



Steeton Cricket Club

Established 1868

Members of the Airedale and Wharfedale Senior Cricket League

Dear Club Member

As we move into a new year we can reflect on many successes from 2015, which once again has seen the club develop positively for all members.

On the field we have seen all-round success. Our junior playing set-up continues to improve and saw a collectively successful season throughout the age groups. Under 15s were league champions, under 13s won the John Hindle Cup and were runners-up in their league, under 17s and under 11s were 3rd in their respective leagues and a host of Steeton juniors were awarded league prizes to round off a great season.

The senior first team were once again competitive in the first division despite being without their overseas player for over half the season, the second team won the Birtwhistle cup for the first time under captain Craig Walton and the third team were runners up in the Chappell cup with a significant number of juniors playing their part. These successes were complemented by a number of individuals also winning league awards.

Off the field we had a brand new kitchen fitted and the renovation of the men's club toilets are near completion. We have managed to remain solvent with money in the bank and still pay more than half our loan off which was used in part to complete the replacement of the changing rooms and the whole roof the year before. The bonfire once again was a huge financial success despite the weather trying its best to ruin things. Events including the panto, band nights and quiz continue to offer both interest and financial support.

The year ahead holds further challenges as we have recently lost a couple of club officials, who were responsible for a significant amount of work at the club and their shoes will need to be filled. We have also taken the decision not to seek the services of an overseas player this year, which will save a considerable amount of money but leave the first team in need of further player recruitment.

However, we also have both short-term and long-term goals, which when complete will only enhance the experience for both players and club members as we move forward.

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In the short term we need to improve the décor and furniture in the clubhouse and replace the scoreboard to facilitate the use of electronic scoring for all teams. Long-term we must consider improvements to the bar, the road leading to the clubhouse and the parking facilities available at the club.

Everything that has been done up to now and is to be completed in the future is done by volunteers and so once again the club is asking for your support. If we can increase the numbers of volunteers involved in this work we can reduce the workload significantly. This could be in the form of attendance at the events advertised on the website, support on match days or at practice sessions providing refreshments or staffing the bar including the juniors on a Friday evening, sponsorship of the club by you or companies you have contact with or being part of the work days we have before and after the season. If you wish to become more involved in any way please contact myself, Michael Wilson or Julian Higginson. All our contact details can be found at the end of this letter or on the website.

Forthcoming events you might want to consider include the yearly wine and cheese night with quiz and the club annual dinner both of which will be within the next couple of months. We will also be very busy on the weekend of Saturday 2nd April 2016 which is the Cricket Force weekend, a time when we prepare the club for the coming season. Please make every effort to get involved.

Finally can I thank you for your support of the club in the past in whatever way this has been offered and hope that together we can continue to make improvements in the future for all members.

Yours faithfully,

John Akrigg
Club Chairman

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