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New monthly bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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Hi Everyone,

As we set sail on our 4th newsletter of the year we might as well have sent this one by boat to you all – it’s been that wet !. Indeed, statistically March has been the wettest month for 40 years and as a result everyone around the country has suffered at the hands of the weather with Ground Managers pulling their hair out (or what they have left).It was amazing to see some clubs.....[Click here](#) for more.

Club Corner

GB Liners Marches League Awards

As the new season of the Marches League finally gets underway, the Trophies for the 2022 season were presented at the recent Herefordshire Cricket Awards held at the Hereford Football Club. Full list of winners in the introduction.

Pictured: Sam Griffiths collecting the winner's shield on behalf of **Goodrich CC**.

Herefordshire Cricket Club Awards



Tharindi Attalapitya from **Bartestree and Lugwardine CC** has been awarded Coach of the Year and received her award from Cricket Development Officer Richard Skyrme. Tharindi was nominated by her club as having been the inspiration behind the girls-only Dynamos group and her infectious enthusiasm has encouraged and supported a large number of women of all ages and abilities to take up the sport many of whom have already been in extensive winter training with her.



Trying to prepare and use pitches when the ground is too soft can cause problems for the rest of the season. Grounds managers should remember that it is always possible to catch up on pre-season preparation. Often it is better to wait than to go too soon with heavy equipment and damage a wet square. A week could make all the difference.

Checkout the [GMA Cricket Grounds Management Toolkit](#) for advice

If you are playing this weekend – it will be because your grounds team have gone above and beyond! If you're not playing, it will be because of the weather and the soils on your ground. Recent weeks will have been frustrating and stressful. So, get behind your grounds managers, give them your support, and when the sun arrives, help out. A team effort will really make a difference. Let's hope that 2023 will be like 2018 – a wet start followed by a glorious summer!

“Spotlight on Policies” - Safer Recruitment



and volunteers in cricket are suitable for their role, appropriately vetted and supported by their club. As part of Safer Recruitment practice, clubs should consider taking the following measures:

- Clearly identify the role you are recruiting for
- Identify the skills and knowledge required for the role
- Interview volunteers –explore why they are interested in the role
- Collect references from a suitable organisation
- Ask to see certificates and evidence of qualifications
- Supervised Trial Session –this is particularly relevant for coaches and will enable you to see how they engage with children, young people, parents and other club members
- Support the individual on an ongoing basis, including 1:1 check-in, observations, recognising achievements and training needs.

All organisations working with children have safeguarding responsibilities and clear requirements placed upon them by legislation. This applies whether you are a club, league, panel, or another organisation. Legislation exists to ensure safer recruitment practices are followed, including DBS checks for those in regulated activity.

For all safeguarding support please contact **Claire Langford**

Herefordshire Junior Cricket



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nights. From All Stars softball through to U17 cricket, there are now more opportunities than ever for all ages and abilities to take up cricket.

For your nearest cricket club [click here](#)

All Stars Cricket is aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. For your nearest club running this programme [click here](#)

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport! For your nearest club running this programme [click here](#).

Herefordshire Cricket friendly junior league season starts in May and 10 junior sections have entered.

- U9 softball festivals are played on a Sunday (dates to be published next week)
- U11's play pairs cricket for the first half of the season then usual cricket rules for the second half of the season, on a Sunday morning.
- U13's play on a Tuesday evening and U15's on a Monday evening.
- U17's will play T20 friendlies after summer exams.
- The ECB U13 and U15's knock out cup competition starts the week beginning 22nd May.
- This year the HCL cup will be trialling "Hundred Ball" rules in festival day formats.

For more information on Junior Cricket please contact [Claire Langford](#)

Community Cricket

NEW!!! Restructure for Schools Cricket Competitions



Following consultation with local schools, HSCA (Herefordshire Schools Cricket Association) has restructured the cricket competitions for this coming season. There are some big changes which they hope will encourage more pupils to get involved.

The new structure will look like this.....

Jack Roberts Cup - Hardball competition - 1st XI team

(winning school will go on to represent Herefordshire as per previous winners of U15 comp)

Chadd Cup & Price Plate - Hardball competition - 2nd XI team

(depending on number of entrants, these will follow either a KO or Round Robin before a KO format)

All years can play in any of the teams at hardball levels, both boys and girls.

Richard Wydenbach - Year 7/8/9 pupils - 8 a side, pairs cricket, 1 day festival competition

David English - Year 7 students (non club cricketers) - 6 a side, pairs cricket, 1 day festival style competition

John Burgoyne Cup - Girls only - Pairs festival

If you want to find out more get in touch with **Pete Gale** Schools, Women and Girls Cricket Development Officer.



Pathway

New Principal Sponsor

Herefordshire Cricket and Blackfinch Property are delighted to announce a 3-year sponsorship partnership to support pathway cricket in the County. Blackfinch Property will have their branding on shirts and sleeves across the county age groups as they look to support the growth of talented boys and girls in the County that aspire to represent Herefordshire. You can read the full press release [here](#)

County Age Group Awards for the 2022 season sponsored by Blackfinch Property were awarded recently to the following players:

Batting: Charlie Botwright (u-11); Griff Bubb ((u-12); Archie Langford (u-14); Oliver Langford (u-16); Indiana Jerram (u-18).

Bowling: George Debenham (u-11); Freddie Morris (u-12); Gabriel Albright (u-14); George Stevenson (u-16); Hayan Jafer (u-18).

Rising stars: Mathilda Stevenson, Florence Brown, Georgie Williams.

Ed Price Memorial Shield: Luke Powell.

Nic Nenadich Trophy for Outstanding Performance: Indiana Jerram.



Match Preview - Devon and Cornwall



Pictured: Ben Chapman-Lilley returns to the Herefordshire Squad this weekend

HEREFORDSHIRE will be looking to bounce back from their twin defeats against Dorset when they head for the South-West for this weekend's National Counties T20 double-header.

The county side will be taking on Devon at Sandford on Sunday and follow this up by moving on to take on Cornwall at Werrington on Bank Holiday Monday. Herefordshire head coach Richard Skyrme has named a squad of 13 for the four games.

With Charlie Williams and Alex Russell not available from the squad which took on Dorset, there are returns for Ben Chapman-Lilley and Zak Shah while Ollie Hallion, the Barnards Green all-rounder, earns his first call-up. Chapman-Lilley's improving off-spin

Herefordshire will largely have good memories of the corresponding fixtures last season. They defeated Devon in both of the fixtures at Instow and won one of the two games against Cornwall at Brockhampton. Skipper Matt Pardoe was in particularly good form against Devon last year, with scores of 36 and 61 in the two games, while Ollie Walker announced himself as a player of immense potential when battering five sixes in his unbeaten 50 in that win over Cornwall.

Cornwall have started this season's campaign in highly promising fashion, defeating Wiltshire in both of their ties last Sunday. Devon, meanwhile, after seeing the first of their games against Dorset rained off, suffered a defeat in the second. This means that Herefordshire need to rediscover winning ways ahead of the final weekend of group action, against Wiltshire at Eastnor on Sunday, May 7, if they are to have any hope of progressing through the group to the knock-out stages.

Herefordshire: (from) Matt Pardoe (capt), Nick Hammond, James Rudge, Adam Hines, Luke Powell, Roshan Venkataraman, Ollie Walker, Alex Hinkley, Ollie Hallion, Callum Bennett, Connor Smith, Zak Shah, Ben Chapman-Lilley.
weekend. Pic from @RogerBPhotos

[Dorset V Herefordshire Match Report](#)

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