

# THE WES MESSENGER

Issue 3

APRIL 2000

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE WES

- 27th April : First Junior Coaching Session  
30th April : First Senior Fixtures  
5th May : Junior Disco (see this page for details)  
26th May : Deadline for Raffle Ticket Sales  
10th June : Drawing of Grand Draw Tickets  
16 June : Greyhound Derby (see page 3 for details)  
24 - 26 July: Millennium Summer Holiday Cricket Festival (see separate insert)

## THE WES GRAND DRAW

*By now many of you will have received Grand Draw Tickets to sell.*

*There are an array of super prizes headed up by a 24" Widescreen TV, kindly sponsored by Frank Platt Electrical, Holmfirth.*

*Please help your club by selling as many tickets as you can to family, friends, colleagues at work etc. All of the proceeds go to support the Wes Development Appeal.*

*If you need more tickets, please speak to either Mark Binns or Keith Crawshaw who would be delighted to supply them to you.*

*With your support, the Grand Draw can raise a substantial amount for the Club's development fund.*

## ATTENTION ALL THURSDAY NIGHT JUNIOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### JUNIOR DISCO

**Place:** ALMONDBURY  
METHODIST CHURCH  
HALL

**Date :** Friday 5th May 2000

**Time :** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Cost :** Tickets are £1.00 each  
and include a hot dog.

**How Do I Get One ?:**

Available from Julie Stanger  
(tel. 01484 308636) or on the  
door.

Come and meet all your friends from  
last year. Why not bring a friend!

## FOR SALE

**Sturdy Wooden Bird Tables  
Made to Order  
Only £22.50  
Profits to Development fund  
Tel Neil Shaw (01484)  
319499 to place your order**

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## EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

You will probably have heard by now that Sport England have given "stage one" approval to fund our ground development project to 65% of the capital cost. This element of the funding programme, being the single biggest item was critical to the £250,000 project, which could not proceed without it.

We now have the best chance we will ever get to completely redevelop our Kaye Lane ground with a new pavilion, a flatter and even playing surface, new modern practice facilities and tarmaced road access and car parking.

Our timetable will hopefully (because there is much to do before this can actually happen) see work start in Mid August with everything completed by the beginning of the 2002 season in May next year. This will mean that alternative venues for both matches and practice sessions at the end of the 2001 season and the first part of 2002 will need to be found.

The go ahead for this development project now depends on only two things. We must demonstrate to all our main funders the quality of our sports development plans, which are aimed at consolidating the great job already done to attract and help develop upwards of 100 youngsters and running what will be 4 junior and 3 senior teams this season. We must then show that we can not only recruit, but handle the development of many new cricketers who will be attracted to our club in the future. And secondly we will need to demonstrate that we can raise our share of the money - some £80,000 - £90,000. We have already agreed secondary funding with Kirklees MC of £30,000 and

received £3,000 from the Huddersfield Common Good Trust. We have managed to raise £16,500 ourselves as at the end of 2000, but need to raise a further £20,000 - £25,000 within the next 9 - 12 months. The final element of the funding package is an application to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts for £20,000, the outcome of which is expected in the next 2 months.

As you can see there is a lot to do now, in a short period of time and it will require an immense effort from everyone linked with the club, coupled with support from the local community and businesses if we are to raise the significant sums necessary to enable the ground development to go ahead.

A small sub-committee of 7 wise men - The Project Steering Group - are responsible for managing all elements of the project until its completion,

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## NOTICE OF AGM

The club's AGM will take place as follows :

Date : Friday 16th February 2000

Place : The Woolpack pub (Almondbury) -  
Function Room

Time : 7.30pm.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting of the Club, especially in the light of the exciting developments that are just around the corner.

All members and Friends are warmly invited.

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APRIL 2001

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE WES

- 19th April : Race Night (see inside)  
26th April : First Junior Coaching Session  
29th April : First Senior Fixtures  
17th May : Auction (see inside)  
23rd May : Public Meeting (See Inside)  
23 - 25 July : Millennium Summer Holiday  
Cricket Festival (see insert)

### For your diaries - not to be missed

- 10th Nov : Annual Dinner  
1st Dec : Christmas Coffee Morning

## FUND RAISING UPDATE

The club is now entering it's most crucial time as it strives to reach it's target of £35,000 by the end of the year.

Now, with the season rapidly approaching it is so important that we all work together by supporting ALL fundraising events.

The "Buy A Brick" campaign will go on throughout the year and is without doubt the biggest single item in our fund raising programme.

I cannot emphasise enough how much your support is needed. At this moment it is not what the club can do for you but what you can do for the club.

## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Our ground development project continues to progress towards becoming a reality. The preferred timetable is now set which, with a bit of luck, should mean that everything is ready for 1st May, the beginning of the 2002 season.

