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WELL DONE TO 2ND XI - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

Our 2nd XI ended the 2008 season in style, confirming the 2nd Division championship, and promotion, with a comprehensive victory against Marple. The recent bad weather meant that the champagne has been on ice for a few weeks, but the team's 15th win of the season confirmed the silver wear! **WELL DONE LADS!**

We are planning to organise a coach to the league presentation evening at Mere, when we will officially collect our trophy. Andy Millward to organising, so please let him know if you want to go.

Our 3rd XI and Under 15 XI both finished a credible 3rd in their leagues, and were hampered by the poor weather that meaning crucial games were cancelled. The Under 15's also reached the cup final, but unfortunately came up short despite a spirited fight-back in the 2nd innings.

The 1st XI has had a disappointing season despite a number of new recruits. After a slow start to the season they started the 2nd half of the season strongly, but the poor weather meant that games against two of the bottom sides were cancelled, leaving too much ground to make up.

An inexperienced Under 18 side finished a credible 6th in their first season, lead from the front by Danny Halkon. The other junior teams had disappointing seasons, but a number of players did show good promise for the future.

End of Season Presentation Evening – Saturday 20th September

With much to celebrate we hope that you can join us for our annual presentation evening on Saturday 20th September. As well as celebrating the achievements of the 2nd XI, we will also be awarding individual trophies for both the senior and junior teams. As always there will be a few fun and games along the way, so it should be a good evening all round.

The festivities will get underway at 7.30pm, so please come along from 7pm. Tickets are £5 per family, which includes a buffet, and can be purchased on the night. There is no need to book, so we hope to see you all there.

End of Season Working Party – Saturday 20th September

We also need to complete our usual end of season tidy up; this is taking place on Saturday 20th September from 9.30am. We need to tidy away all the ground equipment and tidy up the pavilion. As long as we get a good turnout it shouldn't take too long, so we hope to see many of you there.

Good Luck Colin!

Danny (a.k.a. Colin) Halkon is following up a fantastic season for Sale with a winter playing cricket in Australia.

Danny is playing for John Taylor's club, Wonga Park, during his gap year.

Club Fund Raising Evening – Snail Racing Night on Saturday 27th September

The club has organized its second Snail Racing evening on Saturday 27th September. The event starts at 8pm and will be great fun! A number of cricket members have sponsored Snails and two parents have offered prizes for the winning Snail. A BIG THANKS TO Stefan Peilober (Stefans Jewellers) and Mike Wormald (Lennox Lea Hotel) for their generosity.

Key dates for Your diary

- **20 Sep** – End of Season Working Party at Clarendon Crescent (9.30 am)
- **20 Sep** – End of Season Presentation Evening (7pm for 7.30pm)
- **27 Sep** – Snail Racing Evening (1st race 8pm)
- **3 Oct** – League Presentation Evening, Mere Golf Club
- **10 Oct** – Parents Meeting (7pm) & AGM (8 pm)

AGM & Parents Meeting - Friday 10th October

Our AGM is taking place on Friday 10th October, from 8pm. With both senior captains standing down and a 4th XI being established we will be looking for 3 new captains. If you are interested please let Rob Moore know and get two nominations. A sheet will be available on the board.

Preceding the AGM is an informal parents meeting (from 7pm). This is your opportunity to let us know your ideas on how we can improve things for 2009. We are aware that there were a few issues with the teams this year, in particular the number of players in the under 13 age group. We have various options, all of which will require support from the parents, but would appreciate your input. We will also tell you about our plans for a 4th XI, which will give a greater opportunity for juniors to play senior cricket.

Clubmark Renewal

We are required to renew our clubmark every 3 years.

We have passed our site assessment and will need to complete our evidence file in the next few weeks.

It is good to see that we are maintaining our high standards.

Thank You to Our Sponsors in 2008

The club would like to thank everyone who has sponsored, or got someone else to sponsor the club this season, it make a real difference. There is a full list of sponsors on our website. Please support these companies, many of them local, and let them know you heard about them from Sale Cricket Club!

Community Club Development Program – Facility Development

The recent bad weather has delayed the 2nd half of our square renovation project. This should proceed in the next few weeks, meaning we should have a top class playing facility in 2010. We also got a large grant this year towards a new mower, which shows the support we get from the ECB as a focus club.

Support the Club!

Please continue to support the club during the winter. Many of the section meet on a Thursday evening for a drink during the winter.

The club also shows all Premier League football games, including those on Satanta. So please come down and watch them at the club.

Representative Honours – Top Effort Guys!

A number of players have achieved representative honours this year. Danny Halkon has played for Cheshire Under 19's and the North-West Colts this season. He also scored a century on his debut for the full league side, which also contained brother Rick.

Rory Woodward finished the leading wicket-taker in the South Manchester League and was rewarded with a call-up for Cheshire Under 15's, along with Andy Coleby. Ben Pickford & Harry Stepney played for Trafford Under 11's.

Eagle-eyed members will have seen Sale alumni Xavier Marshall establishing his himself in the West Indies team and breaking the world record for the number of sixes in a One-Day International (against Canada); and may even have heard scorer Roger Lee credited on Test Match Special!

Contact Details

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