



## ASHLEY CRICKET CLUB – NEWSLETTER MARCH 2009



New time for Senior nets - Premiership footballer to speak at Ashley – Scorebox gets the go ahead – We need first aiders – Free qualifications for budding groundsmen (and women) – Free training for all volunteers - Free scorers course – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI agree to pre-season friendly – Junior fixtures released – Lost and found – eBay expert needed – New facilities at ACC

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### **Nets**

Senior nets at Old Trafford will run from 9pm till 10pm from next Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup> March) until 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Ashley Fundraiser**

1<sup>st</sup> XI skipper Ian Barber has arranged for a Premiership footballer to attend the club in April for the first of our fundraisers. He will be at the club for a few hours in mid to late April to answer your questions and chat about life as a Premiership and International footballer. Tickets will be limited to the first 40 people who ask for a ticket and will cost no more than £10; the evening will include a hot pot supper. It is hoped that this will be the first of 3 or 4 Q&A sessions throughout the summer.

### **Scorebox**

We hope to have secured enough bricks to build the long awaited scorebox; we will have to collect them from Manchester so could anyone with access to a large lorry with a crane (and driver) or with a connection that might offer us deal on hiring a vehicle please get in touch

### **1<sup>st</sup> Aid/scorers/coaches**

With 10 teams this year we need all the volunteers we can get, especially 1<sup>st</sup> aiders. Does anyone want to take a qualification? The club will pay all course fees. If you already have a valid certificate and would like to be placed on our list of helpers please get in touch.

One vital (and paid) job on match days is that of scorer and there is a one-day Scorers Course at Hale Barns C.C. on Sunday, March 15 from 10.30 to 3 p.m. Those attending will be provided with coffee and tea, but should bring their own lunch. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Ian Greensmith at 01925 227 243 or via e-mail: [igre@blueyonger.co.uk](mailto:igre@blueyonger.co.uk).

This is a great opportunity to help the club on weekend match days and earn £15 plus a free tea, and maybe a drink of the skipper.

The club will pay for anyone willing to take coaching courses, if you want to look at what is involved please go to the ECB website: <http://www.ecb.co.uk/development/coach-education/coaching-pathway/>

### **Other courses**

Train to Gain funding has been opened up to volunteers as well as paid employees, and we qualify for help under this scheme. It provides the opportunity for eligible individuals to undertake a fully funded NVQ 2/NVQ 3 programme (for instance you could undertake a Sports Turf qualification for free).

To be eligible for Train to Gain individuals must be over 19 and not have any qualification higher than a level 2 already (i.e. five GCSE's at Grade C or above or 5 O Levels/CSE Grade 1's). Volunteers aged 16 to 24 may also qualify for full funding under the Apprenticeship programme.

The scheme can also provide, subject to certain criteria, part funding for those looking to do Foundation Degrees, Degrees, M.B.A.'s, Post-graduate certificates or diplomas and Masters degrees.

For additional information, please click on the link:  
[www.traintogain.gov.uk/Helping\\_Your\\_Business/eligible/](http://www.traintogain.gov.uk/Helping_Your_Business/eligible/)

This funding is available to anyone involved at the club and can be used to fund all sorts of courses and qualifications, please get in touch with Brian if you would like more information.

### **3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> XI pre-season game**

The two teams will play a 40 overs a side friendly match against each other at Ashley on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 1:30pm.

### **Junior fixtures**

The club has now entered the Under 9 team into the County League for 2009. Their first game will be against Alderley Edge. All the junior fixtures are available and will be posted onto the website soon, if you want a copy now please get in touch. This years junior handbook will be also be available soon.

### **Wilmslow Half Marathon**

As mentioned in previous newsletters three Ashley members, Second Team Skipper Ali Horn, Veteran Opening Batsmen Dave Rice and Bill Graham father of Under 13 player Thomas, are running this race on the 29<sup>th</sup> March to jointly raise funds for The Club and The Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign. We are currently setting up a page via [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) so be prepared for the sponsorship push !!

## **Lost property**

Did anyone lose a right-handed Gray Nichols batting glove at nets last week, or a pair of Gunn and Moore batting gloves this week? Did someone leave his or her schoolwork at Altrincham Grammar this Monday? The schoolwork was in a green or brown rucksack and was handed into the school reception after training. The batting gloves are with Brian.

## **eBay**

We would like to list a few items on the auction website to help raise a few pounds. Does anyone know the best way to set up a account? Would you be willing to list the items we have or run an Ashley CC page?

## **Facilities**

Thanks to some free materials from the Build Center on Moss Lane in Altrincham we have now laid a new patio at the front of the pavilion. New flooring has also been installed throughout the changing rooms thanks to a grant from the Manchester Airport Community Fund and after receiving a grant from the Cheshire Community Action Group we hope to have new tables and chairs in the bar area soon.