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Monthly bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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Herefordshire Cricket would like to continue to update you with all the work that we do within the community, by re launching our newsletters!

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Hello Everyone,

Well at last we are beginning to see some Cricket played after a very wet and sticky start to the season throughout April and early May. During that period, our Governing body the ECB held its AGM up in Manchester where it looked back at the last 12 months and gave us a glimpse into the future as well. Reflecting on the key messages from the ECB.....**Click here** for more

Club Corner

Club Development News

The season is now five to six weeks in and at last the weather has improved. Hopefully all clubs playing in the different leagues around the county can look forward to a run of games and we will be watching with great interest how the former Marches League Clubs progress in the Worcestershire County Cricket League in 2023.

By now all clubs should have received correspondence regarding club visits by myself and/or other members of the HCL staff as outlined at the Spring Club Engagement meetings held at Ledbury CC and Pentland Gardens. If you haven't seen those emails then please get in contact with your Chair, Secretary or Junior Co-Ordinator to see the news. In essence we are offering to come and visit you on a club night with the intention of both listening and discussing where you are as a club and what bespoke support that you might need.

Also, we have detailed to you the ECB finances that are available through the ECB County Grant Fund programme and are able to advise on, safeguarding, coach development, women and girls, Clubmark and development planning as part of our visit. Already a handful of clubs have benefited from a visit generating bespoke advice and a greater connection between HCL and our clubs, so please get in touch if you feel you need any help or advice.

Finally I wanted to let you know that although we will not be running any coach education courses through the season, the dates for the next Foundation coaching course and Core Coach can be found on the [HCL website](#) on the courses page.

Register online now! Some bursaries are available and you can find the information for these on the same page as the coach course information. [Richard Skyrme](#)

Herefordshire Affiliated Clubs

#RewardandRecognition

Quietly behind the scenes we have been working on a ticketing programme for you with **Worcestershire County Cricket Club for the 2023 season**. On doing some analysis of the 2022 season we noted that Herefordians don't directly associate themselves with New Rd and indeed more tickets were purchased for Edgbaston than New Rd last season. We wanted to redress this and be closer to our neighbours.

Our connections through my colleague Richard Cox and the Commercial Department offices at New Rd have led us to the following offer for you.

The deal between Herefordshire Cricket and Worcestershire Cricket allows for **10 Free Tickets for Affiliated HCL Club** (please note you must have paid your 2023 affiliation to HCL before you can access this offer – otherwise you will be rejected by WCCC on application).

These should be used to reward and recognise any groups/individuals you feel merit the opportunity to visit New Road to watch a LV=Insurance County Championship cricket Or Vitality Blast (Non-Friday fixtures only) or One Day Cup.

In order to access the 10 tickets, you will need to email hosting@wccc.co.uk to access the tickets itemising the following –

Your club, the fixture, quantity and destination(email address) of tickets and WCCC will fulfil from the ticket office. You may also need to code - **HCCC/CHAMP23** if you are applying for LV Champ matches.

We hope you will take the offer up and thank Joe Tromans and the Commercial Dept for this wonderful offer. **Richard Skyrme**

Juniors in Open Age Cricket



With the season in full swing, we know that many juniors will be asked to play in senior sides for the first time. Making the step up from junior to open age group cricket is an important event in any player's cricket experience. The player's safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience must be considered.

Clubs, squad coaches and managers must take into account the requirements on age detailed in the guidance [here](#). Juniors should be involved in all aspects of the game wherever possible i.e. socialising, team talks, practice, decision making and so on, so they feel part of the team.

Remember, children's early experiences will remain with them always and will often determine whether they want to remain playing the game or give up and do something else. For further safeguarding information click [here](#)

For all safeguarding support please contact **[Claire Langford](#)**

Reporting a Concern



If you have any concerns about a child or adult at risk or the behaviour of an adult towards either of these, you should share these immediately. It is natural to feel a little anxious about reporting a safeguarding concern, but you do have a duty of care to share any concerns you have.

- To your Club Safeguarding Officer – please find out from your club who this person is.
- To your County Safeguarding Officer – **Claire Langford**
- To the ECB Directly – you can do this by calling 020 7432 1200 and asking for a member of the Safeguarding Team or by emailing **safeguarding@ecb.co.uk**.

Discrimination

Discrimination of any kind is unacceptable. If you are aware of or witness discrimination at any level of cricket in England and Wales, we want to hear from you. Whatever discrimination you are aware of or have witnessed, your report will be reviewed and dealt with by the relevant cricket organisation. Reporting discrimination will help us to ensure cricket is a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse game for everyone. **How to report discrimination**

For any further support please contact **Claire Langford** and let's continue to make cricket a safe and inclusive sport for everyone.

Community Cricket

Lady Hawkins High School Girl's U15's win inaugural Chance to Compete Competition



Our first ever Girls Chance to Compete U15s competition was held at the cricket centre with four schools taking part Lady Hawkins claiming victory. This win has earned the Kington Girls a day out in the regional finals at Edgbaston. This competition is for state schools only and for many years LH have been a shining light for female cricket in the county.

