

Subscriptions

Members are asked to assist the Club by paying their annual subscriptions by 31st January (Rule 7).

Life Member (Social)	£250.00
Social	£16.00
Associate (no vote)	£14.00
Senior Citizen	£8.00
Senior Citizen Associate (no vote)	£7.00

Life Member (Cricket)	£500.00
Cricket	£50.00
Cricket (Student)	£25.00
Youth 15 to 18 years	£20.00
Juniors Under 15	£10.00

Attendance at committee meetings in the past year.
(Eleven possible)

J. Edwardson	10	G.B. Johnson	9
D. Charlton	10	J.G. Moody	7
E. Blench	10	N. Bell	11
H. Brown	10	D.S. Coad	11
N. Pratt	2	D. Coad	7
R. Tulip	1	J.S. Davies	8
S.A. Charlton	10	G.M. Howells	6
G. Sutton	9	N.C. Whitehead	7
S.N. Whitehead	7		

Cricket Club Dinner
Friday 29th February 2008

Sportsman's Dinner
held at Darlington Football Club
Thursday 10th April 2008

Captain 1st XI	J.G. Moody Esq.
Vice Captain 1st XI	
Captain 2nd XI	M.C.C. Morgans Esq.
Vice Captain 2nd XI	
Captain 3rd XI	E. Blench Esq.
Vice Captain 3rd XI	N.R. Fenwick Esq.

Honorary Secretary	D. Charlton Esq.
Assistant Honorary Secretary	H. Brown Esq.

Honorary Treasurer	E. Blench Esq.
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Vice Presidents :

A. Dean Esq.	G. Gillow Esq.
G.B. Johnson Esq.	R.M. Armstrong Esq.
R.J. Raine Esq.	J. Edwardson Esq.
D. Charlton Esq.	T.J. Haggie Esq.
N.A. Riddell Esq.	J.M. Camburn Esq.
R. Cole Esq.	J.A. Robinson Esq.
R. Long Esq.	D.S. Coad Esq.
N. Bell Esq.	S.A. Charlton Esq.
J.W. Lister Esq.	J.G. Moody Esq.
D.J. Coates Esq.	E. Blench Esq.
H. Brown Esq.	

Nominations for General Committee 6 vacancies for two years.

N. Bell, D. Coad, D.S. Coad, J.S. Davies, N.M. Gilmour,
G.M. Howells, L.J. Hutton and M. Vickerman

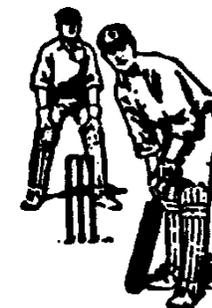
Nomination for President:

G.B. Johnson Esq.

Nomination for Treasurer:

E. Blench Esq.

Darlington Cricket and Athletic Club



Report Statement of Accounts And Balance Sheet 2007

**The Annual General Meeting of members will be held in the Cricket Club, Feethams on
Monday 10th March 2008.**

Chair to be taken at 8.00pm

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 12th March 2007.
2. Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2007.
3. Chairman's Report
4. Election of Officers:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice Presidents - The Committee nominate the existing Vice presidents.
 - c) Honorary Treasurer
 - d) Auditor
5. Election of Committee Members.
Nominations received are listed on the back page.
6. Any other business.

**N.B. Please note that subscriptions were due on 31st January.
Payment should be made to Harry Brown.**

Chairman's Report

Having reminded myself of what I said in my report for 2006 and indeed for 2005, members may be forgiven if they believe that little ever changes, because 2007 has all the signs of being little different from the two preceding years. In fact a great deal of progress has been made on the negotiations relating to the former football field. We have had to face numerous, major problems mainly to do with access. Towards the end of the year it was made clear to us that a new bridge across the river would not be permitted and so it was necessary to examine once again access to the site. After much soul searching a decision was reached and this meant agreeing to the location of an adopted highway through the cricket ground. However undesirable, one has to face reality and this is the only solution. Once this issue had been resolved, urgent meetings followed and I can say with some degree of optimism that contracts will be signed and a planning application submitted in the near future. In saying this I hope that I am not tempting fate to dash our hopes once more! Turning to the domestic scene the trading position declined as is shown by the accounts. Throughout the year attendances in the club declined and as a result so did income. Your committee is very mindful of this trend and active steps are being taken to provide a series of social events in the club during the first half of 2008. A very successful "race night" was held and I urge members to keep their eyes on the notice boards and support these social events. They will only succeed if proper support is received.

