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“The Scoop”

July bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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Welcome to the July edition of The Scoop!

Please send us your news stories for our future editions!

Hello and a warm welcome to the latest version of the scoop newsletter.

This month's edition starts with the news that Herefordshire Cricket recently had its strategic plan for the next four years (2025 to 2028) approved by ECB officials who visited Pentland Gardens (our HQ) to listen to representatives of the board and staff on all things Herefordshire Cricket and our vision for cricket in the County. During the meeting ECB was at pains to[Click here to read more](#)

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Full Circle: From All Stars to Senior Cricket – With Dad by Their Side



Wormelow CC

Back in 2018, a group of young boys took their first steps into cricket through our All Stars programme. This summer, they reached a remarkable milestone — making their senior cricket debut alongside their dads.

Sharing the field as teammates with their fathers made this moment even more special. It's a powerful reminder of how cricket connects generations, builds lifelong

Congratulations to all the players and proud parents involved — a truly unforgettable day for the club.

Club Cricket

Burghill Tillington and Weobley CC GO GREEN!



This year Burghill Tillington and Weobley CC, took a bold step by raising money to install solar panels. This move aligns with their goal to become net zero by 2029.

Solar energy offers numerous benefits: lower energy bills, zero emissions, and potential revenue from energy credits. With energy costs doubling, solar panels presented a sustainable solution to their financial challenges.

By adopting solar panels, the club will not only save money but also showcase their commitment to environmental stewardship. This initiative enhances their public image and sets a precedent for other clubs to follow suit.

To make their solar panel project a reality, they needed to raise £6,970 through Crowdfunder to match Sport England's grant. The Aviva Community Fund match funded donations, amplifying the impact of every contribution their supporters made.

the additional funds to fit LED lights and sensor switches to the pavilion and upgrade the recycling bins. They also fitted can crushers in strategic locations around the pavilion to reduce the volume of recycling waste they create.

At present, the PV Solar system is fully operational. Their energy consumption is powered by solar. They have taken the first step to environmental sustainability.

Many thanks to Sport England, the Aviva Community Fund and the generous supporters for making the project a reality and setting a benchmark for community-driven sustainability.

Cricket Pitch Heatwave Tips



As summer heats up, so do the challenges for cricket ground staff, which is why our reliable cricket pitch heatwave tips may become essential. Whether you're managing a grassroots club or a larger facility, preparing your pitch for high temperatures is essential for keeping the game going.

When temperatures soar, cricket pitches face serious problems. The sun bakes moisture out of the soil, grass becomes stressed and what was once a reliable playing surface can quickly turn into something unpredictable and potentially unsafe.

But here's the thing – with some forward planning and the right approach, your club can stay ahead of the heat. Simple changes to watering routines, thinking longer-term

Here are some key cricket pitch heatwave tips to help you get ready when the sun doesn't let up. [Click Here](#)

Schools Cricket

Hereford Schools Cricket Association Secondary School Competitions



Results!

Jack Roberts Cup Final (u 15's) Hereford Cathedral School (HCS) 141/4 bt John Kyrle 108/8. HCS went on to represent Herefordshire in the Midlands rounds of the T20 competition.

Chadd Cup Yrs 7/8. HCS 195/5 bt Bishops 76 all out.

John Burgoyne Cup Year 9/10 girls Hardball. Lady Hawkins 116/4 bt HCS 94/9.

Ed Price Plate Year 8 Boys Weobley 337/4 bt John Masefield 248/5

Haines Watts Cup Yrs 7 and 8 girls Lady Hawkins 266/3 bt Bishops 233/7

Chadd Cup under 12 Softball 12 teams competed at Pentland Gardens for the softball trophy. There were two close semi-finals. Bishops beat Lady Hawkins and Wigmore beat Bishops B. In the final, Bishops beat a spirited Wigmore side.

H.S.C.A. would like to thank the following : Dan Thomas : Competitions organiser Burghill Tillington and Weobley C.C, Roger Welch and Simon King (umpires) Pete Gale Kirsty Sockett and all at Herefordshire Cricket, Simon Swancott and Hereford Lions Club. For the full story [Click Here](#)

Women's and Girls' Cricket

Softball Leagues



WOMENS SUMMER LEAGUE SPONSORED BY WYEVALE NURSERIES

POS	CLUB	PL	W	D	L	BONUS	PTS
1	KINGTON COMETS	10	9	0	1	29	74
2	BARTESTREE & LUGWARDINE LADIES	10	6	0	4	20	51
3	GOODRICH PANTHERS	8	4	0	4	18	35
4	EASTNOR LADIES	8	0	0	8	6	14

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This summer, St Mary's has been full of energy on Sunday afternoons as our Women's Soft Ball Cricket sessions moved outdoors. From complete beginners to returning players, it's been fantastic to see so many women getting involved—developing their skills, building confidence, and most importantly, enjoying the game in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

A **huge thank you** goes to our generous sponsors, **Wyevale Nurseries**, for their support. Their commitment to local sport and community initiatives is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Girls' U13 Soft Ball League at Pentland Gardens

This summer also saw the successful launch of our Friendly U13 Girls' Soft Ball League, held on Thursday evenings at Pentland Gardens. It's been a joy to witness the enthusiasm, teamwork, and cricketing progress shown by all the girls throughout the season.

Players from **Brockhampton**, **Kington**, and **Burghill** took part in a total of seven closely contested fixtures, all played in great spirit. Watching so many young players thrive and enjoy their cricket has truly been one of the highlights of the summer.

We're now looking ahead with excitement to the **indoor winter league** and hope to grow this initiative further by welcoming even more clubs and players.

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Community Cricket

"Stay Active, Stay Social – Discover Walking Cricket"



Join us at Pentland Gardens for cricket fun, fitness, and friendly faces – plus biscuits!

Looking for a gentle way to stay active? Walking Cricket is a great way to boost your health and wellbeing while having fun. All ages and abilities are welcome. Come along, get moving, meet new people, and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit after the game! But don't take our word for it

"I started walking football in Herefordshire 11 years ago and organised and played in the first game . Already I can see the vast benefits of walking cricket over football . Boycey"

"Never played walking cricket before, when I heard about it from a walking football mate, I said I would give it a try. My first day playing it this week, I did enjoy it, definitely coming back, very good coach/trainers, and good friendly atmosphere:-)." Arlene

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Performance Cricket

Women's Vitality Blast League 3 Div 2



HEREFORDSHIRE'S women suffered a double disappointment when they brought senior cricket back to Pentland Gardens for their latest Vitality Blast Women's League 3 - Division 2 North clash with Northumberland.

Despite competitive performances and some promising individual displays, the county side was beaten by eight wickets and then 29 runs in the double-header with the north-east county who are second in the six-team group. Herefordshire are in fifth position. After winning the toss and batting in the first match, Herefordshire fell short of posting a seriously challenging target.

Lily Rutt (37), Anusha Chauhan (22), Georgie Williams (15) and Emily Kibble (12) all reached double figures but the final total of 125-8 from 20 overs seemed below par on a hot, dry day. [Full story](#)

Fixtures

Herefordshire U16's Big Win V Nottinghamshire U16's



On a hot dry day at Wormelow CC, Nottinghamshire batted first and were bowled out for 174 off 44 overs. 3 wickets for Kabir S, and 2 a piece for Harry B (8 overs 3 maidens 2 for 16) and Ethan B did the damage. In reply, Herefordshire knocked them off for 6 wickets, George H top scored with 56, and there were tidy contributions from Freddie M 36 and Oliver D 23. A big win for Herefordshire well done.

Fixtures



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