



Welcome back

We are now over half way through the 2017 season and we would like to keep all members informed about everything that is going on at our club.

Much work went on behind the scenes during the closed season, with players of all ages training regularly throughout the Winter to improve their skills. A lot happened behind the scenes too, with our volunteers working hard to prepare the ground, look at club development and to improve the level of coaching, facilities and opportunities available for everyone.

Fantastic Achievements!

2016 proved to be a highly successful one for our club, with a fantastic T20 win and promotion to the Huddersfield Drakes Premiership for the first time and our U17 team reached the final of the Philip Oldfield Cup. It is many years since a Thongsbridge team played in the highest league and this was achieved by a team,

which included 9 players, developed from our own juniors This is quite a unique achievement and unlike most other premiership teams! Many congratulations to Richard Wagstaff and his senior squad and we wish the players well for the rest of the season.





Thank you to our sponsors

Thank you once again to our generous sponsors, without whom it would not be possible to run our club and provide facilities and opportunities for our local community.

We are very grateful to our main sponsors, Swimbabes and in particular, Laura and George Molloy, who have sponsored the shirts this year.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our two other main sponsors, Herculean and Volvo. All contributions help enormously and we very much appreciate the support of each and everyone who has offered help in many ways. Without this support it is not possible for community groups to survive and to develop facilities.

There are still opportunities for match sponsorship (£100) and ball sponsorship (£50) for all remaining games and support with this would be greatly appreciated.

For more information please speak to a committee member.



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Professional Coaching for all our players.

We were delighted to announce coaching partnerships with both G&R Coaching (juniors), as well as the Cricket Asylum (seniors) at the start of this season, who are providing professional help for all our players. Gurman and Rohan Randhawa are providing Friday night coaching for our juniors and are also running cricket camps at holiday times, as well as one to one coaching opportunities. More information is available from the club or from the G&R website. The Cricket Asylum has provided coaching sessions for our seniors throughout the Winter and will be supporting our senior squads this season.



Junior Teams



Our juniors made a fantastic start to the season with our U9s winning the first tournament of the year and we have seen some fine performances in our other age groups. A special mention must go to our U17 team players, who have reached the final of the Philip Oldfield Cup this year for the second consecutive year! Congratulations to them and we wish them well in the final, which will be held on Monday, 28th August (venue to be announced) Go along to support them if you can!

Our young players are the future of the club and we aim to make their experience of cricket at Thongsbridge the best we can. We are always looking to parents of junior teams to help out with team managing and also with coaching sometimes. There are opportunities for parents to go on coaching courses and acquire the skills needed. Please contact a member of the committee if you would like to get involved in this way.



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Let's hear it for the Girls!

We are continuing to develop girls 'cricket at our club and we are delighted with the progress our girls are making.

Many of our girls perform well in mixed teams at various age groups and we are hoping to increase the number of fixtures and opportunities available for our girls' teams. Some of these will take place later in the season, when there is more availability at our ground, when Holmfirth High School fixtures are complete and some junior fixtures have finished. We will be taking part in the

Huddersfield and Halifax Girls' festivals again this year, as well as adding new fixtures.

A number of our girls recently enjoyed an excellent coaching session at the Cricket Asylum and were able to meet Ellie Threlkeld of Lancashire and England.





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Representative Honours.

Georgia Draper

Congratulations to Georgia Draper, who played for the Malvern select national side at U13 last year and we wish her well for the remainder of the season with Yorkshire U15s and U17s. Georgia has also been selected to travel to Barbados with the Malvern select national team later this year!



Emily Roberts

Congratulations also to Emily Roberts, who represented West Yorkshire at U11s and has also represented Yorkshire. On her debut, Emily batted superbly and took two wickets. Fantastic achievements by both girls and we wish them well for the future.

Will Reeves

Congratulations to Will Reeves, who was selected for the Joe Lumb squad this season. Will, who is 15, has also made a great contribution to the 1st team Thongsbridge squad, taking many important wickets against Premiership opposition and has produced some outstanding performances, not least against Cawthorne, when he took 8 wickets for 40 runs, helping the team to victory.



Disability Cricket

We continue to support Disability cricket at our ground, although the fixtures have been badly affected by the weather this season unfortunately. We hope to host more games for the Yorkshire Terriers Team and see them in action again soon at Thongsbridge.

