



April 11 2014

Dear Yorkshire Cricket Club Players and Members,

During the long dark nights of winter, players, coaching staff and administrators of Yorkshire County Cricket Club have visited many of the 747 Yorkshire Cricket Clubs to talk and answer questions about all aspects of cricket. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of you and are looking forward to meeting many more next winter.

We realise that you are totally committed to playing for your club during the summer and that you do not get much opportunity to visit Headingley or Scarborough to watch the County Club play. On the playing side, we believe we have one of the strongest squads in County cricket, and last season 11 of our current squad represented England at either under 19, Lions or the full England team. This year, Kane Williamson has returned after a quite brilliant winter for New Zealand, and we have recruited Aaron Finch for the T20 competition and to cover in the Championship whilst Kane is touring the West Indies. With the T20 programme predominately being played on a Friday night, we hope you will be able to find time to come to at least one night of this exciting form of cricket with either your family, friends, work colleagues or team mates.

For those of you who we were unable to meet, one of the key messages that we were communicating was with regard to the future of Headingley as a Test match venue. There are eight other grounds competing to host Test match cricket in this country and, whilst we have a contract to hold Tests here until 2019, after that our future is uncertain. The primary reason is that our attendances are less than those of other grounds, regardless of opposition. For our part, we have lowered the prices and hopefully this will encourage you to come to at least one day of the Test this year. This is the first time that Sri Lanka have played a Test at Headingley and will probably be the last time we see Messrs Jayawardena and Sangakkara playing cricket in England – two world greats of cricket. And there may be a few Yorkshiremen playing.

Prices start from just £27 on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st June for adults and £25 on Sunday 22nd June, with a great value price of £20 on the Monday. Juniors are £15 for each of the first three days and just £5 on Monday. Further details can be found on our website: <https://tickets.yorkshireccc.com/Online/> Alternatively, call the ticket office on 0843 504 3113.

I hope you enjoy the season.

Kind regards,

Mark Arthur
Chief Executive