



# Underneath The Arches



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## A note from the Chairman

The tragic news about Keith Goulden has put everything into perspective. We are all still in shock and our thoughts are with Sue, Elaine & Chris. Keith's contribution to Copley Cricket Club and local cricket generally over the last quarter of a century has been immense and he will be greatly missed by his many friends at Copley CC.

Hopefully the winter is now behind us and we can begin to look forward to lighter evenings and the start of a new cricket season. All the players have been practising hard in the nets during the last couple of months and I am sure that all our teams will have

another good year. Best of luck to each captain and also to all our new recruits - I hope you all enjoy being a member at Copley.

I do believe that this is a very exciting time to be a member of Copley Cricket Club. We have been working hard, behind the scenes, during the winter and our Development Plans are progressing well. We have submitted a number of funding bids and have been advancing many new initiatives. The next 12 months promises to be an extremely busy, but exciting, period in the Club's history.

I invite all members (seniors, social members, juniors and junior parents)

to a Club Open Evening on Thursday 24 March at 7.30pm. We would really like to provide meaningful feedback to all members about all these initiatives and to exchange ideas with members about our development ambitions. One initiative that we are keen to share with all members is NatWest Cricket Force which has the potential to be our greatest ever fundraising event.

I look forward to seeing you on 24 March - and I wish everyone a very enjoyable and successful 2011 season.

Richard Hoyle



## Keith Goulden

By the time most of you read this article, you will already be aware of the untimely death of Keith Goulden. Keith was a honorary vice president of Copley CC as well as the dedicated and loyal secretary of the Halifax Cricket league. Keith was 55 and leaves his wife Sue, children Chris and Elaine and his parents Betty and Joe.

Keith has been associated with Copley CC since he brought Chris down to the club as an 8 year old some 23 years ago. Keith played the odd game for the 2nd XI and Sunday Section but will be best remembered for his involvement behind the scenes. Keith's personality, dedication and commitment to

whatever task he undertook led to him becoming a valued and well respected member of the club. Although Keith did not hold any official post at the club during his 23 year association, he was a driving force for many years and was made an honorary vice president in 2007, testimony to his hard work and dedication.

Keith took up umpiring in the mid 1990's and officiated at the 2000 Parish Cup final but gave up shortly after due to ongoing back problems.

He became the Halifax Junior League fixture secretary in 2001. David Normanton, President of the Halifax Cricket League said it was down to Keith that the junior league had become one of the best run in Yorkshire. Keith was appointed assistant secretary of the Halifax Cricket league in

2007 and became Secretary in 2009, making a big impact. He remained an ardent supporter of Copley CC's development ambitions whilst still fulfilling his league responsibilities

Keith was married to Sue for 34 years. His daughter Elaine is married to Craig Taylor, a past captain of Copley CC. His son Chris, is also a past captain of Copley

Keith's quest was to make the Halifax League one people wanted to play in and to continue it's evolution into one of the best wholly amateur leagues in Yorkshire.

Keith will be sorely missed but his spirit will live on at Copley and within the Halifax league.

(thanks to the Evening Courier for some of the detail in this article)

## Copley Cricket Club



### Diary Dates 2010

24th Mar	Open Evening for Members (7.30pm)
9th Apr	NWCF Workday
10th Apr	Overgate Hospice 10k Run
12th Apr	Junior Signing On Night
16th Apr	Ladies Dinner
17th Apr	Junior Outdoor Training starts
17th Apr	CCC Paintballing Event
30th Apr	start of Senior Season
2nd May	start of Junior Season
24th May	Primary School Cricket Festival
24th July	U13 Lord Taverners @ Copley CC
28th Aug	Halifax Harriers 10k Run
Oct 2011	Annual Dinner
Oct 2011	Halloween Party
Nov 2011	Bonfire Night



