

TONG MANOR CRICKET CLUB

SEASON 2010

THE DALES COUNCIL LEAGUE

As many will be aware, Tong Manor CC (we have adopted the original name from 1871) has been accepted into the Dales Council League for the 2010 season. As Tong CC, the club had many happy times in this League, the highlight being winning the Pool Paper Mills Cup and the Division 1 title in the 1995 season. There are a number of League records still held by Tong players from that era. Now we need commitment from those players and members who seemed in favour of this move after the demise of the Leeds West Riding League and the failure of Tong CC to field a league team in 2009.

Playing league cricket makes demands on people both on and off the field. Travelling to away matches and being ready to start promptly, preparing our home ground before games, producing quality teas, providing an umpire, being available to play for 20 weeks of the summer, attending league meetings..... and so it goes on! Enthusiasm for playing is not enough!

The Dales Council League is a local league and there is not much travelling involved. However games last for 40 overs per innings and can finish late. League rules have to be followed and if they are not, **players and clubs** will face disciplinary meetings and fines! We will also be playing under the YCB and of course the ECB Rules! Sounds frightening but if as many people as possible get involved in ensuring that Tong Manor CC is supported off the field, that players are committed to play as often as possible and assist in the preparation for matches, then we could have a great season!

There is an important Dales Council League meeting on January 26th 2010 at which the constitution of the League will be announced and I would be embarrassed if I had to attend this meeting and announce that Tong Manor would not be able to fulfil the requirements of the League and would be withdrawing the application. This would inevitably attract a fine for the club and could result in players being banned from any league cricket until any dues had been paid.

Attached to this document is a form that I would like to be returned as soon as possible and by January 11th 2010 AT THE VERY LATEST please. If all seems well, we will proceed as members of the Dales Council League. However, if we do not appear to have enough support **both on and off** the field to be able to sustain 5 months of league cricket, then I will inform the Dales Council League accordingly.

Please complete the following form and return to Bob McCutcheon either by e-mail, snail mail or whatever means available to you before MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2010 when there is a Committee Meeting of Tong Sports and Social Club. Negative responses too please if appropriate.

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NAME

ADDRESS

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POSTCODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

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E-MAIL:.....

- **I will / will not be available to play for Tong Manor CC in 2010**
- **I have / have not got someone in mind that would help with off the field support e.g. teas, scoring etc.**
- **I might be interested in Umpiring.**
- **I will be able / will not be able to offer support in any way required.**

The Committee will be looking at the responses at the meeting on 11th January and a decision will then be reached as to whether to proceed into the Dales Council League or withdraw the application.

Please return your response to Bob McCutcheon as follows:

- **24 OLD LANE, DRIGHLINGTON, BRADFORD BD11 1LU**
- **mgclutch@aol.com**
- **text – 07951 758557**

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF BOTH A PROMPT RESPONSE AND YOUR SUPPORT.