Just around the corner we have 2 weeks of schools Dynamos festivals. 95 teams have entered bringing 950 children to Pentland Gardens, Dales and Ross on Wye CC.

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



Pathway

County Age Group News



Herefordshire U16's played Cricket Wales west away at Ammanford CC. Hereford won the toss and decided to field first. The bowlers did a really good job and bowled them out for 73. Harry Byrne 5-2-0-4, Harry Scott 4-1-2-14, AJ Morris 7-1-3-16. Herefordshire chased it down in 15 overs, with 77-1. Ellis Williamson 18 no and Archie Langford 42 n.o.

In the return fixture, Wales batted first making 165. Archie Stevenson 5-0-3-33. Herefordshire then came out to bat and got the runs on the last ball! Kieron Dover 40 no.

Herefordshire U11's played Cricket Wales East at home. Herefordshire batted first making a big 141-5. Oscar Bescoby 61, Stirling O'Connor 21 no. Unfortunately, Wales chased down the total in 24 overs. Stirling O'Connor 2-0-0-3.

Herefordshire U13 girls played Shropshire at Bartestree CC, on a lovely sunny day! Herefordshire batted first and made an impressive 158, all out on the last over. Jess Langford 50 retired and Fearn Middleton 18 the pick of the batters. Shropshire started strong, and were on target to win but some quick wickets towards the end helped

Regional Trial for Archie Langford



As our season progresses with the varying county age group teams it was with some excitement that HCL received the news that Archie Langford (U14) was asked to attend the recent regional Midlands trials based on his performances which you can read here - [ECB Bunbury Festival \(play-cricket.com\)](https://www.play-cricket.com/news/ecb-bunbury-festival)

Archie has now progressed to the next round of trials at Kidderminster CC on June 4th where he will be part of a 50 over game as Midlands "A" take on Midlands "B" to formulate the final squad. We wish him well in his quest to be part of the Midlands Squad which will face off against the North, the South and the West later in the Summer.

National Counties



National Counties V MCC in St Michael's Hospice Fundraiser



Pictured: Karl Pearson with Herefordshire Cricket Ltd President, Nick Nenadich and Matt Ashcroft, Events and Community Fundraising Manager at St Michael's Hospice

You can read the match report of our friendly against the MCC, captained by Herefordshire CC alumni Karl Pearson [here](#), courtesy of Hereford Times Sport. The real winner was St Michael's Hospice for whom over £15,000 was raised and thanks must go to MCC for including us in their prestigious fixture list, to Brockhampton and Sue Watkins for hosting and organising such a successful day. .

Fixtures

Herefordshire beat Cornwall in



HEREFORDSHIRE got their first win on the board in the NCCA T20 group stages with a thrilling four-run victory over Cornwall at Werrington.

The win evened things up on the day after the hosts edged home by four wickets with eight balls to spare in the first encounter. Herefordshire's success came in a thrilling clash where all results were possible when the final ball was bowled by James Rudge.

After losing the toss and being invited to bat first, Herefordshire made a flying start with Ollie Walker (44) in particularly good form in an opening stand of 71 with skipper Matt Pardoe.

Walker smashed four fours and three sixes from 30 balls before being dismissed by the first ball of the ninth over. After that, the innings lost its way a little, although Pardoe (13), debutant Ollie Hallion (12) and Rudge (15) all reached double figures.

All of the lower order found the seam bowling of Dan Lello problematic as he took a hat-trick on his way to a return of 5-17. Romesh Venkataraman made an early breakthrough in the Cornwall response on his way to excellent figures of 2-8 from four overs – his second fine stint of the double-header after taking 3-8 in his four-over stint the first time around.

But skipper Paul Smith (40) and Will McVicar (24) kept Cornwall in with a chance as they progressed to 91-2. Rudge (2-27), Zak Abbas (2-28) and Adam Hines (1-17) held their collective nerve, however, to guide Herefordshire home. In the first game, Herefordshire struggled to force the pace on a challenging pitch.

Callum Bennett (28), Hallion (20) and Pardoe (13) all got starts but it was clear that Herefordshire would have to bowl exceptionally well if they were to defend their total of

Cornwall reached their target with eight balls to spare and four wickets in hand.

The previous day, in an ironic twist of fate considering that Devon had declared a hosepipe ban earlier in the week, both clashes at Sandford against the south-west county were called off due to a wet pitch.

CAPTION: Romesh Venkataraman, who was the day's star bowler with five wickets taken and just 16 conceded in eight overs, including two maidens, in action at Werrington against Cornwall.

Glamorgan Showcase Game Sunday 30th July Hospitality now open for bookings



We are now taking bookings for individual tickets or tables of 8 at this year's Showcase game on Sunday 30th July at Eastnor CC. What better way to entertain clients and colleagues, or family and friends than with a superb marquee lunch after a welcome drink, followed by an auction and guest speaker.

Capacity is limited and we expect the event to sell out quickly, so please contact [Ian Milton](#) for more details.



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