



## Lee Dixon, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Skipper: “Time to draw a line under 2014...”

Happy New Year to all!

Well it's that time of year again. New fixtures announced, winter nets to attend and finding excuses to explain to your other half why it's vital to spend money on that new bat or set of gloves.

So after the great success and all the fun of the fair in 2014, we have to draw a line under our most successful season ever. Time to move on and look forward to another exciting year.

Last year wasn't without its share of luck but I did feel we earned it by putting in from early pre-season right through the summer.

For the first time, the 3rd and 4th XI had winter nets for themselves with designated coaches to help them. The benefit was clear as the captains had more players to choose from and results improved no end. After a great season, we can look forward to the 3rds v 4ths in 2015.

But it's not just supporting winter nets that helps us.

We've a wide range of events and social occasions lined up as well as plenty of jobs that need doing around the Club. Please do put your hand up. Support our events and help us out. Volunteer support is crucial in keeping the Club well managed and maintained. Keep an eye on the website for full details.

Like every club, we don't stand still in the winter months. This year we've acquired one of the very best players in minor counties cricket. Rick Moore joins us from Oulton Park. Rick links up with our coaching team too - something that will surely give players of the club young and old a fantastic buzz. We'll have a group of coaches that will be the envy of many.

We've also managed to land another Brisbane based overseas quickie to replace Josh Henderson. Josh has opted to stay at home this year and give his body a well-earned rest. So Jack Prestwidge comes into the fold with a

fantastic reputation as an exciting speedster held in high regard by CBH legend, Geoff Foley.

The final piece of the jigsaw and building for the future sees Alex Money make the move up the M53 from Oxton following their relegation. Alex has been involved with the Cheshire youth set up and has experiences with the second team. As a left handed batsman he showed in a failing team real guts and promise. His bowling can only benefit too from the experienced hands at Chester.

So, exciting times ahead. And it's vital that at all levels of the Club, we don't sit on last year's success. Time to stand up and set new personal and collective goals.

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