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Welcome to the April edition of The Scoop!

Hello again everyone ... and at the time of writing the weather is reasonably warm and dry and grounds managers everywhere are smiling! And its April ...

So here we are on the eve of the season. What hopes do you have for it?

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Annual Awards 2024 Season



Herefordshire Cricket recently held its annual awards evening for the 2024 season at Hereford Football Club. A number of awards were given for services to cricket as well as awards for local primary and secondary schools, grounds teams and community club of the year. Matt Pardoe (Herefordshire 1st XI Captain) picked up both the 1st team Player of the Year and the President's Cup for outstanding performance for the season for his 184 V Dorset in the Championship and 5 wickets in the match. During the evening guests listened to a fascinating Q&A with Matt Pardoe and Liz Russell (formerly of Warwickshire CCC, Northern Superchargers) who also presented the awards.

Services to Cricket : Jan Herbert, Derek Brimell, Kim Berry, Graham Jones, Richard Prime, Jim Lewis, Steve Evans, Rob Yeomans, Rodney Jarrett.

Age Groups: Boys: U11 Batter Noah Herbert U11 Bowler Will Ingmire, U12 Batter Avitej Singh, U12 Bowler Finn Goodwin, U13 Batter Rapha Rae U13 Bowler George Debenham, U14 Batter Rufus Lapsley U14 Bowler Tom Champkins, U16 Batter Ellis Williamson U16 Bowler Kabir Singh, U18 Batter Theo Darke U18 Bowler George Hallam. **Girls**: Rosie Anderson, Solilia Peppercorn and Constance Worle.

Coach Awards : Brandon Caffull and Kate Brazier

Chance to Shine :Kingstone and Thruxton, **Secondary School**: Wigmore, **Growing the Game in Schools**: Dan Thomas (Kingstone HS), **Outstanding contribution to schools' cricket** : Bob Hall and Richard Wydenbach.

Coaches Stuart Gatherer and Tim Fawbert, **Development of W&G Cricket**
Bartestree and Lugwardine Volunteer Lisa Smith , **All Stars Club Almeley**,
Community Club Colwall, **Rob Staite award for Volunteer of the Year** Su Watkins,
Metro Bank award for championing w&g cricket Su Watkins.

Club Cricket

Become Part of the Team !



Have you ever thought that you could contribute more to the team you follow than just watching? Have you ever thought of getting more involved, becoming part of the team and be their scorer? Have you got aspirations to become a County or even International scorer?

Whatever else happens in a game of cricket, umpires and scorers are always required. If you would like to join in the world of cricket match officials, you could start by contacting your **Association of Cricket Officials (ACO) County Scorers Officer (CSO) Nigel Donovan** who is there to help in any way he can. If this just sparks a little interest in your mind, drop him an email [HERE](#) in the first instance, you have nothing to lose other than the opportunity to develop your involvement in cricket further 



National Programmes 2025

With clubs preparing their grounds for the start of the season we are excited that **All Stars & Dynamos** sessions will soon begin at venues across the county. Bookings have already exceeded this time last year but we are encouraging clubs to utilise social media and their own internal methods to spread the word across their community so even more children get a chance to join in.

All Stars (5-8yrs) and Dynamos (8-11yrs) are action packed, fun filled, 8 week programmes for those starting out in cricket. All participants receive **FREE KIT!**

If you have any queries around national programmes as either a club or player/parent please contact **Kirsty Sockett** For all local centres click here for **All Stars** and here for **Dynamos**

Community Cricket

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Women's and Girls' Cricket

Girls School Cricket



HCL recently hosted the ECB Indoor school competitions for girls with 13 schools taking part across two age groups. Hereford Cathedral School were the U13 champions after winning all their games and defeating Lady Hawkins in the final. The U15 competition was held a week after and finished with a thrilling final with a wicket on the last ball crowning Lady Hawkins the champions over Hereford Cathedral School. A huge thank to all the teams and the teachers who made it such a great two days.

Performance Cricket

Captain of the NEW Herefordshire Women's XI Announced



It is set to be ground-breaking year for women's cricket in Herefordshire this season with the launch of the new Women's 1st XI team. They will be competing in the Metro Bank one day cup League 3, Vitality Blast League 3 and the Vitality T20 Cup. **Chloe Tingle** has been announced as the new Captain. Chloe hails from **Ross on Wye** originally and has been playing her club cricket in the county for Brockhampton Women in recent years as well as studying in Cardiff. Also Hamburg born dual national and also a German International Cricketer **Tina Gough** (pic) will be joining Herefordshire for the 2025 season as part of the T20 squad. Chloe Tingle will be leading the team out this weekend (Sunday 20th April) as they take on Northumberland in their first ever game.

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County Age Groups Winter Review and Summer Preview



“It has been a pleasure for me to come to Herefordshire Cricket in late February and see various aspects of a winter programme in full swing and much of the summer already in place thanks to the hard work of Claire and the wider Team.

My thanks go to the coaches who have run many sessions this winter, often finishing deep into the evening and offering unseen hours of planning and reflection.

Something new this winter was the establishment of a Boys MCC Foundation Coaching ‘Hub’ for U14/16 children missing out on County training who attend a state school: this attracted 18 players who have all thrived under the watchful tutelage of Nick Ashton, Sam, Pete and Georgina. We really want to replicate this for Girls this coming winter.

We’ve also run a Boys ECB Emerging Players Programme in conjunction with Worcestershire County Cricket Club who supplied our Head Coach, Stuart Houghton. Stuart has led challenging Monday night sessions, 6-9pm, since November for 5 officially registered EPP players; Will Kennedy, Ben Lowe, Gabe Albright, Rufus Lapsley and George Heywood and the Junior EPP lads: Avitej Singh, Max Harris, Ralph Elliot, Noah Herbert, Finn Goodwin and James Nolan. Many thanks to these and all players to their commitment to proper training over the winter.

This week actually saw the start of the outdoor summer programme with the Boys Under 11s taking on a Gloucestershire based side of Apperley and Aston Ingham CC players and it was impressive to see our youngsters battling not only the opposition but also some not inconsiderable wind and rain to truly remind us all of the challenges of the outdoor season!

More than a hundred other games will follow on at a pace and we wish all the players all the luck in the world as they take on opposition from up and down the Country. Please follow all our scores and results on: [Herefordshire Cricket](#) ”

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