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## Greetings from the President

It is early April, the clocks have been put forward, Spring is in the air, and a new cricket season is just around the corner.

Work at Broadfold Park has already begun, to roll, and prepare the pitch for this years campaign. Coaching and practice which has been taking place indoors through the Winter can now begin in earnest.

I hope you find the reviews of our teams progress last season interesting, and that they whet your appetite for what I hope will be a successful season at Booth in 2004.

Running the cricket club involves lots of people giving of their time year after year so that we have a club which provides so much pleasure and enjoyment for the local community. I would like to record my gratitude for all the hard work by those involved.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Broadfold Park during the season. Please take time out to visit our charming ground and enjoy our hospitality.

Roy Collinge  
President  
Booth Cricket Club

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## Second XI review for 2003

Do a few words about the 2003 season?



I can't remember a thing, but then I have had a bang on the head in the winter. I know I'll look in the Score book - but where's the Score book? I finally find the score book, Rod had it, a quick look through and all comes flooding back. We had a good season. Finishing second or third in the league, after a slow start. David Oliver bowled too many overs and took many wickets (winning the League Bowling award).  
Batting - lots of good contributions; M. Lamb, A. Tuscott, M. Brown, M. Johnson, R. Wild, Jammel(M), G. Trope, D. Oliver, K. Doherty and me, and Nazam the only 100 of the season.

Good luck for the coming season.

Neil Thomas (Second XI Captain)

## Second XI Fixture list for 2004

<b>April</b>	24th	Stainland	Away
<b>May</b>	1st	Southowram	Home
	2nd	Old Town (Crossley Shield Rd 1)	Home
	8th	Outlane	Home
	15th	Sowerby	Away
	22nd	Warley	Home
	23rd	Crossley Shield Rd 2	
	29th	Sowerby Bridge	Away
	31st	Copley	Home
<b>June</b>	5th	Northowram	Away
	12th	Old Town	Home
	19th	Triangle	Away
	20th	Crossley Shield Rd 3	
	26th	Salendine Nook	Home
<b>July</b>	3rd	Stainland	Home
	10th	Southowram	Away
	11th	Crossley Shield Semi-final	
	17th	Outlane	Away
	24th	Sowerby	Home
	31st	Warley	Away
<b>August</b>	7th	Sowerby Bridge	Home
	14th	Copley	Away
	15th	Crossley Shield Final	
	21st	Northowram	Home
	28th	Old Town	Away
<b>September</b>	4th	Triangle	Home
	11th	Salendine Nook	Away

## The Junior Update for 2003

Booth Junior Teams Review – by Matthew Lumb

The 2003 season saw the introduction of two new teams at Booth Cricket Club and the loss of one of our most successful. The Halifax league brought in an Under 11 and Under 13 section, replacing the Under 12's. We weren't quite sure what to expect from our Under 11's as only a couple had played for us before, but many teams were in the same position. They did impress at times, but they just need more experience of playing and understanding the game.

The Under 13's did well, as expected and were unlucky losing in a playoff with S.B.C.I. after only losing one other game all season. It was a season of change for the Under 15's, with many of them having one or more years left at that level. They did win more matches than they lost and ended high up in the table, which was a very creditable performance. Big things were expected of the Under 17's and they produced some fine cricketing displays. None more so than the Collinson Cup victory over Illingworth. Andrew Truscott won a very deserving man of the match award, with a fine fifty at the top of the order. All players involved that day deserve congratulations, as it was a professional performance against a dangerous Illingworth outfit.

The following Sunday they too lost in a playoff for the league against Sowerby St. Peters. They went undefeated until this day, but the key victory was against Mytholmroyd. With several key players missing, Gareth Brumby led a young team to victory and the chance to meet Sowerby.

This year we had a club record number of players turning out for Halifax league representative cricket. Louis Weatherhill and Adam Cryer, in his first season, played for the Under 11 Lord Taverners. The unlucky quartet of Richard Laycock, Jon Midgley, Leigh Thomas and Patrick Thomas played a solitary game for the Under 13's before the other games were cancelled following heavy rain. Kath Doherty and Oliver Collinge opened the bowling for the Under 15 team in the annual Goulder Trophy against Huddersfield, but were unable to turn out for the Taverners tournament. The Joe Lumb Under 17 squad included three Booth players. Andrew Truscott, Matthew Brown and Robert Laycock all turned out for them throughout the season and all performed well. None more so than the Joe Lumb fixture against York, held at Booth, where the three Booth players were the highest three scorers of Halifax. Matthew and Andrew had not played serious cricket until joining Booth some four years ago. now they are turning out and performing at a high standard of junior cricket.

We had several league prize winners. Ben Rowland U13's Wicketkeeper; Patrick Thomas U13's Batting; Leigh Thomas U15's Bowling; Robert Laycock was named Outstanding Player of the Halifax Joe Lumb side.

