

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

By Mark Edmonds

Bank Holiday Sunday in late August saw the club hold a special Twenty/20 day at the ground in aid of two local charities. With the Bank Holiday weather continuing to be excellent, the day began with a match between the juniors, serving as a taster for what was to follow. Barkisland Under-9s played the Barkisland girls side (whose members range from ages six to 12) in a game that all the youngsters enjoyed. Although the boys' team won, it was a great experience for all involved.

Lunch followed, before the sponsors for the day were paraded and introduced as the main match drew ever closer. Local pub the Spring Rock put together a side to take on a Barkisland XI, with the pub looking to reverse the result from the previous meeting between the two teams.



The Barkisland XI ended up with a good score of 200 from their 20 overs. In reply, the Spring Rock made a decent start, until a controversial decision from the umpire (who as it turns out, wasn't *au fait* with all the laws of the game!). Main batsman and Spring Rock guest Simon Finch was given out off of a bump ball, to both his and his opponents' amazement - who only appealed out of jest!

After that, the rest of the Spring Rock side struggled to get over the decision and were eventually skittled out for 160, 40 short of their target. Still, the result only serves to give the Spring Rock even more motivation for next year's contest!

For some of the spectators, though, the highlight of the day was seeing club professional Tinasha Panyangora taking on the dunk tank...and losing! As well as the water tank, children present could also enjoy a bouncy castle, throwing water at players in the stocks, as well as taking part in a special penalty shoot-out.

The day, in conjunction with a whip-round at the club's Annual Dinner, was a great success with BCC raising £800, split equally between Barkisland Old People's Welfare, a local community group for the elderly residents of the village, and the West Yorkshire Forget-Me-Not Trust. The Forget-Me-Not Trust is currently trying to raise funds to build and run a children's hospice in Brackenhall, Huddersfield. So far, they have raised £1 million but need to reach a target of £3 million in order to build and open the hospice.

The club would also like to thank the landlord and landlady of the Spring Rock pub, Matthew and Nicole Roberts, for their sponsorship of the day, as well as providing the barbeque for both spectators and players.