

Ashley Juniors & Academy News

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Welcome to the first monthly Ashley Juniors newsletter which will focus solely on the Clubs growing junior section.

Over the winter there have been some exciting developments in the Juniors, with many players attending and enjoying the regular coaching and nets sessions at Sale Grammar School.

The Club will run the following sides during the 2011 season:

Under 9's, Under 11's and Under 13's. The fixtures will shortly be published on the Ashley website www.ashleycc.co.uk

Under 9's Sponsored by www.oilandgas@jobsearch.com

The team will be managed / coached by Liam Cusack and Brian Birtles, with the first game in the week commencing 1st May – away at Toft. The Under 9's play pairs soft-ball cricket with everyone getting to bat and bowl.

The aim each game is to put two teams of 8 out, with one side playing the league game, whilst the other players play in a friendly. The games start around 6pm during the week and 10am on a Sunday.

Under 11's Sponsored by www.traffordsurveyors.co.uk

The team as with the Under 9's will be managed and coached by Liam and Brian. They have a game in the week commencing 1st May, with the actual date and opponents to be confirmed.

The Under 11's play 'out' cricket with 11 a-side and bowlers limited to 4 overs each and batsmen retire at 25.

Under 13's Sponsored by www.atlanticroofingsupplies.comm.uk

The Club will run two under 13 sides, one managed by Angela Atkin, with the other by Sefton Kwasnik.

Angela's team will play on Friday evenings, with their first game being away to Stretford on 29th April.

Sefton's team will play on a Sunday with their first game away to Alderley Edge on Sunday, 1st May.

All junior sides are entered into the cup competitions with the draw yet to be confirmed.

The season will run until mid-July, but the Club's keen to keep the players playing well into August, with friendly games and tournaments.

The first tournament is at Winnington Park near Northwich.

Under 11's on the 12th June

Under 13's on the 30th May

Cricket Academy

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The developing junior section offers the Club the opportunity to move talented players into the adult sides to develop their talents and strengthen the Club on a long-term basis. To aid this development of talent we have decided to look to use an 'Academy' system. Players who are selected by the managers and coaches are able to progress into the adult teams over a period of time and those that have already progressed will be offered a more focused individual coaching programme, in addition to everything else that is provided by the Club.

We have therefore attracted sponsorship from **John Ward Wealth Management** to fund this extra coaching which will be delivered through a coaching programme that Dave Woods has agreed with the Coaches at Lancashire Cricket Club. The coaching will be held at the Old Trafford Indoor Cricket School.

The coaches are able to run two types of sessions for the players chosen i.e. one to one sessions with two players attending an hour session at a time and a group session again for an hour for the younger players selected. The first sessions will begin in May and continue through June and July.

The players who will be invited to attend will be informed by the managers and arrangements made to get them down to Old Trafford.

Juniors Awards

The junior section is the life blood of the Club at all levels and the Academy, it is hoped will be a further incentive to talented juniors to achieve and progress into the two senior Saturday teams i.e. the 1st and 2nd X1.

During the season, we will introduce a recognition programme through a series of monthly awards for those individual players who have produced a good performance or match winning contribution. The team managers will vote for these awards.

At the end of the season, we will also have awards to recognise the Junior Player's of the Year. We hope that this extra recognition will inspire all players during the season. The awards will be sponsored by **John Ward Wealth Management**.

Nets at Ashley Cricket Club

Nets are held at the Club on a Monday, beginning on Monday, 18th April, with the Club open from 6pm. Dylan Freitag, our Australian Overseas player from Traralgon, Melbourne will be taking a full part in the coaching at these sessions with the Juniors.

Events

Thursday, 14th April from 6pm will be the Junior Registration Night at the Club. It will give people an opportunity to view the Club and it's facilities and to meet all the coaches and Dylan. Annual subscriptions are £40 for one child and £50 for two or more.

On the same night the outdoor nets will be officially opened by ex Lancashire and England first bowler, Paul Allott, who is now a SKY TV presenter. The opening will be at 7.30pm and happily Paul will be accompanied by his father John, who first played for Ashley in 1937.

Let's hope for good weather, enjoyable cricket and lots of success for the players and teams at Ashley over the coming summer. The players and teams will benefit from the different levels of coaching and support made available to them, improving and developing their skills, but whilst enjoying participating in a great sport.