The cricket season in 2007 was a great disappointment as the senior sides struggled badly. Thankfully many talented youngsters began to display their potential and provided we can keep them, the future looks bright. Efforts are being made to attract some new, mature players for the senior sides and let us hope that 2008 is a year of revival.

Managing a club of this size is not an easy task and I am mindful that the officers and committee members devote a great deal of time and effort to the running of the club. We should all be grateful to them for their hard work and I would express my personal thanks for their support throughout the year.

G.B. Johnson

First XI Report

Another disappointing season for 2007, winning only five league games and losing twelve. It was not the easiest season, coping with the loss of our professional through injury, we actually played half the season without a professional. The club coach also missed some games with injury so coping with the loss of these players put more pressure on our youngsters, an opportunity to impress but not really taken as I thought it would have been. The first team also had to cope with the loss of our most experienced player at the club, Gary Moody who had an awful accident at work which ruled him out all season. Good luck on your return Gary!

No player in the season averaged over 23 with the bat which is always going to cause problems because it does not give the bowlers anything to play with, extra pressure on them. This must be something to improve on during the 2008 season.

The experienced players will again have to try and bring the youngsters on again in 2008 season, but as a team we seem to be

trailing behind the other big clubs in the league, we all have to step up a gear now!

On a personal view I have really enjoyed leading the side over the last couple of seasons but I have found it very difficult with all of the time that is needed to take on this roll so it is with regret that I stand down as first team captain. It has been a great honour to captain the Darlington 1st XI and wish the new captain, Gary Moody every success in the coming season.

I would like to finish by thanking all of the people who have helped me throughout my years as captain, Steve Charlton, Eric Blench, Gary Moody and many others that I have not mentioned. Last, but not least I would like to thank Steve for his immaculate scoring, Sally and Allison who prepare without doubt the best teas in the league, long may this continue!!

Once again many thanks

Neil Pratt

Second XI Report

This year we have played some of the most competitive cricket in the field that this club has seen in recent times, and whilst we still have some way to go the foundations are well under way. Saturdays at this club should not be seen as an afternoon out of the house, the standard of cricket is too high for that kind of attitude.

For the younger players we have here, who have only ever played at Feethams, you have the opportunity to shine at the best possible place to be spotted by scouts and people of influence. You are indeed fortunate and you should grasp this chance which few others will get in their lifetimes by showing a greater determination next season.

To lose so many players at the end of 2006 was a major blow and then to have the injuries to top it all up would have irreversibly damaged a number of other clubs. However, because of the success in the third team over the last number of years the loss of players only meant an early opportunity arose for a number of our juniors.

This season we have tested every team in this division, Thornaby, Billingham, Seaton Carew, Wolviston, Barnard Castle and the RA were all games which were played on the knife edge and each team were highly relieved at the end. These teams are strong first team sides and the fact that we got close to a winning position against them is an indication of improvement and going in the right direction.

The real disappointment this season comes out of only winning two games. This has been highly frustrating for me. Getting so close on many occasions, but never actually tasting the cigar. So many 50-50 chances of success but each time going the way of the opposition.

The last game of the season against Seaton Carew basically summed it all up well. There are no prizes for second place here. Winning is a habit, as is losing, we have become too used to the latter.

When the finish line is in sight we must desire to get there first as if our life depended upon it. We must want to win; indeed we must need to win. Unless we start thinking win, win, win, we shall not.

