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## Main Sponsor Confirmed for New Season

We are pleased to announce that we have secured a main club sponsor in the shape of **CROSBY LEND LEASE**. This is a major step forward for the club and has allowed us to purchase the new covers that we desperately need. A big thank you to Caroline Hardicker for helping to secure this.

As previously reported **STEFAN'S JEWELLERS** have sponsored our junior sections this season meaning all our teams are sponsored. The challenge now for you is to ensure we have a £25 match ball sponsor for every match.

John O'Donnell is once again coordinating our Sponsorship. It is vital that we secure sponsorship to continue to invest in our facilities, if every member aimed to secure one £25 match ball sponsor it would make a major contribution to the club. Sponsorship forms are available on request or can be downloaded from our website. John will be happy to follow up on any leads if you can provide him with the details.

## The New Season Is Almost Here!

There is now less than two weeks to go until the start of the new season – everybody seems to be raring to go. After finishing 4<sup>th</sup> last season the 1<sup>st</sup> XI are hoping to push for promotion bolstered by a number of new players. Cheshire under 17 batsman Dan Halkon has joined from Brooklands, Kamran Mohammad has returned from a spell at Burnage and former Poynton bowler Jamie Broadbent has joined after relocating back to Manchester from Nottingham.

Given this competition for places will be fierce, therefore it is essential that you make yourself available for an inter-club friendly on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, which will be used as a selection trial for the first games as well as a **JOINING DAY** on which you need to pay your subscriptions.

## Cricket Force Weekend

This newsletter is being written after our 3<sup>rd</sup> Cricket Force Weekend and we are pleased to say it was once again a tremendous success. We installed power to the nets, built a small kitchen area, racked the storeroom and repainted the scoreboard and sightscreens. It was heartening to see so many members prepared to give up their spare time and work so hard for the club. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to Mark Almond, Howard Briggs, Pat Clear, Andy, Mike & Paul Coleby, Dave Flisk, George Franks, Dom Gandy, Carl Hardicker, Dan, Mike & Rick Halkon, Kamran Hameed, Iain Harrop, Will Metcalfe, Andy & Matt Millward, Rob Moore, John O'Donnell, Danny Stoddard, Alan Whitelegg, Rory Woodward; and Alex Moore for feeding the troops!

### Overseas Player

We are pleased to confirm that we have signed John Taylor as our overseas player, he has played in the league twice before, most recently scoring 700 runs for Congleton in 2004.

He is from Victoria in Australia, so we won't be mentioning the Ashes ...

### Outdoor Training – Every Thursday Starting 12<sup>th</sup> April

Outdoor training will take place every Thursday, starting at 6pm and finishing by 8 pm. It is important that you make the effort to train, and make the most of the excellent facilities that we now have.

### New Over 40's XI

Good luck to Iain Harrop and the newly formed over 40's XI that starts their campaign at Bowdon Vale on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### Key dates for Your diary

- **12 Apr** – Outdoor training starts at Clarendon Crescent (6pm)
- **14 Apr** – **JOINING DAY** & Inter-club friendly (12.30 pm)
- **21 Apr** – League starts:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> XI Away vs. Grappenhall
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Home vs. Bollington
- **21 Apr** – Comedy Night: Ticket available now.
- **22 Apr** – 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Cup vs. Romiley (home)
- **6 May** – Cheshire Cup - Home vs. Castrol

## Selection and Availability

Teams are selected on a Monday evening, please ensure you have completed the unavailability sheet on the notice board or indicated your availability to one of the captains. It is your responsibility to make sure you have 'ticked-off' on the notice board or contacted your captain by 9pm on Thursday, if you do not it will be assumed you are unavailable.

## Sponsored Bike Ride from Blackpool to Sale

Well done to Mike Almond, Paul Coleby, Chris Grave, Dan, Mike & Rick Halkon, Will Metcalfe, Andy & Matt Millward & Gareth Watterson for completing the sponsored bike ride and Iain Harrop & Danny Stoddard for mobile support. It is hoped that over £2,500 has been raised; to be split between Christie's Hospital and the club.

## Community Club Development Program – Facility Development

The 5-year plan instigated in 2003 to develop your club is well on track, this is particularly true of our facilities that will soon rival anything in the county. This is due in large part to the funding we have received from the Community Club Development Program. Last July we had a four lane net facility installed, followed by an artificial playing pitch in September. Following the Cricket Force weekend we now have power to the nets to run the bowling machine.

We have recently had confirmation that the second half of our grant to reconstruct the square has been approved, meaning that 6 wickets will be relayed at the end of this season, followed by another 6 in autumn 2008.

### Feasibility Study

The sports club is at the early stages of looking at the future of our clubhouse and playing facilities.

Rob Moore & Matt Millward are on the working group. Please complete the enclosed survey to help them with this vital project.

### Subscriptions and Match Fees


We have employed leading consultants Total Turf Solutions to oversee the pitch reconstruction project. The cost to the club of this and our contribution towards the nets is over £7,000. Given the investment the club has made in our facilities we feel it is necessary to increase the subscriptions this year and enforce the late payment levy.

Even with this increase you can see why it is so important that we maximize the sponsorship and fundraising that we do.

Match fees, which not only cover the cost of teas, but also contribute to the cost of match balls, umpires & scorers, remain unchanged.

## Contact Details

Do you have an e-mail address? If so please send an e-mail to [cricket@salesportsclub.com](mailto:cricket@salesportsclub.com) so that we can send out future newsletters to you via e-mail and save on postage costs.

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### Club Subscriptions

All subscriptions must be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May:

#### Seniors:

- Single Sport: £95 (£85 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May)
- Multi Sport £135 (£125 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May)

#### Under 18/Student:

- Single Sport: £35 (£30 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May)
- Multi Sport: £51 (£46 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May)