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Club members

2nd Teamer Andy Thorpe is missing this cricket season and trying his luck with the Western Strikers football team in the Super League in Adelaide. Andy played a few games for Altrincham reserves in 2007 and made the Trafford F.C. first team this season.

His new team has a website and an active forum that details all the other teams in the league:

<http://www.westernstrikers.com.au>

<http://www.footballnews.com.au/forum/viewtopic.php?f=4&t=35202>

4th XI vice skipper Steve Coleman is a gigging musician and you can find out more about his group, Dangerous Faith here:

www.dangerousfaith.co.uk

News on other Club Members is always welcome.

Wilmslow Half Marathon Sunday 29th March

Ali Horn, Dave Rice and Bill Graham thank those of you who have sponsored them so far and gently remind those who wish to do so can by going to

www.justgiving.com/ashleycc1

If you wish to sponsor via the old route then please contact with your pledge / address to either

Dave on this Email address

Ali - hornalistair@hotmail.com

Bill - william.graham23@o2.co.uk

Thanks in advance for your support, any support on the day would be very much appreciated especially for those with injury records like Louis Saha !

Juniors

Junior registration night is on Monday 13th April at the ground from 6:30pm till 9pm. For newcomers directions are on the website: www.ashleycc.co.uk

Weather permitting we will have full practice sessions for junior players up to Under 15s and the club's Child Welfare Officer Dave Woods will be there to collect the

membership application form (Form 8) sent out to all junior parents last week.

If you can't make it please let the club have your completed forms back asap.

Our new overseas signing Ash Bradshaw will also be there and you will be able to meet all the junior team managers and coaches who will outline the season ahead.

We do need some help on match days, so if any of you have a valid 1st aid certificate, or you are willing to help out as a scorer/team statistician, or as an assistant manager please we'd be very glad to hear from you

If you would like to learn a bit more about the game before helping out there will be an Introduction to Cricket Coaching course held at Sale CC over 2 evenings in late April or early May probably from 6pm till 8pm. This will give you an idea of the warm up routines we use for youngsters; the club will pay for any course fees.

This course will be of help to those who want to get involved with the club's junior section but don't want to take lengthy coaching courses.

Work Party

We are having a work party on Sunday 5th April, if you can spare an hour or two from 10:30pm we would be very grateful. This type of task is normally undertaken by the same people whose enthusiasm is beginning to wane any fresh assistance would be very much appreciated.

There is plenty to tidy up, dispose of and repair.

Benches need fixing to the walls in the changing rooms, the saloon needs cleaning, toilets and showers need cleaning, the covers need putting back on the frames, batting cage needs repairing as do the sightscreens and they need putting in place and outdoor furniture needs putting together.

If anyone has a jet washer could they please bring it?

Grants

In the course of researching possible grants for the club we have come across this scheme, Student Cash Point.

Student Cash Point is a free, comprehensive directory of student funding which can help you find out about over 3,000 student funding opportunities to help your kids with the costs of going to university. And for those who haven't decided where they want to go yet, you can compare the amount of funding you might be eligible for at different universities - helping you make an informed choice about where to study.

www.studentcashpoint.co.uk.

BT are also offering free laptops and internet connections to local groups and clubs. Lots of parents at Ashley are involved with organisations that might be able to

benefit, more information:

www.btcommunityconnections.com

Fundraisers

As a fundraiser for the club, Rish Agrawal and Josh Wardle are running a fantasy cricket league over the summer but with players from the club. Entry to the competition costs just £5, or £8 for two teams.

All you have to do is, pick 6 batters (up to 2 of these can be all-rounders), a wicketkeeper and 4 bowlers. You can only have a maximum of 3 players from any of the 5 teams (1st XI to 4th XI and U18 teams), with a mandatory 2 U18 players.

If you would like to enter a team or two please contact Rish (07830 450642). You can also fill in a form below and email it to ashleyfantasycricket@googlemail.com

New players who can now be selected include:

Paul Hanrahan 1st team Bowler
Oliver Griffiths 3rd team Bowler
Rick Gandy 1st team All-rounder
James Turnpenny 2nd team Batsman
Alex Wigfield 1st team Batsman