# COPLEY CRICKET CLUB

## OPEN EVENING

### FOR ALL MEMBERS

**Thursday 24th March @ 7.30pm**

**Invitation to all Seniors, Social Members, Juniors and Junior Parents**

**Learn more about the clubs Development Plans and some exciting new initiatives lined up for 2011.**

**From 7.30pm – supper provided**

### Chance To Shine

Copley Cricket Club has been awarded 'Chance to Shine' status and 2011 is year 2 of the current 3 year programme. The initiative is the single biggest school-sport development initiative ever undertaken in Britain. Ben Heritage, our Chance to Shine Community Cricket & Multi-Skills Coach (appointed by Yorkshire Cricket Board alongside the Brooksbank and Hipperholme & Lightcliffe School Sports Partnerships)

will again deliver 9 weeks coaching in our partner schools and, along with the additional commitment of our own club coaches, in excess of 280 hours coaching have been pledged for 2011.

Copley's list of partner schools is as follows:

holme & Lightcliffe High School and Sports College  
Copley Primary School  
All Saints Primary School  
Luddendenfoot Primary School  
Luddenden Dene Primary School  
Ravenscliffe High School and Sports College  
Crossley Heath School



### HOW MANY OF YOU REALISED THE CLUB HAD A MISSION STATEMENT ?

**Ever since the Club became a Focus Club in 2005 we have been working to our Mission Statement.**

- To promote the game of cricket by continuing to be one of the premier clubs in the Halifax League;
- To maintain our current reputation as a friendly, family orientated, club;
- To be the number one choice of club for parents in the Halifax area when they decide where to send their children to learn and enjoy cricket; and
- To attract not only junior and senior players but also members of the local community by forming partnerships with local businesses and schools.

**All the Club's development initiatives are being set against these objectives.**

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## Copley Cricket Club Registers for Nat West Cricket Force in 2011



Copley Cricket Club has been granted County 'Showcase' status for 2012. This is a MAJOR NEWS and a real boost for our development project.

### Pavilion Development Project

Our objective of providing upgraded cricket pavilion and social facilities along with additional community space – is now well known. Now that we have received Planning Permission and the ECB have re-affirmed their key support to our pavilion development project we are now starting to attract additional funding and are increasingly gaining the support of local sponsors and community partners.

However, as a Club we shall need to work very hard to achieve our ambi-

tions – we hope that the next 12 months will prove a pivotal period in the Club's history. We need your help!

One of the initiatives that we plan to use in the future to assist with some of the building and finishing aspects of the project is **NatWest Cricket Force**. Greater details as to how we plan to use this initiative in both 2011 and 2012 will be provided at the open evening on 24th march but the notion of "self-help" and volunteer support is central to the concept and is essential if we are to attract the necessary grant funding. If you have seen the "Challenge Anneka" programmes on TV you will start to appreciate what might be involved, but the initiative is based around using volunteer and community support at a well publicised, high

profile event that (using the pulling power and resources of both the ECB and NatWest) will attract the additional support of local businesses and community partners.

### Nat West Cricket Force

We invite local businesses and community partners to offer either financial support or "support in kind" and become involved with a Development Project that will enhance the local community. Our showcase NatWest Cricket Force initiative in 2012 will provide high profile publicity to both sponsors and the Club and the initiative is being actively supported and promoted by Yorkshire County Cricket Club.

The opportunity is for sponsors and

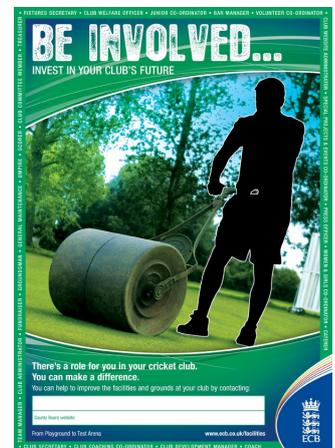
community partners to provide either free issue or discounted materials or offers of volunteer time in supporting a major and well publicised construction project for the long term benefit of the local community.

Please contact Richard Hoyle (01422 370143 or 07919 165437) for further information.