August 2017



Big Bridge Bash Back! August Bank Holiday!

After the fantastic success of last year's Big Bridge Bash T20 event, we are making the competition bigger and better this year, by involving 4 teams. We are delighted that the Zimbabwe U23 team has agreed to take part and it will be fantastic to see international players playing at our ground. Also taking part will be a select team, representing The Cricket Asylum, together with two teams of overseas and selected UK players.

This is a great family day out, with a duck race and live band after the games, as well as other fun activities, BBQ, wood oven pizzas, refreshments and bar, so come along and enjoy the fun. It will take place on the 27th August, which is the Bank Holiday weekend, so save the date, avoid the traffic and stay around to enjoy the fun!



New Arrivals

This year, we have welcomed two new players, to our senior squad. Phil Visser from South Africa and Jed Standring from Australia, who have joined us this year and have made great contributions to our team, as well as coaching our juniors. We wish them well for the rest of the season and hope they will have happy memories of their time at Thongsbridge. We are also pleased to have Jed's girlfriend, Caitlyn with us, who has kindly joined in with our volunteers to help things along tremendously whenever possible.



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Club Development

We have made great progress in recent years, with the development of our ground and can be proud of all our achievements to date. However, we would very much like to progress the plans we have produced, to develop our clubhouse facility for the community. We desperately need indoor toilet facilities, so that we can hold functions throughout the Winter and as we grow, we need more space and facilities for everyone to enjoy.

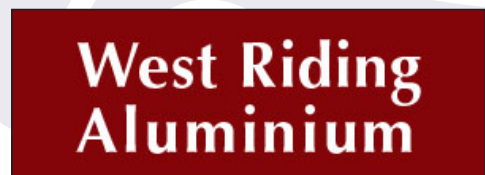
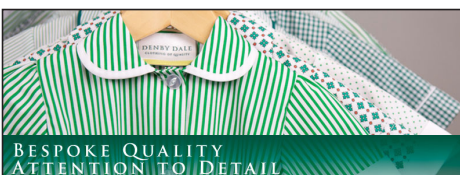
We have been unsuccessful in our bid for Sport England funding this time and will have to achieve our goal in a different way! We are currently in the process of designing a new proposal for the clubhouse to reduce the budget, but one which still delivers a unique building, to take the club forward in the coming years. Further details will be released in the next few weeks.

Featured Volunteers

Many members are unaware that all jobs at the club, with the exception of the professional coaching provided by the club, are done entirely by volunteers! We would like to thank everyone who has helped in some way either at work parties, scoring, bar, tuck shop rota, teas and so on.

We would also like to highlight the work of two of our most dedicated volunteers, namely Alan Moore (Club Chairman) and Tom Kelly (Treasurer). They not only fulfil the demands of their respective roles on the

committee, but they also turn up sometimes, several days a week to maintain the ground and often do many jobs that nobody else wishes to do! They can usually be spotted eating pizza in the clubhouse every Friday at lunchtime and are only too happy to make a brew for anyone else who is willing to turn up and lend a hand around the ground. Many thanks to Alan and Tom for working tirelessly for the club and doing everything they do! It is very much appreciated!





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Many hands make light work

As many of you are aware, we have a thriving junior section and it is fantastic to see so many children and families involved at our club.

However, we need more helpers to step in, as at present, the running of the club falls to a relatively small group of people. As previously mentioned, the running of the club is done entirely by volunteers and we would be most grateful for help with the following; sponsorship management, fund raising, marketing, accounts, ground maintenance, coaching / team managing, catering tuck shop rota, club development, work parties and committee membership.

Without volunteer help, there would be no cricket in our community and so if you are able to contribute in some way, however small, please let us know. Maintaining and running a community club is difficult and developing it is even harder. With

more helpers we can do it! If you are willing to get involved, please contact a member of the committee. We are also looking to involve people, perhaps in their retirement, to share their skills and many different ones are needed! Becoming a volunteer can be a rewarding experience as well as providing much needed support for our club. Recent studies have shown that offering help as a volunteer can significantly help to improve an individual's wellbeing. If you know of anyone who would like to help, please let us know. Don't hesitate! Get involved!



We hope you enjoy the rest of the Summer!





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