

The Lord's Taverners arrived at Mill Hill School, London, on Sunday to take on a Saracens All Stars team in a celebrity cricket match to raise money for disadvantaged and disabled youngsters.

Captained by Sky Sports presenter Marcus Buckland, The Lord's Taverners XI included former England legend Mike Gatting, along with former England all-rounder Neil Smith who guided the team to victory off the last ball in the corresponding fixture in 2009. Gatting and Smith will be joined by Gloucestershire's Jonathan Batty, former Zimbabwe International (and now Surrey's managing director of cricket) Gus Mackay, cricketing legends John Lever and Clive Radley, Eastenders stars Rudolph Walker (Patrick Trueman) and Ryan Philpott (Kenny Morris), TV presenter Jonnie Irwin (Channel 4's A Place in The Sun: Home Or Away) and Who Wants to Be a Millionaire presenter, Chris Tarrant, President of The Lord's Taverners Saracens All Stars XI include their (and England's) captain, Steve Borthwick, Saracens players Noah Cato and Mouritz Botha and chairman Nigel Wray. Match umpires include TV presenter Barry Norman and former England cricketers Mike Denness and John Price.

During the day The Lord's Taverners presented one of its iconic green disability minibuses to South London Special League. The vehicle will change the lives of the South London youngsters, giving them far better access and allowing them to experience their local amenities and those further afield.

The Lord's Taverners is the official Charity for recreational cricket and the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity. The Lord's Taverners donates nearly one minibus per week to organisations such as South London Special League and will donate nearly £3 million this year to help give young people, particularly those with special needs, a sporting chance.

South London Special League is an award-winning community-based project that enables young people with special needs to compete in cricket, football and other sports at a level appropriate to their ability.

Many of the league's players and their carers do not have their own transport which is a major disadvantage for those with mobility difficulties. This 16-seat, wheelchair-accessible minibus from The Lord's Taverners, costing £48,000, will enable South London Special League to reach out to even more London youngsters and provide greater access to local and national sporting and recreational and activities.

Matthew Patten, Chief Executive of The Lord's Taverners, said: "The Lord's Taverners believes that sport and recreation are essential for all young people, particularly those with special needs. This minibus will help the South London Special League youngsters get out and enjoy new places and experiences. We are proud to support the staff, parents and young people of South London Special League."