 6pm and able to go out as it was Friday night. Some of the lads were even discussing a tour re-cap in Livingstones. Alas, the fun was about to begin.

We sat in the departure lounge watching the inbound flight we were about to board come in to land. As it touched down it was chased down the runway by 6 fire engines!!!! This was a touch disconcerting. The Jet 2 staff however advised us that everything was fine, and they were simply performing a training exercise. However, 5 hours later, we were still waiting for the plane to be fixed!

Once on board the pilot assured us that everything was fine and the "minor" instrument problem was fixed. The flight home went smoothly, however the landing didn't. After circling Leeds-Bradford airport for 10 minutes (the passenger's theory was to burn fuel in case we crashed), the pilot

announced that we were diverting to Doncaster. This was due to it being the 3rd largest runway in the UK, leading to the theory that the brakes weren't working. We were wrong, the brakes were fine, and however the flaps weren't working which meant we hit the runway at full speed!!!! I don't think anyone was comfortable during the last 10 minutes of the flight. We were however closer to home, except for the 4 guys from Rawden, and the Rampside team who had a coach journey to Cumbria to look forward to.

A full tour report with all the social / extra curricular activities and photos can be seen on: www.jesterscc.netfirms.com/dobby3

MENORCA TOUR 2009.

Barnsley CC will be touring again to Menorca in October.

If you are interested, please speak to: Andrew Ivill, David Clayton or Darren Hayes.

The price is likely to be in the region of £300.

(Flight prices and exchange rate depending)

This will cover Flight, Accommodation, Match Fees, Presentation Night, Tour Shirt, Cap.

Andrew Ivill (Tour Captain)



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Playing Adult [Employed Person over 16]
Including ECB insurance and associate membership of Rugby Club

- 1a £180 per year payable by standing order [£15 per month for a full 12 months].
- 1b £180 paid in full before 1 May [£200 after 1 May] and not by standing order.
- 1c £30 per year plus £8 per game.

CLASS 2.

Playing Student [Full Time student over 16]
Including ECB insurance and associate membership of Rugby Club

- 2a £160 per year payable by standing order [£13.25 per month for a full 12 months].
- 2b £20 per year plus £8 per game when playing in a Senior Side only.
- 2b £160 paid in full before 1 May [£180 after 1 May]

NB - Normal Junior match fees of £1 per week will also be payable in all junior games where applicable.

CLASS 3.

Junior Member [Under 16]
Including ECB insurance and associate membership of Rugby Club

- 3a £150 per year payable by standing order [£12.50 per month for a full 12 months].
 - 3b £20 per year plus £8 per game when playing in a Senior Side only.
- NB - Normal Junior match fees of £1 per week will also be payable in all junior games.*

CLASS 4.

Vice President

Including associate membership of Rugby Club

- 4. £50 per year [subject to committee's approval]

CLASS 5.

Patron

Including associate membership of Rugby Club

- 5. £30 per year [includes £8 site capitation fee]

CLASS 6.

Voting member

Including associate membership of Rugby Club

- 6. £15 per year [includes £8 site capitation fee]

CLASS 7.

Family Membership - [1 playing member and maximum of 2 children]

Including associate membership of Rugby Club

- 7 £60 per year plus appropriate match fees

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