## Volunteer Support Required for NatWest Cricket Force 2011

If you fancy spending a few hours helping the existing band of volunteer workers at Copley Cricket Club, please don't hesitate to ask. We are always looking for additional help in order to share the load, whether this be cutting grass or maintaining the areas surrounding the playing surface or helping with social events or the occasional cricket tea. We always seem to need the help of joiners, plumbers or electricians as we increasingly seem to have issues arising

where specialist help in these areas would be beneficial. If anyone feels they are able to help in any of these areas please do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the committee. More volunteers are required, more so than ever during 2011, in order to drive our pavilion development project forward.



## Preparation of 2011 season – NATWEST CRICKET FORCE – 9th & 10th APRIL 2011

For our 2011 NWCF initiative we are planning a **working weekend on Saturday and Sunday 9 & 10 April**. This leads into our staging Of the

Overgate Hospice 10k run – which starts at 9.30am on Sunday 10 April. Any help on either day would be most welcome and as you will appreciate,

there are a lot of jobs that need doing before the start of the new season and to ensure a successful 10k run.



## Same Senior Captains for 2011.....but comings and goings on the playing front.!

Three new senior captains were elected in 2010 and all three will continue in 2011. Seraj will lead the 1st XI into the Premier Division following promotion last year. Tim Rushton will try to go one better with the 2nd XI after finishing runners up in

the Premier Division. Chris Hammond will lead the Sunday Section and also hope to go one better after just missing out on promotion. On the playing front, Mike Midwood has returned to Warley and Dave and Liam Turner have returned to Triangle

along with Darren Park. However, Chris Dalby has returned to the club from Stones as has Scott Skinner from Rastrick. Luke Simpson has also joined the club from Outlane. We wish all our new recruits best wishes for the season ahead.

Keep a close eye on everything that is happening at the club by visiting [www.copleycc.co.uk](http://www.copleycc.co.uk) You'll find all the latest club news, team selections, fixtures, match reports and much much more. You can now even follow the club on facebook and twitter

## Junior Signing On Night

This season's signing on night for junior members is on **Tuesday 12th April at 7.00pm**. Junior training/coaching starts on **Sunday 17th April at 10.30am**.

This season we have teams at U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17 level. For the 2011 season Copley have entered two teams in the Under 15s league. The

intention is to give every junior the best opportunity we can to play cricket for Copley. Having both a 14s and a 15s team in this age category will increase opportunity for all members of the squad.

As reported earlier in the newsletter, we now have 12 level 2 coaches and 7 at level 1 including 2 female

coaches. It is hoped that we will be starting a girls team/section before very long.

The club are always looking to add to their growing number of junior members so if anyone knows of any year 3 & 4 and year 5 & 6 boys or girls that may be interested please encourage them to come along to

either the signing on night or if they prefer, a Sunday morning to sample the coaching and training on offer.

Further information is available from Steve Priestley, the club's Junior Co-ordinator, on 01422 839816.

## The Utility Warehouse Discount Club and the Cricket Club Webshop

Announcing the launch of a new fundraising venture for Copley CC. Follow the link on the club website to sign-up and save money on your utility bills whilst helping the club with our development plans. The Utility Warehouse provide over 300,000 homes and small businesses throughout the UK with home phone, mobile phone, broadband, gas and electricity. The more services you take the more money you save, including being able to make unlimited free global calls. There are many other benefits of being a member, check out the link and see how much you can save whilst raising funds for the club. The club has also set up it's own webshop which is accessible through the club website. Find online bargains from many of the high street shops and raise funds for the club in the process. See the website for more details..



You can now follow Copley Cricket Club on Facebook and Twitter...



...and donations to the fundraising initiative can be made through our justgiving account. See the club website for details



## Sainburys Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme was opened up to Clubmark Clubs last year and we collected over 1000 vouchers. These provided much needed training equipment for our U9's. We

are collecting these vouchers again in 2011 so please donate all your vouchers to Copley CC so we can redeem for additional equipment for our thriving junior section.



