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Welcome and Well Done!

This newsletter is being written at the halfway point of the season. The club is doing well on the field and continuing to make progress towards our development plan off it.

CLUBMARK ACHIEVED!

The club made a major step forward on Tuesday 14th of June when we were officially awarded Clubmark Accreditation, which confirms our commitment to being a safe, effective and child-friendly cricket club.

This is a **BIG** thing that we can rightly feel proud of, **WELL DONE** to all who contributed to this 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.

We are also pleased to help confirm the status of Cheshire Cricket as being at the forefront of cricket development in the UK. We are the 340th club nationally to achieve this accreditation; pro rata Cheshire has more clubs than any other county.

Senior Performance

All teams are holding their own after last season's promotions, overall a pleasing performance. The 1st XI started very well reaching 2nd position at one point, and are well in the hunt for a second promotion, currently lying 4th to run away leaders Timperley. True to form our bowling has been as strong as anything in the league, helped by the signing of J P Lee, who has already taken 40 wickets. In contrast the batting has been indifferent, and it is this that will need to improve if we are to challenge for a place in division 1.

The 2nd XI made a very slow start, not helped by poor availability. Thankfully results have started to improve and hopefully they can start climbing the table. Well done to Arsalan Mohammad who made his maiden ton against Middlewich. The 3rd XI also lies 4th, despite bleeding several under 13's, who have shown good promise.

Availability has not been as good as it was last year, and it is inconsistency of selection more than anything else that has held us back this year. We can expect a harder second half of the season now everyone has seen our strengths and weaknesses, so we all have to show increased commitment and hard work to succeed over the next 3 months.

Good Luck 'Shergs'

Club stalwart Ian Wilkinson has finished for the season to have a foot operation (aka wants to watch the ashes on TV).

The 3rd XI will miss your bowling and look forward to your return next season.

Sponsorship

John O'Donnell, Iain Harrop and Danny Stoddard have made a great effort of spearheading our sponsorship drive this year. **WELL DONE GUYS!** Included with this newsletter is a list of our sponsors, please support them and ensure you mention "Sale Cricket Club" whenever you contact them.

There are still a few matches without a sponsor, so if you know anyone who may be interest, please get in touch. For further information please contact John on 07957 431210.

Key dates for Your diary

- 17 Sept – End of Season Do!
- 7 Oct – League Presentation Evening, Mere Golf Club.

Coaching

J P has been doing plenty of one-to-one coaching; those who have participated have progressed well.

Over the summer holidays J P will be running group-coaching sessions, please contact him for days and times.

To book group or individual coaching (senior or junior!) please call J P on 07981 917864.

Junior Development

Our junior development scheme is goes from strength to strength, with good attendance at Monday evening coaching sessions. The recruitment of J P Lee has had a positive impact our progress and allowed us to do more and more varied coaching.

Results continue to be up and down, however we reiterate our commitment to ensuring everyone gets an opportunity to participate. Our aim is to develop all our members equally so that we can win the under 18's league with a strong team of 11, not to rely on 4 or 5 players to perform each week in the under 11 or 13 league. We believe that we will be a stronger club in the long term by doing this.

A number of our under 13 age group players have been called upon to play in senior cricket sooner than we might have expected. However they have all performed very well, good sign for the future and an indication that the coaching is working!

JOINT SENIOR & JUNIOR End of Season Presentation – Saturday 17th September

The end of season presentation evening is being held on Saturday 17th of September after our final games of the season. Please put this date in your diary and invite your partner/parents along! The usual fun and games will ensue so make sure you are there! First the first time this will be a joint presentation for the whole club. Anyone with trophies please bring them back by the end of August.

Keep Up to Date

Thanks to Webmaster James Muskett our website is slowly being updated.

All the latest match results and reports are posted every week, so log-on to keep up to date with all the latest news!

Self-Declaration Forms

Thank you to everyone who has returned his or her form.

Anyone who has not yet filled in a self-declaration form and returned it to Mike Wilkes should do so immediately.

This is an important part of Clubmark.

National Cricket Foundation Draw

If anyone hasn't returned his or her National Draw tickets yet, please do so soon. We have to return everything by mid August so it is important that we get everything back in. We have to return all unsold books, so it is important that all tickets are returned, sold or unsold!

Subscriptions

A big thank you to everyone who has paid his subs promptly this year. Response has been much better than previous years, however there is still a significant minority outstanding. The committee reserves the right not to select players who have not paid their annual subs!



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