Winners have passion and show their passion and needing to win for world to see. Well unfortunately we do not have enough of it here right now. Winners use everything they

Batting Averages—Senior Leagues

1st XI	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
N. Pratt	16	0	133	876	54.75
J.M. Alderson	20	3	60	381	22.41
D.M. Hodgson	20	3	63	351	20.65
M. Stainsby	18	0	74	361	20.06
M.E. Jobling	17	6	31	204	18.55
D.J. Eckels	20	1	48	253	13.32

2nd XI	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
J.R. Sutton	20	3	101*	611	35.94
S. Lee	16	2	86	414	29.57
C.S. Biglin	21	2	115*	559	29.42
S. Lethbridge	15	5	27*	208	20.80
S.N. Whitehead	17	1	53	299	18.69

3rd XI	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
T. Hodgson	10	4	76	287	47.83
N.R. Fenwick	13	3	79*	344	34.40
A. Harwood	11	2	63*	232	25.78

Batting Averages—Junior Leagues

Under 17's	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
D.M. Hodgson	8	5	83*	334	111.33
L.D. Coates	6	2	49*	195	48.75
J.R. Sutton	9	2	55*	190	27.14
T. Hodgson	5	2	41*	75	25.00
S. Lister	9	3	37	134	22.33
M. Wheeler	7	2	22	82	16.40

Under 15's NYACC	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
T. Hodgson	8	4	52	219	54.80
J.T. Dobson	5	0	45	135	27.00
T. Dell	10	3	46	180	25.70
D. Lee	9	2	37	102	14.60

D&DL	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
T. Dell	5	1	102	200	50.00
J.T. Dobson	4	0	75	143	35.80
J. Binks	4	1	42	82	27.30
J. Craig	5	2	33	67	22.30

Under 13's NYACC	Inns	Out	H/S	Runs	Ave.
A. Baldwin	12	2	19	161	80.50
A. Peacock	12	3	17	87	29.00
R. McGlashan	10	4	32	103	25.75
J. Mitchinson	13	9	43	215	23.89

Under 11's	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
J. Hardy	9	8	18	52	52.00
A. Hickey	12	9	27	132	44.00
A. Simpson	11	10	7	35	35.00
S. Male	11	8	14	87	29.00

Bowling Averages—Senior Leagues

1st XI	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
D.J. Eckels	128.1	13	586	23	25.48
P.D. Raine	194	37	757	26	29.12
M. Stainsby	87.3	7	360	12	30.00
A.J.W. Deuchar	131	26	509	16	31.81
M.A. Mashimbyi	105	8	438	12	36.50

2nd XI	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
M.C.C. Morgans	137	29	430	28	15.36
A. Fenwick	126	8	556	27	20.59
J.R. Sutton	173.2	48	476	21	22.67
S. Lethbridge	160.2	36	558	23	24.26

3rd XI	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
D. Baldwin	111	19	337	25	13.48
S. Russell	90	13	349	18	19.39
J. Vickerman	126.5	14	534	24	22.25
D. Earle	66.5	10	267	12	22.25

Bowling Averages—Junior Leagues

Under 17's	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
J.R. Sutton	37	6	130	12	10.83
A. Fenwick	33	1	159	10	15.90
J. Dell	25	1	117	6	19.50
J. Stapleton	41.5	2	200	10	20.00
D. Baldwin	25	0	104	5	20.80
T.J. Chapman	27	3	100	4	25.00

Under 15's NYACC	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
J. Vickerman	39.1	3	191	16	11.94
D. Lee	40.5	6	190	15	12.67
D. Baldwin	40	5	142	11	12.91
D. Earle	40.2	5	189	14	13.50

D&DL	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
D. Baldwin	18	2	76	9	8.44
J.T. Dobson	11	3	53	4	13.25
D. Earle	15	3	70	5	14.00
D. Lee	18.2	0	81	5	16.20

Under 13's NYACC	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
J. Mitchinson	34	6	85	21	4.05
A. Peacock	35	7	88	19	4.63
M. Hajmahmoud	23	4	86	10	8.60
A. Reid	35	6	119	13	9.15

Under 11's	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
A. Hickey	36	7	107	12	8.91
A. Simpson	33	7	109	10	10.90
E. Horner	35	4	84	6	14.00
J. Hardy	23	3	71	5	14.20

Under 15's Report North Yorkshire Area Cricket Council and Darlington & District League

For the second consecutive season, Darlington CC under 15s had two sides representing the club. The move again proved successful as the D&D league side gave valuable experience to the younger players in the squad. The side had a brilliant season which included hattricks and lots of 50s and most impressively, had the rare accolade of being undefeated all season. One particular highlight was a magnificent hundred from Tom Dell playing away at Aldbrough St John.