Numbers for the Copley CC '100 Club' are still available for 2011 Don't miss out on the chance to win £50 each week along with larger cash draws during the year. For more information contact Neil Grace on 01422 327449 or 07730 604075

## 2011 Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2011 are now due.

This year we are asking members to pay a reduced basic subscription in the hope that they will pay an additional voluntary donation that will qualify for Gift Aid. As a registered Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), we can reclaim basic rate tax on any voluntary donations. If you are a UK tax payer, all you need to do is complete a Gift Aid declaration form when you pay your donation.

	Subscription	Suggested Donation	Total*
Full playing member	£10.	£25	£35
Full non-playing member	£5	£20	£25
Associate member	£5	£5	£10
Junior member and full time students	£5	£15	£20
Family membership (1 junior and 1 adult)	£10	£20	£30

\*these totals equate to the 2010 subscription amounts

The junior membership (or family membership) for the season includes all the facilities available to our juniors including all junior match fees and coaching sessions that take place on Sunday mornings.

Playing members whose subscriptions have not been paid before Saturday 28th May 2011 will not be eligible for selection until their subscriptions are paid.

Payment of annual subscriptions can be handed to either **Tim Rushton** or **John Cliff** at the club or sent to 33 Higgin Lane, Southowram, Halifax. HX3 9PQ

## Development Group Fundraising Events 2011

### Family Paintballing—Sunday 17th April

Paintballing is a great day out for all the family. Join Copley CC at Delta Force Paintballing Zone, Wakefield on Sunday 17th April from 9.00am until 4.00pm. Single ticket £12, Family



ticket (2 adults and 2 kids) £40. (includes 100 paint balls) it's not just open to members, ask family and friends to join you (kids must be 10 and above). Contact Luke Simpson on 07840 645673 or Richard Thorpe on 07923 444397



for further details and to book your place. You can also visit

[www.paintballgames.co.uk](http://www.paintballgames.co.uk) to see what's in store.



### Further fundraising events to keep your eye on...

- "Buy-a-Brick" for the new Pavilion on our new 'virtual wall' on the club website @ £25 per brick. A permanent record will also be displayed on a wall of the new pavilion
- County Cruise - July 2011 - a team led by Neil Grace will be visiting all the County grounds in 5 days to help raise funds and the clubs Nat West Showcase profile
- Ladies Day at the Races - date to be confirmed
- CCC goes to the Dogs - a Friday night at Bell Vue....date to be confirmed.

## Copley Cricket Club Community Links 2011

### Calderdale Netball Club

Calderdale Netball Club, sponsored by Estio Recruitment and Azzurri Communications Ltd, has formed an association with us here at Copley CC. Calderdale NC is one of the oldest female sports clubs in Calderdale and currently has two teams that compete in the West Yorkshire Super League and Premier League. They have a mixed range of ages and abilities of club members and are always looking for new players. Training takes place every Thursday at Crossley Heath School from 7pm - 8.30pm. If you're interested in joining the club you can contact them via Their Facebook page.



### Overgate Hospice 10k Run

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011 Overgate Hospice are holding their first 10k race. The event starts at 9.30am from Copley Cricket Club and is being organized by Halifax Harriers. Registration for the event costs £12.00 for non affiliated runners, £10.00 for affiliated runners and entries are also available on the day with £1.00 supplement. The registration fee includes a running vest.



Overgate Hospice would like people to receive sponsors for the event and hope that this event appeals to people of all ages and experience. Entrants must be aged 15 or over on race day.

A registration form is available on the Overgate Hospice website which must be returned to the address on the form. If you require any more details please call Lauren on 01422 387121 or email [lauren.ingram@overgatehospice.nhs.uk](mailto:lauren.ingram@overgatehospice.nhs.uk)

### Copley Cricket Club

#### New Sponsorship Opportunities 2011

The club need sponsors to support our senior cricket, junior, girls, schools, community and development initiatives for 2011.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

- ball and match sponsor
- advertising boards
- seat sponsorship
- clothing sponsorship
- newsletter sponsorship
- website advertising & sponsorship

Call Mike Mitchell-Smith on 07770 627562 for further information.