

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is on Thursday 30th October starting at 7:45pm in the pavilion. All members and supporters are welcome to attend.

It looks like we will post a loss of approximately £2000 this year so we need ideas from everyone on how to save money and volunteers to come up with new and interesting fund raising ideas. The committee welcomes comments and contributions from everyone so please come along if you have any suggestions.

Just as important as new ideas are enthusiastic volunteers who are prepared to organise an event, or to raise say £100 via match ball sponsorship. At the moment a dwindling band of committee members are responsible for all money making endeavours and their enthusiasm can only last so long. Please consider getting involved, hopefully other volunteers will be inspired by any ideas you may have. Perhaps a Sportsman's Dinner is something we should consider organising?

We would like to offer the pavilion as a possible venue for parties etc. so please bear this in mind if you are planning such an event. We are also keen to hold events out of the cricket season such as Darts Nights.

We also need people to stand for 2nd XI captain & vice-captain.

This year we need to renew our Clubmark accreditation; this assists the club when we apply for grants etc. There is a tremendous amount of paperwork involved now so any offers of help in preparing our application will be accepted with alacrity.

Free Coaching

Yorkshire 1st team cricketers Andrew Gale and Chris Taylor are offering a complimentary coaching session to junior cricketers at the end of September.

The session will take place at King's School, Chester on Monday 29th September from 6pm to 8pm, and is open to any junior cricketers aged 6 to 16. Andrew and Chris will be offering expert advice on batting, bowling and fielding using their experiences in the 1st class game. They will also take part in a Question and Answer session when aspiring cricketers will get their opportunity to fire questions at the Yorkshire opening pair.

Andrew and Chris run the Pro Coach Cricket Academy which holds cricket coaching courses across the North of England. This winter they are running the Cheshire Premier Academy at King's School for 6-16 year olds. Further details of this and all their other courses can be found at www.procricketcoachingacademy.com.

Places are limited for this rare opportunity of a free session with current professional cricketers so call 07766024635 or email procoachcricketacademy@hotmail.co.uk now to avoid disappointment.

3rd XI End of Season Do

The 3rd XI are meeting up at the Unicorn Pub in Altrincham on Sunday 5th October at 7:45pm for a few drinks before they head off to the Gombay restaurant on the Downs for a meal by 8:15pm.

So if you played for the threes this year and you would like to join them and spend the fines money you no doubt contributed towards, please let skipper Peter Burgess know asap.

Leaving the club

Paul Leach and his family are moving away from Cheshire to take a job in Cardiff. Leachy is well known to most of the senior players at Ashley as the only brain surgeon in the clubs history; he leaves with the best wishes of everyone and we hope to see him back in the North West soon.

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Winter Nets

Seniors – We again are netting at Lancashire CCC Indoor Cricket Centre, Old Trafford and the first session is:

Tues 27th January – 8pm till 9pm

The cricket centre is almost booked up already so we have had to take the following dates and times:

27/1/09 to 24/2/09	(5 weeks)	8pm till 9pm	3 lanes
3/3/09 to 10/3/09	(2 weeks)	9pm till 10pm	3 lanes
17/3/09 to 7/4/09	(4 weeks)	9pm till 10pm	2 lanes

We hope to have outdoor nets thereafter and a series of pre-season friendlies on the weekend of 18th & 19th April, before the season starts for the Saturday teams the following week.

Juniors

Hopefully we will start indoor junior nets on 2nd Feb 09 at Altrincham Grammar School from 6pm till 7:30pm. We will once again have the benefit of a Cheshire coach, Fred Slater, running the sessions for the Under 9s.

Equipment

Cooper Sports continue to hold a cricket equipment sale, please call in at the shop in Sale and pick up a bargain.