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New monthly bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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Hello again everyone,

Welcome to the 2nd newsletter of the year and a warm welcome to new readers who are signing up for the first time. **January** has once again proved to be a busy month with perhaps the most significant item being the approval by the Directors of the External Audit and Report on Cricket in the County conducted by Adrian Collins Chair of Cricket Shropshire. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the

A summary of the report can be found by clicking [here](#)

Turning to the report it is clear.....[Click here for more](#).....

Community Cricket

Schools Cricket



Our **Chance to Shine (CTS)** and **Champion Schools Programme** continues across the county with Ledbury, Eastnor, Walford, Weobley, Almeley, St James and St Martins all benefitting. The programme will continue to gather pace as we head into spring with more schools taking part and signposting to local clubs.

Pete Gale is enabling primary schools to develop closer links with their feeder secondary school through cricket. Weobley High and Weobley Primary are going to be working together on our '**Conveyor Belt Programme**' project where we ensure the schools are receiving our support with staff CPD and coaching of pupils from KS1 (yr 2) through to end of KS4 (yr 11). The outcome of this should be more players entering club cricket locally, and hopefully more pupils from the Weobley centre playing for Herefordshire. This is a model we will expand on in 2024 and 2025 with Leominster and Ross schools.

Our "**Girls Leadership Project**" at St Mary's RC High has been a huge success so far. We are developing the female coaches of tomorrow and also unearthing genuine cricketing talent. Many of the participants have signed up to be part of the softball **bonanza** at Bartestree and Lugwardine CC. We will be beginning a replica of this programme at Whitecross High School after the half term break.

Disability Cricket



JOIN THE
Super 1s

All disabilities welcome
Ages 12-25

CHALLENGE YOURSELF
BE MORE ACTIVE
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Free inclusive
cricket sessions!

WHEN:
Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm

WHERE:
The Point 4 Leisure Centre,
Venns Ln, Hereford HR1 1DT

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Our **Super 1s sessions** have continued with great success and feedback. Hannah from Worcestershire Cricket Board has been working alongside, Matthew 'The Welsh Wizard' Veale. This hub is the fastest growing across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. We are building more disability cricket into our programmes with main stream schools where there is significant SEND numbers. This is going to work alongside our Chance to Shine and Champion programmes and will widen our coverage in ensuring cricket is an inclusive sport.

For more information on schools and community cricket contact [Pete Gale](#)

NEW - Street Cricket

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FAST, FUN & FREE

STREET CRICKET IS HERE

Countdown is on to our **NEW** Street Cricket Community Programme. Pete has been working in the South Wye Schools with pupils and staff to signpost local children to this exciting opportunity. The first session is on 13th March at Riverside Primary in the “cage”!

Street cricket offers a different way into the sport, the projects run after-school or at weekends, they are completely free, players don't need to bring any equipment and can wear whatever they like. The sessions run in sports halls, youth clubs, parks and community centres for mixed age groups.

For more information on schools and community cricket contact [Pete Gale](#)

Pathway Cricket



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The senior squad had their second indoor training session of the year and their fitness and performance continues to develop as we look towards the season. With many of our squad away at university, we are looking forward to their return over Easter and into the summer as the women embark on county fixtures and friendlies alike. A special mention to Vicki Evans and Katie Farmer who are leading the group very well and to Karen Bubb for her support with admin.

For more information on County Girls and Women's Cricket programmes contact [Pete Gale](#)

George Stevenson

Selected for WCCC U16's



George Stevenson (Herefordshire U16 and Burghill Tillington and Weobley CC) has been selected for Worcestershire's CCC U16's. George joins Indiana Jerram, Luke Powell and Harry Sockett who are all in the U18 Worcestershire squad and who have benefitted from our close pathway relationship with our neighbouring first class county.



Herefordshire 50+ ECB County Championship

The ECB 50+ County Championship has been running since 1984 and has 39 Counties plus the Channel Islands participating each season. Placed in five geographical groups of eight teams, the best 16 Counties progress to the knockout stages with the final played in September.

At Herefordshire, we are currently going through a rebuilding phase due to the loss of several players prior to the start of last season and would always be looking to develop the squad for the coming season and beyond. Many players coming into age group cricket for the first time find a renewed enthusiasm to play competitive cricket with their peers and enjoy the camaraderie of the dressing room as well as new friendships.

We are delighted that Simon Hollands is able to return to the playing squad after a season out to recover from a health related issue and is now looking forward to playing regularly and taking on the role of Vice Captain this year.

