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New Season is Fast Approaching!

The new season will soon be upon us. We hope you are all looking forward to the challenges ahead. All 3 senior teams will be hoping to improve on our 2005 positions, but with plenty of commitment and team spirit we can do well.

Our junior teams has progressed well over the last 3 years we will continue to develop the section and expose our older juniors to senior cricket.

Preparations are now in full flow, details of which are in this newsletter.

Winter Training – Starting Sunday 12th February

Nets start on Sunday 12th February at Jeff Joseph's Technology College, starting at 8 pm. Access is via Croft Road, off Norris Road in Sale Moor. Please ring Mike Halkon for further details on 07813 075229.

Junior coaching also starts on Sunday 12th February. The session is being split into two to give an even split, although we can be flexible if you have logistical problems. Under 12's (year 7 and under) are from 5pm – 6.30pm and Under 13's and over (year 8 and over) are from 6.30pm – 8pm. Please ring Joel Alderson for further details on 07795 296231.

Cost is once again been held at £2 for seniors and £1 for juniors.

Sponsorship

John O'Donnell took responsibility for coordinating our Sponsorship drive in 2005, ably assisted by Iain Harrop. A great start was made, and with a few lessons learnt we should do well again this season, however it is vital that all members try to support them. We need to secure sponsorship for our club is to invest in our facilities. Please make every effort to find us sponsors for 2006, if every member aimed to secure one £25 match ball sponsor it would make a major contribution to the club. For further information please contact John on 07957 431210.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a sponsorship form, more are available on request. John will be happy to follow up on any leads if you can provide him with the details. John & Iain have already contacted a number of local company's so please give John a call to check first.

New Officers

After 3 years as Club Captain Matt Millward has taken over as secretary.

The new captain is Mike Halkon; please make life easy for him!

Our new groundsman, 'Az', has now been appointed, please make him welcome!

Community Club Development Fund

Most of you will be aware that the club applied for funding for 4 new artificial nets under this program in 2004 and were placed on the 'reserve' list. During the winter our project became 'live' and has gone to a government panel for final assessment. We are hopeful of hearing some good news very soon, so watch this space for further developments!

We hope that any works would be completed ready for the new facility to be used throughout the summer, which will be great news for our club!

Key dates for Your diary

- **20 Feb** – Indoor training starts at Jeff Joseph
 - under 12: 5pm – 6.30pm
 - over 12: 6.30pm – 8pm
 - seniors: 8pm onwards
- **1/2 Apr** – Cricket Force Weekend
- **15/16 Apr** – Friendlies
- **22 Apr** – League starts
 - 1st XI Home vs. Brooklands
 - 2nd XI Away vs. Christleton
- **7 May** – Cheshire Cup - Away vs Congleton
- **21 June** – Cheshire U13's vs. Derbyshire.

Cricket Force Weekend – 1st/2nd April 2005

After the tremendous success of our 'Cricket Force' weekend in 2005, when we constructed 4 new sightscreens, we will be holding a similar event in 2006.

Our main aim over the weekend will be to build a new umpires changing room, renovate the scoreboard, and start renovating the pavilion. Iain & John are once again co-coordinating efforts but need everyone to commit to coming along and helping.

We would also like to hear from anyone who can source donated materials or specialist labour (e.g. paint, timber, joiner, electrician, painter, etc.)

EVERYONE PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY; WE NEED YOU ALL TO ATTEND. You may not be available all weekend, but you should all aim to help out. If you do not feel you can help out with the actual work, there are plenty of smaller jobs that can be done including ensuring there is a regular supply of tea and coffee!

Club Mark

In June last year we were officially awarded Clubmark Accreditation, which confirms our commitment to being a safe, effective and child-friendly cricket club. This was a major achievement, however the hard work does not stop here, it is the responsibility of all club members to uphold and continue the best practice we have put in place.

Sale Enter Cheshire Cup

Following feedback from our members we have entered the Cheshire Cup in 2006, after an absence of several seasons.

The format has changed this season meaning anyone knocked out in the 1st or 2nd round is automatically entered in the Shield.

Our 1st match is 7th May at Congleton and it is important that the 1st XI squad make themselves available for these cup matches.

Cheshire Visit Sale

Sale will be hosting Cheshire Under 13's when they take on their Derbyshire counter parts in the National ECB competition.

The match is on Wednesday 21st June, please come along if you are free.

2005 Fixtures

Preliminary fixtures have been issued. The 1st XI open up with a derby clash against Brooklands at Clarendon Crescent, whereas the 2nd XI travel to Christleton.

Fixtures for the 3rd XI and the Junior teams will be coming out over the next few weeks, keep an eye on our website for updates.

Contact Details

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



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