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Welcome Done Glyn and Danny!!!

Our Club President Glyn Roberts was named “Unsung Hero in Sport 2008” at the recent Trafford Sports Awards. Glyn retires this year after 12 years service as President, and countless others in various roles. He will now go onto the Greater Manchester awards at the Midland Hotel – Good Luck!

Danny Halkon was also nominated for “Sports Achiever of the Year” following his very successful season that included being named Cheshire County League Young Player of the Year.

New Main Sponsor Sought for 2009

With the Credit Crunch meaning Crosby Long Lease won't be continuing as our main sponsor, we are looking for a new club sponsor in 2009.

We appreciate that times are tough, however sponsoring our club does give a company the opportunity to associate itself with a community club. With advertising placed around our ground, on Dane Road and on our cricket wear it does give a company some great publicity. Last year we got some good coverage in the local papers and with a promising season ahead we can expect more exposure in 2009.

So if you, or your company is interested in supporting us in 2009 please contact John O'Donnell or Rob Moore.

Sponsorship and Fundraising

Needless to say it is going to be more difficult to raise funds this year, however we do need to focus our attention on raising as much as we can. John is once again seeking match ball sponsors at £25 per match and perimeter sponsors for the ground. You can either download a sponsorship form from our website, or contact John, who will be happy to follow up any leads you have.

We are also working up some fundraising activities, including **GOLDEN BALL**. More details are contained elsewhere in the newsletter, please make sure you support it.

GOLDEN BALL

We have 'invented' a new fund raising game for 2009!

We are aiming to sponsor every ball bowled in 1st XI league cricket (that's 600 balls). At 50p per ball that works out at £1 for the season.

If a wicket falls on your ball, you are guaranteed a prize! More details are on our website ...

New Signings for 2009

We are pleased to announce that high quality batsman Hassan Khan will be joining Sale in 2009. Hassan played for Manchester University with new club captain Jamal Benzafar and scored 700 runs in the highly competitive Central Lancs League last season.

'Keeper-batsman Chris Canning has joined from Wythenshawe and a number of other prospective players have come down to winter nets.

With Aussie John Taylor staying on until mid-season and Danny Halkon due to return from a winter of grade cricket in Australia we can look forward to a promotion push this season. This makes it all the more important that you attend nets and impress your captain!

Key dates for Your diary

- **22 Jan** – Senior training starts at Belle Vue Leisure Centre: 8pm – 9pm
- **15 Feb** – Junior Indoor training starts at AOM school:
 - under 9/11: 3pm – 4pm
 - under 13/14: 4pm – 5pm
 - under 15/18: 5pm – 6pm
- **2 Mar** – Parent's Forum, 8pm at the club
- **3/4 Apr** – Cricket Force Weekend
- **11/12 Apr** – Friendlies:
 - 1st XI vs. Cheadle (A)
 - 2nd XI vs. TBA (A)
- **18 Apr** – League starts:
 - 1st XI vs. Brooklands (H)
 - 2nd XI vs. Grappenhall (A)
- **26 Apr** – 3rd XI Cup vs. Home vs. Cheadle Hulme
- **3 May** – Cheshire Cup - Away vs. Hollingworth
- **10 May** – 3rd XI League - Away vs Hyde 4th

Winter Training – Every Thursday Evening

Senior nets continue every Thursday, starting at 8pm. Once again these are at Belle Vue Leisure Centre, Kirkmanshulme Road, Manchester. Following feedback from members we now have all 4 nets for 1 hour, meaning sessions are more intense, with less waiting time. We then head back to the club for refreshments! Please ring Jamal Benzafar for further details on 07966 568951. The cost is £4.

Junior coaching continues on Sunday afternoons until 22nd March at Ashton-on-Mersey school. Please ring Joel, Matt or Rob for further details. The cost is £3.

Cricket Force Weekend – 3rd/4th April 2009

We are now planning our fifth 'Cricket Force' weekend in 2009 after four highly successful weekends when much has been achieved. As well as getting everything ready for the start of the season we will be doing further work renovating the pavilion. Carl & Iain are 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, guttering, 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!

Parent's Forum – Monday 2nd March

We really value the input our parents give us and would encourage as many of you as possible to attend the upcoming Parent's Forum on Monday 2nd March at 8pm. Please see the enclosed letter for details.

2009 Fixtures

New Teams in 2009

We have two new teams in 2009. A 4th XI has been entered to give more opportunities for juniors to play senior cricket.

A second under 13 team has been entered due to high numbers.


Both teams will play at Budworth Rd, Sale Moor.

The 1st XI has two friendlies against Cheadle (11 April) and Lowerhouse (19 April). Preliminary fixtures have been issued. The 1st XI host Brooklands, back in the league after two years, and the newly promoted 2nd XI travel to Grappenhall.

The 3rd XI start their league season with a trip to Hyde on 10th May after the usual round-robin cup games the two weeks prior to that. 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 we send out regular communications via e-mail and can save on postage costs on future newsletters.

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	4 th XI Captain	TBA	
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