Again, plenty of juniors made appearances for the adult sides with plenty becoming regulars. With the Halifax league having a Sunday section, this gives young players a learning experience against and with adults, some of whom have played many years, so can pick up more knowledge about the game in a more social cricketing environment.

Many thank to all adult involved in junior cricket, whether it be ferrying four noisy kids all the way to Northowram or being a team manager or coach. Everyone who helps is a volunteer and any extra help is always appreciated. Any new players from eight upwards come along to the club, Thursday nights, and there'll be someone there to see about joining. We now have six qualified coaches, including one female, and many experienced heads with plenty of knowledge to pass on. We are also encouraging any girls wanting to join to feel free to. We would like to one day see another girl follow on from Kath Doherty, who is now playing for England Ladies Under 19's. Good luck for next season!

## Under 15's team review for 2003



Oliver Collinge  
U15's V.C.

We lost five older players last season, only Keith Doherty and myself were under fifteens. This meant that we had to use many of the under fourteen and thirteen players in our team.

Given so many changes in the team, I think we played well in most of our matches, Overall we won more matches than we lost, and ended the season in the top half of the league table.

In the cup we lost to a good Lightcliffe team who has a team where most of their players were fifteen.

In the winter we entered Yorkshire Cricket's indoor competition at Headingley. We won through the preliminary rounds, and were unlucky not to qualify for the final phase.

Most of the team will have benefitted from last years experience and they should be well placed to compete in the league in 2004.

## Under 15's Fixture list for 2004

<b>May</b>	5th	S.B.C.I.	Away
	12th	Warley	Home
	19th	Collinson Cup 1st Round	
	26th	Illingworth	Home
<b>June</b>	2nd	Lightcliffe	Away
	9th	Collinson Cup 2nd Round	
	16th	Northowram	Home
	23rd	Collinson Cup 3rd Round	
	30th	Stones	Away
<b>July</b>	7th	Mytholmroyd	Home
	14th	Collinson Cup Semi-Final	
	21st	Bradshaw	Home
	28th	No Game	
<b>August</b>	4th	No Games (Lord Taverners Competition)	
	11th	Illingworth	Away

## Under 13's review for 2003



Another great year for last years Under 12's side, this time at the new age group of Under 13's, only one lost game in the league, this a close encounter when most of the team was away on School Camp.

This coming year will be harder with only three or four boys remaining we'll have to wait and see.

Neil Thomas, Under 13's Manager

## Under 11's review for 2003

With a brand new season at Booth came a brand new under 11's team. We started with an inexperienced group of players, some of which has never played cricket before.

Our first couple of games were called off due to the opposition not being able to raise a team. Once we got under way and the players got to grips with the different rules played by the under 11's, some of our performances were quite outstanding.

The three key areas batting, bowling and fielding throughout the season were all very good and credit must go to all the players who contributed to the game.

The players can not be faulted for their effort and enthusiasm and I'm sure with a little more luck we would have won quite a few more games than we did.

I'm sure we will all agree that it was a most enjoyable season, I know I enjoyed it very much.

It was good to see that every player contributed something to the game through out the season which they can be proud of.

I do hope you all enjoyed this season with us and we look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Once again thank you to every one who played and see you all soon.

David Oliver, Under 11's Manager

### PLAYERS NEEDED

Are you under 11? (Still at junior school)

Come along and have a go! Speak to anyone at the club any evening.

## Under 13's Fixture list for 2004

All matches are played on Thursday.

<b>May</b>	6th	Northowram	Away
	13th	Illingworth	Home
	20th	Copley	Away
	27th	Bradshaw	Home
<b>June</b>	3rd	Salendine Nook	Away
	10th	Sowerby St Peters	Home
	17th	Southowram	Away
	24th	Barkisland	Home
<b>July</b>	1st	S.B.C.I.	Away
	8th	Blackley	Home
	15th	No game	
	22nd	Outlane	Home
	29th	No games	
<b>August</b>	5th	Warley	Away

## Under 11's Fixture list for 2004

All matches are played on Mondays unless otherwise stated.

<b>May</b>	4th	Tues	No Game	
	10th		S.B.C.I.	Home
	17th		Bradshaw	Home
	24th		Warley	Home
	31st		No Games	
<b>June</b>	7th		No Game	
	14th		Illingworth	Away
	21st		Northowram	Away
	28th		Queensbury	Home
<b>July</b>	5th		S.B.C.I.	Away
	12th		No Game	
	19th		Bradshaw	Away
	26th		Warley	Away
<b>August</b>	2nd		Illingworth	Home
	9th		Queensbury	Away
	16th		Northowram	Home

## Under 17's team review for 2003



Robert Laycock  
U17's Captain

In a season where we only lost one game, we only won one trophy out of the two we should have won.

