

# URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT!

## ONLY 8 Days Left To Get Your 125 Kit!

Orders for the specially designed playing kit for the 125th Anniversary season are now being taken. A ONE OFF ORDER will be placed and so members are asked to get their order in for 10th February 2009 to avoid disappointment.

Each item includes a variety of embroidered logos. Match days shirts and complimentary match day trousers are available along with a 125 Baseball cap; Polo shirts, Rain Jackets, fleeces and shorts, with pockets, are also available at discounted prices thanks to support from Cockspur Rum. **SPECIAL PLAYER OFFER AVAILABLE TOO.**

A downloadable Order Form is available on the website and Forum. Cheques should be made payable to "Illingworth CC" and sent with a completed form to 20 Lynton Grove, Bradshaw Halifax HX2 9XN by 10th February 2009.

**DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED, BE ORGANISED AND ACT NOW!**



## NETS CAST FAR AND WIDE!

New and complex Immigration Laws drawn up with the support of the ECB have created extreme difficulties for Chairman, Dennis Verity and the 'Overseas Sub-Committee' in finding a suitable player for the 2009 season following Pieter Venter's inability to return to the UK.

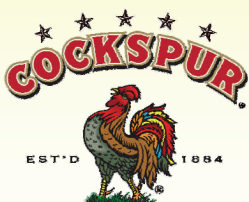
Restrictions on employment, professionalism, passports, International CRB clearance and also being unable to 'play for a full season' are just a few of the new obstacles to be overcome in order to continue the popular provision of an overseas player at Illingworth CC.

Despite this Dennis et al continue to work tirelessly in order to find the best solution for the Club. Watch this space for further developments.

**Senior Net Practices** begin at the Ridings Sports Centre starting Sunday 15th February between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

This year, **Junior Net Practice** will be held at Thornton Recreation Centre every Friday between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. starting 13th February.

Please pass on this information to other players you see and make every effort to attend.



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**125th  
ANNIVERSARY  
GALA DINNER**

on  
**Saturday 4th April 2009**  
at  
**Bertie's Restaurant, Elland.**

**TICKETS  
NOW AVAILABLE**

Email:  
**Stuartthompson754@btinternet.com**

# TRUANT'S 100 IN DUBAI



**A**lex Lees, ICC and Holy Trinity School pupil, bunked off a fortnight's school in December and missed all the Christmas Parties in order to play for Yorkshire Academy in a four team tournament in the United Arab Emirates.

After lulling the opposition into a false sense of security by registering an uncharacteristic '0', Leesie made amends with an undefeated century under the lights at Abu-Dhabi Stadium to ensure the County side returned as Tournament Champions.

The Local Authority's Education Welfare Officer and ICC members can find further information about

Alex's tour on the YCCC website! Congratulations Alex—take 50 lines!

## Are You Being Served Yet?

**T**ickets for the 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner have gone on Sale. There has been a good response to early sales.

Tickets are limited—please see contact details to ensure that you do not miss out on this special and memorable event in the Club's celebrations.

## Juniors Heading For A Day at Headingley

**T**here has been a good response from the Junior Section to the opportunity to be coached by former England player, Craig White and other Yorkshire Players at Headingley throughout the morning of Saturday 7th March as well as a Ground Tour of the famous Test Match Ground.

It is still not too late to book at place—visit the website for further details and to download a Booking Form.

## ICC WHISTLE INTO 2009 FINAL APPEARANCE

**A**fter featuring in three Finals in the 2008 season, Illingworth CC will be in at least one final next season already—the Airedale & Wharfedale League's Birtwhistle Cup Final.

The League's Management Committee have invited ICC to host the 2009 Final and the Committee had no hesitation in providing a positive response.

The Final is due to take place on Sunday 9th August with a reserve date of 23rd August.

Club Members are asked to put this date in their diary and not wait to be asked to offer help in ensuring that the Club once again put on a special day which is befitting of the event.

## Lawton Goes Into Print?



**D**uring the close season, many members find alternative recreational pursuits such as football, fancy dress parties, rugby, Elton John impersonations and holidays in sunny Perpignan etc.