The NYSD side also played some fantastic cricket during the season, but they were on the wrong end of some wet weather and some close games which meant we only managed 3rd which was still a good effort. The side also had a good cup run, getting beat in a thrilling encounter with Norton away in the semi. The NYSD team also had some excellent individual performances. In particular from Tom Hodgson who batted well at the top of the order throughout the season.

The lads' cricket knowledge and tactical understanding progressed extremely well throughout the season which was very pleasing. It made it much easier for Dan Baldwin and Tom Hodgson to settle into their new roles as captains and the squad benefited greatly from this.

As usual there were several representatives from the U15s in the Durham county junior sides, as well as in league sides which again highlights how much young talent there is within the club.

The players' development through the 2007 season was impressive and they should be proud of an excellent season.

Many thanks to Dave Bentley for his hard work during a wet season. Also thanks to Eric Blench, Dave Lee and Steve Earle for their help during matches and on coaching nights. It was much appreciated.

Alex Deuchar

Under 13's Report

Although the rain tried to spoil our season, our under 13 side had another fantastic year. Continuing our form from last season, we again won the Lowery Cup with thrilling victories against Barnard Castle and Stockton in the semi and finals respectively. With a squad of highly motivated players (including county representatives at u12 and u13 level) and coaching staff, we also became county champions with a fantastic win over Chester Le Street in the final and then went on to represent our club and county in regional finals.

Thanks again to Dave Bentley, for getting us to play some games in really difficult conditions. Also thanks must go to all the parents involved, whether it be coaching on the field, with hospitality or just cheering us all on.

John Mitchinson

Under 11's Report

The Under 11's had another great season winning the league title with 10 wins, one lost and one rained off. Which means we have won it four times in the last six years.

In the Cup we won three and lost two with one rained off. Just

failing to gain a place in the semi-finals.

We had three players representing the County, Adam Hickey, Steven Male and Jack Hardy. Well done to them and all the other team members for keeping up the standards we have set ourselves.

Thanks to Darren Hickey and all the parents who helped and to David Bentley the grounds man for the excellent wickets.

John Edwardson

Snooker Report

The team consists of Phil McMasters, John Davies, Mark Stainsby, David Coad, Colin Newrick and myself, basically the same team as last year with Colin being our new recruit and Dave's neighbour!

Last summer in the South West Durham A Division, we finished runners up again to Bishop golf club. Myself and Mark won the doubles competition and we came runner up in the team knockout.

Dave Coad has finished runner up in the individual handicap competition and Mark Stainsby and myself have won the doubles competition to complete a unique double. The Monday night league has a similar theme to the summer league, we finished runners up to Darlington Snooker Club A. The Fred Hodgson Individual Memorial Trophy was won by Andrew Cuthbertson he beat yours truly in the final 3-2.

We have an excellent chance of winning the Monday night league as we are currently top with just under half of the season to go.

This years end of season fines weekends away were at York in the summer with one of the unnamed wives pole dancing and thanks to Mr Coad we went to Whitby in November! two cracking nights and long may they continue.

And finally a couple of thank you's firstly to all the team named above for being such a pleasure to play/drink with, next to all of our partners who put up with us going out on a more than regular basis and finally to Dave for collecting the fines money in each week.

Peter Mellor

Accountants Report

Chartered Accountants Report to the members of the Darlington Cricket & Athletic Club

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statement from the accounting records of Darlington Cricket & Athletic Club and from information and explanations supplied to us.

King, Hope & Co
Chartered Accountants

have in the locker to win; losers place the responsibility of failure onto others. Next season the locker should be empty at the end of every game, only then will anything other than a win be acceptable.