The trophy we did win was the cup (for the first time in the club's history). It was a bright and sunny Sunday morning at Sowerby against old rivals Illingworth. It was a funny game due to the fact that we really didn't get enough runs but yet bowled and fielded very well as a team and restricted Illingworth from reaching their target. In the end it was a deserved win especially after a difficult cup run against good teams.

Up to this point in the season, with one game to go we were unbeaten and the only reason we hadn't won the league was due to the fact that rain had stopped us playing as many games as Sowerby. So one week after the cup final, this time at Booth, we had another final. This time instead of playing like we had played all year, we played probably our worst game of the season in the one game that mattered. In the end the better team won, even though over the season we deserved more, but no one can stop the weather.

Overall the season was a very good one with mixed fortunes, everybody turned up which is nice for a captain to see, and I can't remember a time when we didn't have 11 men, which bodes well for the future.

Hopefully with losing no players through age, this year we can go a whole season without losing.



Under 17's Collinson Cup Winners 2003

## Under 17's Fixture list for 2004

May	4th	Tues	S.B.C.I.	Home
	10th		Old Town	Away
	17th		Collinson Cup 1st Round	
	24th		Thornton	Away
	31st		No Game	
June	7th		Collinson Cup 2nd Round	
	14th		Warley	Home
	21st		Collinson Cup 3rd Round	
	28th		Lightcliffe	Away
July	5th		Northoram	Home
	12th		Collinson Cup Semi-Finals	
	19th		Mytholmroyd	Home
	26th		Illingworth	Away
August	2nd		Bradshaw	Away
	9th		Illingworth	Home

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## Sunday XI review for 2003

After the promotion in 2002, the Sunday Team were looking to consolidate a position in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division with a young squad at hand. The blend of experience and youth was constant throughout the season and is a trend we would like to continue.

The team's batting sometimes lacked the big innings, but contained plenty of depth and fight. This was shown as one week you could turn up and bat at number 9 and ten the next week, be promoted to number 3. Also, the bowling contained plenty of variety and was backed up by good fielding, outfielding by those under 18 and slip catching by those over 40! The bowling attack was well lead by Gulbaz, who ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league averages with 19 wickets at 13.60.

The atmosphere off the field was also very good with plenty of banter off the field. Often the younger players were giving as good as they got off the more experienced cricketers. Crowds were pretty good as well, with many first and second teamers coming along to support, especially when the sun was out. It is always good for the entire club to get along.

Finally congratulations to Danny Greetham. After not wicketkeeping before in a relatively short cricketing career, he ended up winning the league wicketkeeping prize. Good luck to Jimmy and the fellas for next season.

## Sunday X1 Fixture list for 2004

<b>April</b>	25th	Lightcliffe - CUP	Away
<b>May</b>	9th	King Cross - CUP	Home
	16th	Southowram - CUP	Away
	23rd	Norden - CUP	Home
	30th	Stones - CUP	Away
<b>June</b>	6th	Mytholmroyd	Home
	13th	Lightcliffe	Away
	20th	King Cross	Home
	27th	Southowram	Home
<b>July</b>	4th	Augustinians	Away
	11th	Copley	Home
	18th	Cup Final	
	25th	Old Crossleyans	Away
<b>August</b>	1st	Mytholmroyd - (10am start)	Away
	8th	Lightcliffe	Home
	15th	King Cross - (10am start)	Away
	22nd	Southowram	Away
	29th	Augustinians	Home
<b>September</b>	5th	Copley	Away
	12th	Old Crossleyans	Home

## 1st XI review for 2003

Last year we had a disappointing season, where we never pushed for any honours in the main league and cup competitions; only winning the League 5-A-Side competition on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Hopefully this year (2004) we will have a settled side with less holidays and days off. And with all the big guns firing again.

## 1st X1 Fixture list for 2004

<b>April</b>	24th	Thornton	Home
<b>May</b>	1st	Southowram	Away
	2nd Sun	Old Town PARISH CUP RD 1	Away
	8th	Outlane	Away
	15th	Warley	Home
	22nd	Copley	Away
	23rd Sun	PARISH CUP RD 2	
	29th	Bradshaw	Home
	31st Mon	Mytholmroyd	Away
<b>June</b>	5th	Sowerby	Home
	12th	Sowerby Bridge	Away
	19th	Northowram	Home
	20th Sun	PARISH CUP RD 3	
	26th	Triangle	Away
<b>July</b>	3rd	Thornton	Away
	10th	Southowram	Home
	11th Sun	PARISH CUP SEMI-FINAL	
	17th	Outlane	Home
	24th	Warley	Away
	31st	Copley	Home
<b>August</b>	1st Sun	PARISH CUP FINAL	
	7th	Bradshaw	Away
	14th	Mytholmroyd	Home
	21st	Sowerby	Away
	28th	Sowerby Bridge	Home
<b>September</b>	4th	Northowram	Away
	11th	Triangle	Home

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