One Club member has allegedly spent time committing his in depth knowledge of the game to print. Famed for his innovative weather and pitch reports on YouTube alongside Russell's X rated dancing, he has now diversified. All good bookshops and Libraries now stock James Lawton "On Cricket"! Many thanks to Stuart Thompson whose winter activities included searching dodgy obsolete website reviews and trawled up this revelation.

Let's hope Tommo has learnt something by reading this literary masterpiece and Lawtino puts it into practice in 2009!

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## 125th ANNIVERSARY BROCHURE

**Advertisers,  
Brochure Patrons £20,  
Photographs and Articles  
are URGENTLY required.**

**Contact:**

**The President, Andrew Smith  
Tel: (01422) 823988**

## ILLINGWORTH C.C.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Friday 27th February 2009  
at 7:30 p.m.**

**All members  
are asked to attend.**



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## DENNIS' DEGREE GIVEN MORE THAN O'K !

ICC's former 'Tonto' look-a-like, Dennis O'Keefe, presented some of the proceeds from his book written for his Masters Degree Thesis about the "Start of Play: The Foundation and Progress of Illingworth CC c.1884-1920: A Social History".

Copies and further information are available on the Calderdale & Kirklees Cricket Heritage website.—Thanks and well done Dennis.

### THE CRICKET

History of Calderdale and Kirklees

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FLOWERING

Andrew Tagg reported that Whitehill Allotment Association continue to enjoy hosting their Committee Meetings in the ICC Pavilion

Whitehill Allotment

Relations between the new Allotment Association on Whitehill Road are beginning to blossom which may see the ground emblazoned in Gold and Maroon planters.

## COMING TO CHURCH ON MONDAY

The Club's roots and associations with Illingworth St.Mary's Church is well documented in the Club's 125 year history.

Mondays in April will take on a new relationship as ICC is please to extend a warm welcome to Bradshaw Church Council who will hold their meetings at the Club each Monday throughout April.

## 'RUSSELLING' UP TO DO NECESSARY JOBS

Many thanks to Russell Lockley who has ensured that the Pavilion roof has been repaired following ball damage from the summer—was it from his bowling?

Much needed repairs to the Kitchen's Dishwasher and to the fence running along the bottom of the ground is urgently needed within the Club's Development Plan. If



you can lend a hand or offer support please do not hesitate to come forward.

Please be ready to commit time and effort in preparing the Club and Ground for the coming season by becoming involved in the NatWest cricket Force Day in April—more details to come.

## SARAH'S SCORING SCRUTINY

Good Luck to Sarah Smith who is taking her Level 2 Scorers Examination later this month.

Next season she will be assessed at some stage during a match by an Assessor.

## And More ...

Watch out for more announcements and information about other events in due course.

Keep watching the Club website and Forum. Join in the good natured banter or share more serious information with other Club members.

## 2009 DIARY

### 13th February

Junior Nets start at Thornton Sports Centre 5:30– 6:30pm

### 15th February

Senior Nets start at Ridings Sports Centre 2:30– 3:30pm

### Friday 27th February

Annual General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### Winter 2009

125 Brochure Launch

### Saturday 7th March

Junior Section at Headingley

### Thursday 4th March

Junior Managers Meeting at Stones CC 7:30p.m.

### Saturday 7th March

Race Night at 7:30p.m.

### Saturday 4th April

Gala Dinner:

Bertie's Restaurant, Elland.

### Saturday April (tba)

NatWest Cricket Force Day

### Saturday

1st XI .v.

2nd XI .v.

### 6th June

Fancy Dress—ISMCC Theme

### 19th June

Sportsman's Dinner

### Saturday 26th June

Keoghan Family Function

### Sunday 9th August 2009

Birthwhistle Cup Final at ICC

### w/c 9th August

Bellingham Tour

### Monday 31st August

Coors 6 a-side tbd

### October 2009

Barbados Tour

### Friday 20th November

Annual Dinner

### Dates to be announced

Former Players Reunion

Over 30s v Under 30s

## 125th ANNIVERSARY KIT

Match Shirts  
Match Trousers  
Baseball Cap  
Shorts, Polo Shirts  
Sweatshirts, Rain Jacket

See website for prices

## ORDERS BY 10th FEB

Cheques payable to  
"Illingworth CC"  
Tel: 249285

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