

RUNS ON THE BOARD & THE GREY FOX TROPHY

Artists: Anton Want, Andrew McMillan & The Curious Guide
Client: **imove** – the Yorkshire cultural programme celebrating London 2012 – The Olympic and Paralympic Games, with funding from The Legacy Trust and Grants for the Arts.

RUNS ON THE BOARD – is a collection of newly commissioned cricket poetry and images celebrating those players who have ‘runs on the board’ i.e. older players [men and women] aged 50+

The words and images come from two professional artists; Anton Want a photographer and Andrew McMillan a poet. The ‘sightscreen’ exhibition has been designed by The Curious Guide.

The venues for the exhibition of the poems and images are: Headingley Carnegie Cricket Ground, The Civic Barnsley, Scarborough Libraries and the Ilkley Literature Festival (30th September - 16th October)

cricket as (a) cricket

*something in the grass is talking
it is all in the legs; how they bend
how they flick together in a sprint
it is in the cracking static of the joints
it is the things too small to see that matter*

Project devised and directed by Graham Roberts
www.runsontheboard.co.uk



THE GREY FOX TROPHY - a 30 over knock-out competition between 10 of Yorkshire's amateur teams... but to qualify for the competition each team had to field a side of eleven 50+ players. The final was played at Headingley on 2nd September and the two teams fielded players whose combined ages exceeded 1,100 years.

The Grey Fox Trophy itself is a glass cake, echoing the desire of the Test Match Special team to eulogise the Victoria Sponge.

The equally fabulous 'Comb-over Trophy', a cricket ball with a few wispy strands of hair attached, is awarded to the oldest player in the competition.

Mr Javed Iqbal, captain of the Bradford 'Bhuddays' [Punjabi for 'old men'] lifted the Grey Fox Trophy. The Bhuddays beat Fishlake CC over 50's in the Headingley final on 2nd September.

The Grey Fox Trophy competition will run again in 2012.

A limited edition hardback book with photographs by Anton Want and poems by Andrew McMillan is available from

www.runsontheboard.co.uk/the-book

