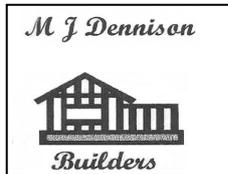


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## NEWSLETTER-MAY 2019

So we reach the end of another season, not, it has to be said, without its trials and tribulations. Our 1<sup>st</sup> team looking certain to be relegated following defeat at rivals Rothwell back in early April. The lads and new management team showed great character to turn this around, winning there final three league matches (Actually won four of last five ) to finish three points clear of the bottom three.

In the middle of this feat, the small matter of a magnificent victory against our premiere division neighbours, Ilkley Town at Guiseley to retain the Wharfedale Cup.

The reserves inevitably had a tough season, saving their best form until late which can only give promise for next season.

The main down side of the season was of course losing our "A" team, although not really a surprise as we had struggled with player numbers for a couple of seasons.

The junior section, not to be outdone, had another successful and enjoyable season.

Our Under 11 team had their day at Hunslet in their league cup final putting in a great performance, but ultimately having to settle for runners up. They still celebrated in fine style, and the experience will leave them well prepared for their next final.

Our Under 17 team meanwhile completed a superb league and cup double, finishing the job with a fine victory over Silsden at Harrogate Town.

As we look forward to next season, our senior teams need to be organised and prepared early, remembering that early August sees the first league matches. I know that these preparations are indeed ongoing.

The juniors, having lost a couple of teams in recent seasons are looking to increase again for next season. Each of our current teams will progress up a year with the likely exception of the Under 17 team for which we have a couple of options, making it clear that the club rate these lads highly and will support them in whichever competition we end up competing in.

We also have a new Under 16 team which bridges a gap in age groups , and will be a real asset to our club. Another addition is an Under 11 girls team which will be playing league football, plus an Under 9 girls team which will play friendlies and galas.

We then have an Under 8 boys team, and will be coaching 6 and 7 year olds.

### Dates for your diary

**Seniors presentation night** : Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-00pm in the club

**Annual General Meeting** : Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> in the village hall meeting room. Please try to attend.

**Tombola at Otley carnival** : Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Help and prizes most welcome please.

**Junior presentation evening** : Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-00 in the village hall and club.

**Latest Bonanza winners** :- £80 : Nigel Cryer, £30 : Dan Hurst

Next draw, Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> including £150 jackpot. Join now to win big.

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