We have the players to succeed, however every player must play for each other. Too many think of their own game and little more. This is a team based sport which has a unique twist. As a batsman you are on your own.

However, you should not be alone in mind, as your whole team is depending upon your actions. So, when walking to the wicket just think what the 'team' needs of you.

Our bowling and fielding are the major pluses of the year; we took 171 wickets, only 23 fewer than the Division Champions Billingham and the most taken in our recent history. As batting is individual, fielding is collective. I can control what goes on in the field and I am pleased with the results.

This season has been rewarding to me and I have enjoyed doing the job, every time I walked down the steps I was honoured and I mean that.

We have taken a step forward this year, let us not look back and wonder what might have been.

Rob Tulip

Third XI Report

Following on from the previous two seasons, this season could be seen as disappointing. However, in reality I do consider that we had another good season. With 5 games to go we were very well placed to mount a challenge for the title. As things turned out that challenge did not materialise and we were left to finish the season in mid-table. We also reached the semi final of the Arthur Sanders Cup, where we narrowly lost to Wolviston. I have long maintained that the purpose of the third team is to provide our young, promising players with their first taste of senior cricket, and for the senior players to guide and support those youngsters, and once again the youngsters who got the opportunity to play, showed what tremendous potential they do have.

With James Sutton and Tom Chapman justifiably promoted to the 2nd team, and in Tom's case the first team during the early part of the season, this provided the opportunity for David Earle, Dan Lee, and Andy Peacock to show that they are very capable of performing at this level with the ball. They were well supported by Messrs Harwood and Russell, who were as reliable as ever. The spin bowling department was in the very capable hands of Dan Baldwin, who grew in confidence as the season progressed, turning in good performances at both 2nd and 3rd team levels, and Jack Vickerman, who reached the ripe old age of 14 during the season, once again showing that he has both the potential and ability to be a major asset to the club over the coming years.

The bowling award was won by Dan Baldwin, with 25 league wickets at an average of 13.48.

Batting wise we saw the early season form of Steve Lister, who scored a very impressive 94 no against Thornaby. Steve was another youngster who deservedly earned a call up to the 1st team, and finished the season as a regular choice in that team, and I am sure that when his school commitments end in 2008, he will again be pressing for a first team spot. Tom Hodgson showed throughout the season what he is capable of, and the innings that stood out in my memory was his knock an Normanby Hall, when he played a very mature innings, finishing

with 76. Nigel Fenwick and Alan Harwood were again regular contributors with the bat, and Dan Lee showed that he is a more than capable bat. We were treated to a couple of cameos from Matty Lister in cup competitions, with one exceptional innings of 76 from only 60 balls against Wolviston. I am not sure that Alan appreciated it at the time !!

We are extremely fortunate to have a wealth of junior wicket keepers at the club. James Dobson, who also celebrated his 14th birthday during the season, almost won the league award with 12 victims, and made his 1st team debut in the last game of the season. James shared the role with Tom Hodgson, and a young mad who made his debut for the 3rd team at Wolviston, a quiet debut taking 3 catches and a stumping. Not a bad start for a 12 year old. The stumping was a family affair, with Dan the bowler. I know that I have not mentioned everyone who played for the 3rd team, but everyone who turned out during the season played a major role in achieving what we did, and can be very proud of themselves. It is a great comfort to know that we have such a wealth of young players, and I am sure that James Mitchinson, Sam Hardy, Andy Peacock, to name but three will all be pressing for a regular start next season.

Thanks to Dave Bentley for all of his efforts on the field, and to Sue for the best teas in the league. Neither had an easy season with the weather once again playing havoc. Thanks to Lucy for her efforts in the score box

Finally to each and every player for your support over the year, especially to Nigel, Alan and Shaughan, who as senior players have always put the interests of the juniors before their own game.

Eric Blench

Junior Cricket Report

Under 17's Report

It has been another good season for the U17s team. However at the same time it has been a little disappointing, again finishing second in the league having lost one game and finishing runners up in the cup. The team were beaten in an interesting league game with Barnard Castle and in the cup final they were beaten in a thriller by Marton.

