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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 it. After finishing 4th the 1st XI are looking for a concerted promotion push and the other sides be hoping to improve on their 2006 positions, but with plenty of commitment and team spirit we can do well.

Our junior section goes from strength to strength, with an under 15's team established this year. Many of our juniors got a taste of senior cricket in 2006, which is very encouraging.

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

Winter Training – Starting Sunday 28th January

Nets start on Sunday 28th January at 5pm. This year we are moving to Ashton-On-Mersey school on Cecil Avenue, due to the late unavailability of Sale High School. Please ring Mike Halkon for further details on 07813 075229.

Junior coaching also starts on Sunday 28th January for the older age groups, with the under 11's starting the week after as the hall is already booked. Under 11's (year 6 and under) are from 2pm – 3pm and Under 13's and Under 14's (year 7, 8 & 9) are from 3pm – 4pm and over 14's are 4pm – 5pm. However we may ask a few of you to come to a different session to even up the numbers. Please ring Joel, Matt or Rob for further details.

There are no nets on 18th February and 18th March. Due to the change of venue the cost is being increased to £3 for seniors and £2 for juniors.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

Unfortunately we did not raise as much in 2006 as we would have liked, but we are glad to report that steps are being taken to address this. The first event is being led by club captain Mike Halkon who has organized a sponsored bicycle ride from Blackpool to Sale, all funds are being split between the club and Christie's hospital. A sponsorship form is included with this newsletter, or can be downloaded from our website. On the same evening (St. Patrick's Night) we are holding a fund raising and social evening at the club. Further details will follow, however please put this in your diary to support the club.

Overseas Player

We are pleased to confirm that we have signed John Taylor as our overseas player.

John 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 ...

However we are pleased to announce that Stefan's The Jewellers in Sale will be sponsoring our Junior teams in 2007! **THANKS STEFAN!**

John O'Donnell is once again coordinating our fundraising effort and it is vital that all members try to support him at his team. We need to secure sponsorship for our club is to invest in our facilities. Please make every effort to find us sponsors for 2007, 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.

A match sponsorship form can be downloaded from the website. John will be happy to follow up on any leads if you can provide him with the details.

Key dates for Your diary

- **28 Jan** – Indoor training starts at AOM school
 - under 13/14: 3pm – 4pm
 - under 15: 4pm – 5pm
 - seniors: 5pm – 6pm
- **4 Feb** – Indoor training for under 11's start: 2pm – 3pm
- **17 Mar** – Blackpool – Sale bike ride and St Patrick's Day social evening
- **31 Mar-1 Apr** – Cricket Force Weekend
- **14/15 Apr** – Friendlies
- **21 Apr** – League starts
 - 1st XI Away vs. Grappenhall
 - 2nd XI Home vs. Bollington
- **6 May** – 3rd XI League - Away vs Romiley
- **By 6 May** – Cheshire Cup - Home vs Castrol

Community Club Development Fund

You will all have benefited from our new nets funded by way of a 95% grant under CCDF program, we all have a responsibility to ensure they are kept in good condition.

We are now progressing a second bid to relay the cricket square over the next two autumns; we hope to hear if this has been successful in a few months time.

Cricket Force Weekend – 31st March/1st April 2007

We are now planning our third 'Cricket Force' weekend in 2007 after two highly successful weekends when much has been achieved.

Our facilities have taken a 'battering' during the recent high winds so there is much to do! As well as getting everything ready for the start of the season we will be doing further work 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, 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!

Junior Shirts and Kit

We are organizing shirts, tracksuits and caps with the Sale crest and sponsors logo. Shirts are £15 each. An initial order has been placed, but further orders can be taken. Please contact Matt Millward.

Over 40's XI

Sale is entering an Over 40's team in the Cheshire County league for the first time.

Iain Harrop is organizing the team that will play on a Wednesday evening.

Please contact Iain for details.

2007 Fixtures

Preliminary fixtures have been issued. The 1st XI travels to Grappenhall, whereas the 2nd XI host Bollington at Clarendon Crescent.

The 3rd XI start their league season with a trip to Romiley on 6th 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 so that we can send out future newsletters via e-mail and save on postage costs.

Junior Committee

We are glad to say that our requests for greater support from our junior parents have been answered!

Alison Cara has volunteered to establish a junior committee to look after the running of our junior teams as well as taking an active role in fundraising. Please see enclosed letter.



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