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Happy New Year from “The Scoop” Monthly bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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Welcome to the New Year edition of The Scoop!

As we reflect back on 2023 and the progress we are making, this Newsletter probably epitomises change more than anything That's because this time last year it didn't exist and the feedback was we need more communication .. well here we are.

When we embarked on HCL “change” some 12 months ago our colleague in Shropshire (Adrian Collins Chair Cricket Shropshire) was undertaking a root and branch review of Herefordshire Cricket and where it needed to concentrate its efforts

9.3 Clubs - Clubs will be front and centre of activity for the Board. This will involve effective communication and support through regional meetings and club visits. 1:1 support as necessary will be given to individual clubs.

What have we done?[Click here](#) to find out

Herefordshire Coaches are recognised in ECB Coaches Association Awards



Nic Dinsdale (Kington CC and Lady Hawkins School)
“Outstanding Contribution – Services to Coaching”.

“I have always loved cricket, whether playing or watching, but it is a real privilege to be able to pass this love of the great game on to the next generation of cricketers. I am very proud of the successes that our junior teams have had in county and regional levels. Lady Hawkins' is a small state secondary school, yet our teams of boys and girls have won county competitions over the past few years. I am particularly proud to be helping towards building a fully inclusive and gender equal approach to junior cricket, both at school and Kington Cricket Club. The development of girls' cricket has been an important part of my vision. LHS girls' teams have not only been County champions in indoor softball and hardball cricket in the past few years, but they have also been regional runners up (2023) and winners (2022) of the West Midlands 'Chance to Shine' finals. I'm delighted that our local girls, and women, have the chance to enjoy playing cricket with our Kington Comets team.”

**Abi Griffiths (HCL Community Coach) - “Coach of the Year”**

A coach who goes the extra mile and is a true hero at their club or in their community.

“I love having the opportunity to go into schools and help both children and teachers grow their confidence and abilities within cricket. I first got into cricket through the Chance to Shine programme back when I was in Primary School, so it’s been amazing to have this full circle moment.

I hope to continue improving my coaching skills so I can provide even better coaching in the future.

**Shameer Ahmed (HCL CAG and Community Coach)- Young Coach of the Year**

“A young person who is already making a difference and is passing on their enthusiasm for the game by inspiring the next generation of players.”

“Delighted to receive this award! I love the challenge of inspiring and bettering the people I coach in cricket and life itself hopefully! I appreciate all the help I’ve had from

any way I can; whilst also assisting me along the way whenever needed. Thank You! “

Community Cricket

Disability Cricket



Super 1s - This is a programme we are very proud to run and is a powerful and rewarding project to be involved with. After initially teaming up with Worcestershire, we are now running this hub independently. It is part of a partnership with the Lords Taverner's charity.

- Super 1s gives young people with a disability aged 12-25 the chance to play regular, competitive cricket.
- Community cricket hubs allow participants the chance to receive coaching, compete against their peers and enjoy the benefits of playing sport.
- We celebrate the development that can be made by young people living with disabilities involved with Super 1s through our annual Inspire Awards.
- Our Super 1s competition gives participants a real sense of achievement, with many county and regional finals being held at iconic cricketing venues including

Watch an inspiring video about Super 1s [here](#)

Club Corner

Funding For Cricket Clubs (2024)

We are delighted to announce TWO workshops in the coming months to discuss how clubs can access funding.

WHO? Dave Tristram – Hereford City Council and formerly Herefordshire County Council and Richard Cox GM of Herefordshire Cricket Ltd.

WHAT?

What's out there, where is the £ ?

What are the funders looking for ?

What's the landscape like ?

WHERE? The Railway Club, HR4 0AZ and follow up session at Pentland Gardens HR4 0TN

WHEN? Wednesday 20th March 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Railway Club.
Wednesday 24th April 2024 from 4pm to 8pm at Pentland Gardens HR4 0TN

WHY ? – this programme of 2 events are linked . The first session to allow clubs to understand how and what to bid for. The second session is a bespoke 1-1 for your club with Dave and Richard to help but the bid together on your specific project.

To book on to this programme – please email [Kirsty Sockett](#) - please note this is a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS** booking and no more that 30 people will be allowed to book due to capacity and effectiveness re the sessions.

Coach Education



NEW Coach Development for Club Coaches and Players

Starting this month we will be running **FIVE! coach development sessions** aimed at supporting the Level1 (Foundation) coach, provide a refresher, and add extra depth in technical knowledge for Level 2 (Core) coach or indeed as a taster for someone that wants to get in to coaching but wants to see what it's all about. Indeed this is also useful for the Adult player looking to understand more about their game. In short

Everyone is welcome !!!

Sessions 1-4 will be at St Marys RC High School and session 5 at Pentland Gardens

£20 per session or £60 for all 5

Pathway News

Kent CCC Batting Coach Toby Radford Pays a Visit to EPP programme



A HUGE thank you to Toby Radford who made the long journey to the county to coach on our EPP programme. In the three hour batting session Toby covered general set up, playing swing bowling plus discussions about sweeping spinners! Toby Radford has been appointed as Men's Batting Coach at Kent after having previously worked as Head Coach of both Middlesex & Glamorgan, and Batting Coach for the West Indies senior team during their T20 World Cup success in 2012 & Test Series win over England in 2019. We are extremely grateful to him for taking the time to visit us.

Emerging Player Programme Group (EPP) Announced

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This group will receive an enhanced offer of support encompassing technical, tactical, strength & conditioning and psychological input. Head of Performance, Richard Skyrme said '**our Emerging Players Programmes provide a fantastic opportunity for young players that we feel have the potential to move through to Worcestershire's Academy on the boy's side or Central Sparks Academy on the girl's side under the guidance of Pete Gale. We are really looking forward to working with all of the players over the coming months.'**

GABRIEL ALBRIGHT

SETH BOWYER

MAX DENNY

RHODRI JONES,

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