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### The 2006 Season is Coming to a Close

With only two games left all senior teams look set to finish in mid-table, an improvement from last season. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI got off to a flying start, challenging for promotion for much of the season, whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI made a slow start, but are finishing strongly. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI has been short of senior players on occasion, giving an opportunity to many junior players. All have showed good promise for the future.

Our junior teams have shown steady progress over the season, with performances improving as the season has gone on.

There are a few keys dates to note over the following few weeks.

### Presentation Evening – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Our end of season presentation evening has been arranged to take place after the final 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, proceedings will get under way around 7.30pm. As well as presenting the end of season trophies to seniors and juniors there will be a disco and some fun and games.

We will also be holding a raffle and would ask members to try and get some prizes donated.

The cost is £5 per couple or family and includes a buffet. We hope to see as many members there as possible as well as parents of our junior members. It promises to be a good night.

### Ground Working Party – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

We are planning to complete the autumn pitch renovation on the first Saturday after the season has finished. As many of you will be aware the pitch has not played as well as we would like, now is your chance to do something about it. The club has spent a significant amount on ground equipment this season so the only way we can afford to do this work is if the members all 'pitch-in' and help Sean complete this work. If you're not prepared to help do something about it then it is very difficult to complain!

We will also be completing many of the end of season tasks, such as tidying away the nets, covers and sightscreens for the winter, so we need a good size gang on the day. To get everything done we need people to be there from 9 am and Russ has promised that lunch will be provided!

#### Key dates for Your diary

- **16 Sep** – End of Season Presentation Evening, 7.30pm
- **23 Sep** – Ground working party, 9am
- **30 Sep** – Comedy Night
- **6 Oct** – CCCL Dinner, Mere
- **12 Oct** – AGM, 8pm

#### Well Done Rick!

Well done to Rick Halkon, who was recently selected for the league representative side to play the Cheshire Cricket League. Rick is the first Sale player to win this accolade for a number of years.

Unfortunately the league XI lost in a rain affected game at Middlewich.

#### Community Club Development Fund

As most of you will know we finally received the first part of the works under our Community Club Fund grant. It seem a long time since we applied back in 2003, however I'm sure you'll all agree that the new practice nets are a fantastic addition to our facilities.

Along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand bowling machine we purchased in the winter we now have practice facilities rival anything outside of the professional game ... hopefully this will translate into improved performance in the near future!

An artificial match wicket is scheduled to be installed immediately after the end of the season.

## Annual General Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006

The Cricket section AGM has been scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 8pm. This is your chance to have your say on how the club is run and show your support to the committee. It is important that as many of you as possible attend this meeting.

If you are interested in joining the committee or would like to volunteer to complete a specific task then please contact Rob Moore.

## Sponsorship & Fundraising

After having a relatively good year in 2005 unfortunately the amounts we raised in 2006 have fallen back significantly. If you really want your club to improve and develop it is important that we all make a big effort to turn this around in 2007. That means putting plans into place now to achieve this.

Please come along to the AGM where we plan to discuss fundraising and come up with a working party and action plan.

### Cheshire Play at Sale

Cheshire played their first ever representative games at Sale during 2006.

The Under 13's lost out to Derbyshire on 21<sup>st</sup> June, whilst the Under 14's won against Nottinghamshire on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

The under 14's squad were the first people to use our new nets and were suitably impressed with our facilities!

### League Dinner

The County League dinner is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the usual venue of the Mere Golf & Country Club (7pm for 7.30pm).

The speaker is the well-recommended Dr Kevin Jones.

The club must purchase 2 tickets, so if you are interested please contact Matt Millward.

### Please Use the Club During the Winter!

The Old Salians rugby team recently folded, meaning that the club can expect a reduction in our income during the winter. It is important that members do use the club during the close season.


For many years a small hardcore meet on a Thursday evening through the winter for a social drink, it would be good if a few more came in and made this a regular social evening for the whole section.

The club is holding a **Comedy Night on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. The comedians are from the Comedy Store, so it promises to be a good night. Tickets are £5 (available from behind the bar) and we hope that many cricket members will support this event and if successful it may turn into a regular event.

Finally, don't forget that the club will be showing most Premier League football games on the big screen throughout the winter, including the pay-per-view matches.

## 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 via e-mail and save on postage costs.

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