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Welcome to the May edition of The Scoop!

Hello again everyone and welcome to the latest edition of The Scoop – news about all things Cricket in Herefordshire..

Firstly, lets remark what a wonderful start it has been to the season for all the Ground Managers around the County. This time last year they were just about getting a wicket mower to the square to cut out what they hoped would be a playing surface to get the season going and 12 months on they are praying for rain! Never happy! But without them all, we just would not play Cricket at all so let's look after them because it's a long and at times arduous season for them all.

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Celebrating Our Newest Qualified Coaches



We're thrilled to congratulate a fantastic group of coaches who've recently completed their qualifications – welcome to the coaching family!

Foundation Coaches

Following a successful course at Pentland Gardens in April, we are proud to welcome our newest Foundation Coaches:

Grace Dinsdale Kington, Ashley Felton, Gabi Ferreira Brockhampton, Nicola Lunt Bartestree and Lugwardine, Daniel Powell Eastnor and Georgie Williams Brockhampton

A round of applause for our newly qualified Core Coaches who completed their training last autumn:

Holly Brookes Owen Bartestree and Lugwardine, Timothy Fawbert Bartestree and Lugwardine, Adam Hewlett Brockhampton, Ashley Jones Brockhampton, Deon Patel Ludlow, George Stevenson Burghill Tilington and Weobley and Josh Bowen Ludlow.

Level 3 Coach

Special congratulations to county coach **Ritchie Harley (pic)**, who has achieved his **Level 3 Coaching qualification**, and is already making an impact with Herefordshire U16s and U18s.

We can't wait to see all of you putting your skills into action across the county!

Interested in becoming a coach?

Get in touch with [Kirsty](#) for details on upcoming courses.

Club Cricket

New Cricket Club Hits the Pitch at Old City Sports Ground!



A group of cricketers from India who work in Herefordshire have started to play cricket from Greyhound Rugby Club, formerly City Sports Club in Hereford.

Greyhound was approached at the back end of last year to see if they could provide the facilities for the team. During the winter and into the spring, preparations were made by head groundsman Dale. With support from Herefordshire Cricket, a sit on roller was acquired and a rotary mower for the wicket.

A school in Cheltenham generously donated some old screens which they are in the process of renovating and they will be ready for the next home match.

One thing the new club is looking for is covers for the wicket, so if any businesses are interested in sponsoring the covers please do get in contact with Jim Kenyon.

Community Cricket

Half Marathon Run in Cricket Kit
in Dad's Memory



Isla Bayliss has taken part in the Great Manchester Run half marathon in cricket kit in memory of her father and his love of the sport.

Isla has so far raised more than £2,600 for St Michael's Hospice in Hereford, after it supported her father, Bromyard Cricket Club stalwart Jeff Bayliss.

He died last year, just months after being diagnosed with cancer and his daughter said she would run with a bat wearing whites, pads, gloves and a helmet if she raised £2,000.

Speaking after the run on Sunday, she said: "I just kept thinking about my dad the whole way really. I know he'd think I was nuts doing this."

Ms Bayliss joked that she had to "wear all this cricket gear so I could give [Olympic 800m champion] Keely Hodgkinson a chance".

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Women's and Girls' Cricket

A Week in the Life of....

Officer



Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes to grow and support women's and girls' cricket in our county? Spoiler alert: **it's a lot!** From school coaching to national meetings and everything in between, no two weeks are the same for our **Women & Girls' Development Officer**. Here's a peek into a recent action-packed week:

📅 Monday: Planning, Prep & (a bit of) Rain

- Morning emails & admin ✓
- Finalised the U13s girls' softball fixtures
- Prepped for a big Friday meeting
- Planned a taster session for the Brownies/Girl Guides

Sadly, the weather had other plans – taster session cancelled!

📅 Tuesday: It's All About the Coaching

- Office time & staff meeting
- Planned upcoming women's training
- Delivered a **Girls' Chance to Shine** session at Whitecross High School
- Back to HQ to prep for the evening
- Ran the **Women's Training Session** from 6–8pm

📅 Wednesday: On the Road

- Team selection (County Age Groups) from home
- Travelled to Leicester for an ECB meeting
- Attended key discussions on the NEW EEP programme
- Wrapped up the day with an ECB dinner 🍷

📅 Thursday: Meetings & More Coaching

- Back to the office
- Emailed coaches, then.....
- Ran **Super 1s** and **Girls' CAG Training** through the evening

- 📅 **Friday: Wrapping Up the Week**
- Rescheduled the Brownie/Girl Guide taster session
- ECB check-in on Women & Girls' development meeting
- Finished with a final email blitz before the weekend!

“Every week is different, and that’s the best part – whether I’m in schools, with County Age Group teams, or coaching the NEW County Women’s Senior team there’s always something exciting going on.”

A huge thank you to our Women & Girls' Development Officer for your passion and dedication to growing the game! 🙌

Performance Cricket

Junior County Cricket All Set For BIG Change



cricketers from this November.

Traditional County sides at Under 10s, 11s and 12s will be replaced by what is being called 'The Early Engagement Programme (EEP)' from this November (2025). County teams, as we all know them, will start at Under 13s and the ECB will continue to run National Competitions at U14s, 16s and 18s for boys and 15s and 18s for girls.

The ECB has given Counties a framework for the EEP along with some guiding principles about how to run it. [Click here](#) to find out more!"

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Ed McCabe Performance Manager

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International Cricket @ Brockhampton CC



What a privilege
to meet the Nepal
International
Cricket team!

Anything is
possible when
you
follow your
dreams!

What a fantastic day at Brockhampton CC when the MCC took on Nepal as part of their UK tour. One of the schools watching the

Today was an unforgettable day for some of our pupils at Colwall CofE Primary as they had the incredible opportunity to meet the Nepal International cricket team during their match at Brockhampton Cricket Club!

This experience perfectly embodies our school vision of "Let your light shine," as our children witnessed first hand the dedication and passion of these individuals and how they work so seamlessly together.

It inspires them to aspire to their own goals, both on and off the field. Through the Colwall Pledge, we are committed to offering our pupils opportunities that broaden their horizons and ignite their curiosity, encouraging them to dream big and reach for the stars! 

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