So, if anyone reading this newsletter is interested in getting involved in 50+ county cricket for the County or knows a friend, relative or fellow club cricketer of qualifying age then please see contact details for Jim Sandford on the website. You can also call the Captain Stuart Reeve on 07796 176921 or Email: stu.reeve@icloud.com

ECB 50+ County Championship Fixtures 2023 (Group 4)

Weds. 17th May: Herefordshire v Warwickshire at Eastnor

Weds. 24th May: Herefordshire v Shropshire at Eastnor

Weds. 7th June: Gloucestershire v Herefordshire

Weds. 14th June: Herefordshire v Wales at Eastnor

Weds. 28th June: Staffordshire v Herefordshire

Weds. 5th July: Herefordshire v Worcestershire at Eastnor

Thurs. 20th July: Oxfordshire v Herefordshire

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NCCA News

National Counties first team nets start this month at Malvern College with a number of Herefordshire U18's invited to join them.

Herefordshire Cricket Membership benefits

With the season just around the corner, why not invest in an annual membership, at just £20. As well as helping to support the organisation of cricket at all levels in Herefordshire, membership offers the following benefits:

- The chance to watch high-class NCCA cricket at some of the County's most beautiful grounds, free of charge.
- Free entry for the Showcase game against Glamorgan CCC 1st XI on Sunday 30th July 2023 at Eastnor CC
- Access to qualified, DBS-checked coaches for 121's and Summer Camps organised by Herefordshire Cricket
- Discounted hire of indoor function room and outdoor facilities at the Herefordshire Cricket Centre in Hereford (N.B. not suitable for adult games)
- Membership handbook
- Privileged access to corporate or individual sponsorship opportunities

“Members’ Only” **Prize Draw**

As in 2021 and 2022 we will be holding a **Prize Draw to win £100 in cash** (to be drawn at the Showcase game on 30th July. For more details [click here](#)).

Family Discount

If you have relatives playing representative cricket at any County Age Group or for either the First XI or Development XI of the National Counties side, there are discounts for annual or life memberships.

Please see form for details. [Membership form](#).

For more news including fixtures visit our [website](#)

Club Corner

Regional Meetings

Tuesday 7th March @ Ledbury CC

Wednesday 8th March @ Pentland Gardens

These meetings help to shape many areas of our work moving forward, including funding for large projects. To make this as accurate as possible we would really appreciate your help by attending on your club's behalf.

Every club that attends will go into a prize draw to receive £300 Coach Education vouchers and £200 to spend at Fearnley Cricket. If you can send in your questions to Richard Skyrme before the meeting on **'anything in Herefordshire Cricket'** we will then be able to shape the evenings to make sure you all get maximum benefit.

For more information on Club Regional Meetings and Club Development contact [Richard Skyrme](#)

#GetSetWeekend



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#GetSetWeekend on 10-12th April the network can start preparations for what promises to be an exciting season.

- The #GetSetWeekend and all of recreational cricket is powered by the Cricket Collective: the volunteers who drive and deliver all areas of the sport. To celebrate and recognise the contribution of the Cricket Collective, this year ECB are asking clubs to share estimates of how many volunteers will attend their #GetSetWeekend events and the duration of their activities. This information will help ECB monitor the vital role volunteers play across the recreational game and show our thanks throughout the season.
- **ECB** have a number of incentives and prizes on offer for registered clubs to win. To register [click here](#)
- ECB Assets to help promote the weekend are available on the [Resource Hub](#)

Cricket Ground Maintenance



Ground Team Day on April 2nd – @Eastnor CC - contact [Kirsty Sockett](#) to register your interest. Further details will be sent to all clubs.

[Click here](#) for the **ECB's Essential Guide to Cricket Grounds Maintenance** The first point of reference for cricket club volunteers to find practical guidance on maintaining and developing their ground.

Club Cricket and Safeguarding News



NEW Safeguarding Courses for Volunteers

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All Cricket Clubs must have a Safeguarding Officer who must attend a Safe Hands face to face course every 3 years. Our next course is:

Tuesday 28th March @ Pentland Gardens 6.30pm-9.30pm.

[Click here](#) to book on now.

Other Club Volunteers

Everyone involved with cricket will have to do an online course called

'Safeguarding for Specialist Roles'

The new course, '**Safeguarding for Specialist Roles**' replaces Safeguarding Young Cricketers and is designed to support individuals in cricket who are working with children and young people. 'Safeguarding for Specialist Roles' is made up of one 60-minute module, suitable for everybody, whatever their role in cricket and four shorter bolt-on modules:

- Safeguarding for Coaches and Activators
- Safeguarding for Captains and Team Managers
- Safeguarding for Umpires and Scorers
- Safeguarding for Committee Members & Club Safeguarding Officers

For more information click [here](#) or contact [Claire Langford](#)

County Safeguarding Officer

All Stars and Dynamos Launch

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Clubs from around the county have set up their All Stars programmes and are already taking bookings. All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is nationally marketed by the ECB and is a great way to attract families to your club who otherwise may not find you.

If you have not set up your All Stars programme and want to know how this can work at your club please contact [Pete Gale](#).



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