There are essentially four hurdles which must be overcome if everything is to go the way we plan, the 1st of which is only 2 weeks away. This is when we next meet Sport England, our main and most demanding funder, to reach agreement on the final scope of the project, its cost, the final design of the pavilion and specification of internal fixtures, fittings & content and the work to be done to the cricket field and practice area.

Final plans are being drawn up by our architects, Heppenstalls of Milnsbridge, & will be available for everyone to see in the tea room. We are trying to increase the size of the pavilion, especially the changing rooms & social area, and improve the practice facilities. These will hopefully include 2 fixed, full length practice lanes with an artificial surface & 4 grass tracks of a similar standard to the cricket square, all placed off field in the "Tennis Court" area at the far end of the site. Sport England have already indicated they would be receptive to funding an increased cost for an improvement in high priority project elements, subject to final approval.

Next steps are then to apply for full planning permission (we currently have outline permission) during April & then prepare and issue tenders to a preferred list of potential suppliers at the beginning of June. Hopefully responses will meet, not only the required build quality, but at a price which is in line with the project costings signed off at the previous stage.

We hope to be in a position to have clarified and negotiated final details by Mid July & then apply for "full stage two approval" from Sport England. If this is received our last match before re-development starts will be Sunday 12th August (28 days after approval) & excavation of the field will begin the following day.

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## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

The last few weeks have been a busy time at the Wes with a number of events taking place.

On the 13th June a race night was held at the club, notwithstanding the fact that Transco had omitted to tell us the gas had been switched off, over 50 people enjoyed a pie and pea supper (Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Cater for the use of their kitchen at short notice) and tried to guess the winner of each race.

The main winners were the club and Jonathan Harding, who despite pouring most of his peas down his shirt, won the final race of the night and with it £70 to share with his small consortium. Many thanks are due to all involved in the organisation of the event who helped it run so smoothly.

The club ran a cake and craft stall at the Almondbury Gala on 21st June, raising funds for the club. Again many thanks are due to all those who baked cakes and especially to those members who ran the stall on the afternoon.

The fund-raising events continued on the 11th July, with the annual barbecue at Huddersfield Grammar School. This was enjoyed by over 50 people who were well fed thanks to Mark & Susan Binns and their helpers on the barbecue, and then entertained by a singing duo.

Two days later, Kaye Lane played host to the Tinker cup semi-final between Leymoor and Westborough. On a gloriously hot summer's day well over 100 spectators see Leymoor win a close game by 15 runs. This was the first time that Kaye Lane has hosted such a game, and thanks are due to the small band of club members who prepared for and ran the day and ensured everything went so smoothly.

Finally, by the time you read this the annual cricket festival at Kaye Lane will have been and gone, no doubt as in previous years having been attended by a large number of children of all ages.

Life's certainly not dull at the moment!

## ALL FOR ONE .... ONE FOR ALL

We are halfway through the season. The Wes continues to make steady progress. Our young players can now play league cricket from 11 to 17. Under-elevens (including girls and some four-year olds) learn skills and play Kwik Cricket each thursday. Two of our young players represent Huddersfield at under-eleven level and one plays regular age-group cricket for Yorkshire.

Our senior teams are a blend of experience and youth and both hold mid-table positions. Our captains and vice-captains are doing their best to ensure that the next generation of cricketers gets the benefit of advice and support from our club's senior players. Our third eleven has played more matches with a team of senior players, juniors had occasional players.

Our objective is to compete in the Premier division of the Huddersfield Central Cricket League. We know that this will depend on committment from all our players and the ability of our junior players to break through and complete at a higher level. If each player works hard to become the best player they could possibly be, consistnecy and success will follow for individuals as well as teams. Players of average ability can get above-average results if they put in the necessary hard graft. Some of our players have not attended enough coaching and practice sessions, winter and summer. A few have tured up for none. Players' meetings have been poorly supported. You tend to get out of the game what you put into it. Put more effort and time into fitness and preparation for matches and your performances (and your team's) will improve.

Our cricket strategy is designed and managed to achieve and maintain Premier Division status. Each of our eight teams is part of an integrated one-club cricket programme. We are in danger of becoming a collection of self-contained groups. There needs to be better communication and co-operation between all our teams, particularly at senior level. We believe that players are just that - players. Not first, second or thrid-team players. The label depends on factors such as fitness, fielding, committmetn, performance and ability. Players should be ready to play as selected. Players with a grievance should discuss their problem openly and honestly with the captain

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## 2004 SENIOR FIXTURES

The Huddersfield Central Cricket League's website ([www.HCCL.org.uk](http://www.HCCL.org.uk)) is now showing the fixtures for the 2004 season. The early fixtures for our senior teams are reproduced below:

25th April	: 1st XI Birchcliffe (h)
	: 2nd XI Heckmondwike (a)
1st May	: 1st XI Ruddlesdens (a)
	: 2nd XI Hoylandswaine (h)
8th May	: 1st XI Westborough (h)
	: 2nd XI Flockton (a)
9th May	: 2nd XI Thurstonland (a)
	(this game is rearranged from 3rd July)

Later games & those for our junior teams will follow nearer the start of the season.