The side were well lead this season by Dan Hodgson both with his captaincy and top order batting. Dan averaged 111.3 for the season and not only picked up the 17s club batting award, but the league award too. With the ball, James Sutton was again the leading wicket taker, taking 12 wickets at an average of 10.83.

His consistency and tight over's often helped us to squeeze games and frustrate the opposition.

As usual, because of various commitments, the team was not often made up of the correct age group players and on many occasions, and at late notice too, we had to call upon younger members of the club to play. We owe a big thank you to those u15s and u13s who did an excellent job throughout the season. Thanks to Dave for always having the ground in fantastic condition and to Lucy who has been such an important member of the 17s set up, scoring every game and doing an excellent job too. Thanks also to the those who helped us out with lifts to the various games.

The 17s team for the upcoming season looks to be made up of more senior players than the side is used to so hopefully they can take the team one better and win the league.

Alex Deuchar

THE DARLINGTON CRICKET & ATHLETIC CLUB

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2007

Wages & National Insurance:		
Professional		
Social Club		
Ground		
Honoraria, Assistant Secretary		
Rates		
Rent		
Repairs & Renewals — General		
Playing Equipment		
Accountancy		
Gas, Water & Electricity		
Travelling Expenses		
Professional Cricketer expenses		
Insurance		
Subscriptions & Fees		
Match Expenses		
Equipment Hire		
Printing, Postages, Stationery & Advertising		
Telephone		
Petrol & Oil		
T.V. Licence, Sky, etc.		
Gaming Machine, Pool Table Rental		
Gaming Licence		
Cleaning Materials & Laundry		
Professional Fees		
Catering		
Stocktaking		
Trophies & Engraving		
Sundries		
Clothing		
Bank Charges		
Legal Fees		
Mortgage interest		
Depreciation:		
Groundsman's Machinery, Tools & Equipment		
Fixtures & Fittings		
Amount Written Off Alterations & Improvements		
Profit on disposal Groundsman's machinery		
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

THE DARLINGTON CRICKET & ATHLETIC CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2007

Sales of Refreshments		
Less: Cost of Sales		
GROSS PROFIT	_____	_____
Add: Subscriptions		
Donations: Miscellaneous		
Eggleston Cup & Saunders Cup		
Raffles		
Gaming Machine Income		
Video Machine Income		
Snooker Table Income		
Pool Table Income		
Telephone Income		
Function Room Hire		
Parking Fees		
Beer Draw		
Key Draw		
Other Club Functions		
Building Society Interest Received		
Clothing		
Coaching		
Rent phone mast		
Sale of Football Club assets		
Tax Refund		
	_____	_____
Less: Expenses		
	_____	_____
Exceptional Item		
Demolition at Feethams Football Ground		
LOSS for Year	_____	_____

THE DARLINGTON CRICKET & ATHLETIC CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2007

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
Club House Alterations & Improvements			
As at 31 December 2006			
Written Off During Year			
Ground Improvements			
As at 31 December 2006			
Written Off During Year			
Groundsman's Machinery, Tools & Equipment			
As at 31 December 2006			
Additions			
	_____	_____	
Less: Depreciation			
Disposal			
Social Club Fixtures & Fittings			
As at 31 December 2006			
Additions			
	_____	_____	
Less: Depreciation			
Groundsman's House			
As at 31 December 2006			
Written Off During Year			
	_____	_____	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock of Cricket Gear etc.			
Bar Stock			
Debtors & Prepayments			
Cash at Bank, Building Society and in hand			
	_____	_____	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Accruals			
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
	_____	_____	
REPRESENTED BY:			
Loan (Free of Interest)			
Wolverhampton & Dudley PLC.			
As at 31 December 2006			
Less: Barrelage			
	_____	_____	
Interest Free Loan			
The Feethams Cricket Field Trust			
As at 31 December 2006-2007			
Mortgage			
Darlington Building Society			
As at 31 December 2007			
Accumulated Income Account			
Balance as at			
31 December 2006			
(Loss)/Profit for Year			
Balances as at			
31 December 2007			
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____