## WINTER WARMER

The evening of Saturday 7th February was a cold, blustery night, with a number of snow & sleet showers. However, it was also the night of a Chilli evening held at the Wes. This was attended by around fifty people of all ages, who all enjoyed warming Chillies (with Pie & Pea or Pizza for those with less adventurous palates). The evening was rounded off with a couple of quiz sheets & a Theme Tune quiz.

This was a very enjoyable evening and thanks are due to all those who made it possible, and, in particular to Ian & Helen Hales and Alan & Julie Stanger who put the evening and food together, together with Andrew & Keith Crawshaw who arranged the post meal entertainment.

## NOTICE OF AGM

The club's AGM will take place as follows :

Date : Friday 27th February 2004

Place : The Pavilion at our Ground in Kaye Lane, Almondbury.

Time : 7.30pm.

Last year's AGM was poorly attended and this was very disappointing as it is important that all members should have a say in how their club is run. Therefore, please make every effort to attend this important meeting of the Club. It is after all your club, and your input into its development is very important to us.

All members and Friends are warmly invited.

## UNDER 11 HELPERS NEEDED

Volunteer assistant coaches are needed to help our under 11s during 2004. Sessions will run on Thursdays (5.45pm to 7.00pm) from May to August. Don't worry if you haven't done this before as training & support are available and help can be given towards obtaining coaching qualifications.

If you want to help the cricketers of the future please contact John Cowan on 01484 842804 who can give you more details. As with all our volunteers you will be made most welcome.

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## Under 11's

By NEIL SHAW

We had a fantastic season winning 11 out of 15 games played. The team finished 3rd in the league, but beat the top 2 convincingly in an end of season playoff and narrowly lost on the last ball to Broad Oak in the cup semi finals.

The team used 27 players throughout the season, mixing older and more experienced players with the younger and less experienced ones. We always had a great team spirit and a desire to win., a credit to all players concerned.

My thanks to Alan Fletcher, Dave Owen, George Seddon and parents for coaching, scoring and supporting a very successful season, long may it carry on.

Best Batting Joe Fletcher

Best Bowling Josh Scott

## COMING SOON

- Saturday 13th Nov - Annual Dinner Dance & Presentations  
Venue Durker Rood Hotel, Meltham  
Further Details from Mark Binns 01484 603723
- Wednesday 24th Nov - Wesree Trophy - Royds Hall Sports Hall 8.30 p.m.  
(Ring Andrew Crawshaw 01484 516516 to play)  
followed by a pie and pea supper.
- Saturday 28th Nov - Junior Wes at Morrisons, Huddersfield
- Saturday 4th December - Christmas Coffee Morning at Almondbury  
Methodist Church - 10.00 a.m. Contributions wanted  
for Cake Stall & tombola
- February 2005 - 2005 Winter nets to commence at King  
James School Almondbury.

## League Tables

### ARROW HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL CRICKET LEAGUE

#### SECTION A

	Pld	W	T	L	5	1	Pnts
Birchcliffe A	22	13	1	1	4	3	104
Holmbridge A	22	9	0	2	8	3	97
Denby A	22	10	0	6	3	3	78
Bradley & C A	22	5	1	3	5	8	66
Westborough A	22	7	0	8	4	3	65
Higham A	22	9	0	8	1	4	63
Heck. & Carl. A	22	7	0	6	1	8	55
Bretton A	22	5	0	5	3	9	54
A'bury Wes. A	22	3	1	6	5	7	53
Leymoor A	22	5	1	6	2	8	51
Birkby FMA A	22	5	0	10	0	5	45
Ruddlesdens A	22	2	0	19	0	1	13

#### SECTION C

	Pld	W	T	L	5	1	Pnts
Heck'wike A	22	6	0	0	12	4	100
Cawthorne B	22	9	0	3	8	2	96
Azaad B	22	7	0	4	9	2	89
Nortonthorpe A	22	7	0	4	3	8	65
Flockton A	22	5	0	7	5	5	60
Penistone B	22	4	0	4	5	9	58
Thurstonland B	22	4	0	3	3	12	51
A'bury Wes. B	22	1	0	4	7	10	51
Hoylandswaine	22	4	0	5	3	10	49
Holmbridge B	22	4	0	7	3	8	47
Bradley & C B	22	3	0	6	2	11	39
Leymoor B	22	3	0	10	3	6	39

We hope that you enjoyed reading this edition of the Wes Messenger. Please send any items for inclusion in the next edition to : Chris Jones at 115 Burn Road, Birchcliffe, Huddersfield. or by e-mail to [cljones@fish.co.uk](mailto:cljones@fish.co.uk)