



Kent Girl's and Women's Cricket Group

NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

(these views are of the editor only and not necessarily the view of the group or KCB)

By and Large the response has been positive following the launch of the 1st newsletter on 16th June. From the initial flyer that went out announcing this venture the response was quite poor, only two clubs responded and they were both new clubs to our fold, namely Old Elthamians and Old Wilsonians. However, when the actual first edition went out there was limited but in general positive, constructive and supportive response, I am grateful for that. I have some limited experience at "limited readership" publications. I used to be an avid collector of football memorabilia and consequently was invariably referred to as "The Programme Collector" which on the highly scientific compilation of the "LOSPAG" scale (List of Sad Pastimes and Geeks)", programme collectors came a close 2nd to Train Spotters, so you can get an idea of where I am coming from. I have submitted articles for such illustrious publications as "The Association of Football Statisticians", "The Association of Football Badge Collectors", "The Football Postcard Collectors Club", "Soccer Fan Circular", "Football Market", "Footballana", "The Football Programme Directory" and "Programme Monthly" (all genuine titles I can assure you). So I am familiar with the world of limited circulation projects.

From this background I know the problems that editors have, they tend to fall into the trap where they receive very little new content from their readers then alienate themselves by appearing autocratic in almost demanding the readers put themselves out to help him/her make a success of their own venture. Phrases such as "this is YOUR magazine" and "Only YOU can make it a success" often crop up. I feel this is wrong, the readership should be able to make up their own minds on how much or little they wish to be involved. From my point of view if the content does not come forward from the readership then I am happy to go out and find it. I accept this as part of my role in this project. It "IS" 'YOUR' newsletter of course and input would be most welcome but I will not bang on about it.



THE VIEW OF THE ADULT WOMENS CLUBS

One topic that struck a chord was the line that read "is there room in the fixture list for an adult Kent competition?" Responses include (sic.)

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NO !!

There is a need for more localised fixture planning - but not tied into county. League fixture should reflect that teams struggle because of long distance -- so should work out solutions to over come this most obvious is just play once a season- rather than home and away and play near clubs three times a year

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I would like to see a woman localised festival based competition which we did discuss, if nothing else to provide the opportunity for new groups/ clubs to be encouraged. It was suggested that Clubs could take this on. We could circulate the info in the Newsletter etc.

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Ed's comment. I agree about the travelling it has always been a problem for women's and girl's cricket. This was underlined last season when in the county set up Cornwall and Durham women's sides were in the same division and that was FOURTH division not Premier League stuff, that can't be right surely. At club level this is a logistical problem as there are not so many clubs to play so travel has always been an issue. In terms of Kent county clubs I think it would be unlikely that ALL the adult clubs in Kent would welcome a Kent championship; however, if enough clubs wanted this kind of competition then it could still go ahead it would just be the case that those not interested would not have to enter. There would not be a requirement for 100pct participation necessarily.

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NETHERLANDS UNDER 13S GIRLS TOUR OF KENT

Bells Yew Green v The Netherlands



Monday 4th July at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School – 2pm

Chis and Sid School 173-7 (30 overs) Emily Thompson 62 not out. - Netherlands 161-4 (30 overs)
This was the first time that an international "visiting" female International team had ever visited the borough of Bexley and what a success it proved to be. Both teams performed well and several of the younger visitors (who were still in the under 11s age range) looked quite capable of playing at county level.

Tues 5th July Bells Yew Green – 5pm (report kindly supplied by Tim Howell – BYG)

Holland : 113-7 after 25 overs :- Lisa retired on 26 with 6 fours!, Esther 12
BYG : 127-4 in 25 overs (reached target for 3 down in 22 overs):- Nicola 23, Milly 24, Sophie 16 n.o.

The game was played in a very friendly, though competitive, spirit, and unfortunately also in steady rain for most of the time. In fact that was the main reason BYG batted out the overs, the rain had at last stopped!! Despite this everyone seemed to have a good time :- the Dutch were a very nice bunch, there was a lot of chat between the adults huddled inside, and under the eaves of, the pavilion, their injured players who were doing the scoring knew their stuff, tho' they do an "X" instead of "W" for wicket. Everyone had their fill of a traditional English cricket tea, and a traditional soggy English BBQ, and we are all invited to go on tour there next year (tho' I'm not sure if there are any other girls teams to visit in Holland).

Wed 6th July St Lawrence and Highland Court – 4pm

St.Lawrence and Highland Court Girls under 13s 127-3 in 25 overs
Netherlands 94-8 25 overs St.Lawrence on by 7 wickets
Megan Belt 3-1-6-4 and 20 with the bat. Rowena Squires 25 retired not out.



Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School win the KCB InterCricket Finals – Thurs 7th July 2011

The Kent Cricket Board InterCricket Finals took place on Thursday 7th of July, with 5 girls and four boys teams heading to Polo Farm. Unlike the East Kent Cluster competition, the weather relented and all the games were able to take place in dry conditions.

With an odd number of teams, the girls competition took the format of a straight league.

The results can be seen below, with each schools overall score/wickets lost on the day.

Many thanks to all of those who have supported this competition and the schools for both entering and doing so in such good spirits.

Girls

1. Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School – 132/12
2. Maidstone Girls Grammar School – 121/11
3. Sandwich Technology School – 116/16
Folkestone Academy – 100/12
(Joint 3rd place)
4. Chislehurst & Sidcup – 95/17

Colfeians win Lady Taverners under 15s competition

Congratulations to Colfeians who will go on to represent Kent in the National Lady Taverners Competition. Late pull outs left just Sidcup and Colfeians able to field teams on the day thus the venue was moved to Sidcup for practical purposes. This was a sensible move for the two London teams.

Colfeians 137-0 (16 overs) - Sidcup 85-5 (16 overs). Colfes won by 52 runs

Colfeians highlights were M Carroll 2overs 9 runs 3 wickets and 27 retired and I Muttrega in her first ever game 3 overs 14 runs 2 wickets



LYDIA GREENWAY - WOMEN'S CRICKETER OF THE YEAR 2011

Kent's Lydia Greenway collected the ECB Women's Cricketer of the Year award at a ceremony held at Lord's on 31st May. The award follows a string of impressive performances with the bat. Widely recognised as the best fielder in the women's game, Kent batswoman Greenway has enjoyed an excellent year of international cricket.

Her consistency with the bat saw her named the player of the series on two occasions in the last twelve months, firstly during the NatWest Women's ODI Series against New Zealand last summer and then again in the T20I Series against Australia this winter, as England beat the current ICC World Champions 4-1. On receiving this award for the first time, Greenway said: "I'm delighted to be named as the Women's Cricketer of the Year for 2011. To take the award when playing amongst so many talented cricketers makes it all the more special.

"I've been really pleased with my performance and it's a great feeling to contribute to the team's success. I hope to continue this over the course of the summer as we look ahead to the NatWest Women's Quadrangular Series." The England Women's Cricketer of the Year was selected by a panel of experts that comprised Clare Connor, the Guardian's Mike Selvey, Sky Sports' Nick Knight and England coach Mark Lane.

Kent Trio Selected for England duty

Kent provided three players for the England women's 14 player squad for the recent 2011 NatWest women's quadrangular series.

Charlotte Edwards captained the side in both the NatWest women's Twenty20 and ODI quadrangular series when England took on Australia, New Zealand and India this summer. She was joined by Lydia Greenway and Laura Marsh.

The NatWest quadrangular series saw the world's best four teams play each other in ODI ranking matches and a Twenty20 competition. Each competition culminated in a final and third and fourth play-off match.

All England's Twenty20 matches along with the Twenty20 final were televised live on Sky Sports. A highlight of the Twenty20 series occurred when England women played Australia before England men took on Sri Lanka on June 25 at the County Ground, Gloucestershire.



ASDA Kwik Cricket Finals 29th June 2011
(report kindly submitted by Clair Gould, KCB)

The Finals Day of the 2011 ASDA Kwik Cricket Competition took place at the St. Lawrence Cricket Ground on Wednesday, with 13 teams making the journey from all parts of Kent, following their success at District Competitions. The teams were split into 4 groups before lunch and then the top tier played for the overall winners place, with the second tier entered into the Plate Competition. Finishing the day completely undefeated, Old Bexley beat Pickhurst in the grand final by 16 runs.

Alongside the fantastic Cricket being played, there was also the annual KCB School Banner competition. Northdown School from Thanet were the overall winners with an extremely well thought out and colourful design, with each player's photograph attached to the hand drawn cricketers!

ASDA were in attendance for the whole day, and did a fantastic job of keeping the girls going all day with a selection of water, squash, snacks, fruit and sun cream.

The weather was fantastic and the girls were excellently supported by very dedicated teachers and supporters who helped create a wonderful atmosphere.

Thanks go to the Kent County Cricket Club for hosting the event and the grounds staff support in preparation. We now wish Old Bexley and Pickhurst all the best in the regional finals next month



Action from the ASDA Kwik Cricket Finals 29th June 2011



Under 13s and under 15s League info

It has been suggested that readers would be better served by accessing the link

<http://kcbgcl.play-cricket.com/leaguetables/competitions.asp>

for current info on league tables, fixtures and results etc

This makes sense as the information is more likely to be up to date. By the time the newsletter reports this information is would almost certainly be out of date.

Kent Coaches Development Day

Dear Kent Cricket Coach,

With the season off to a fabulous start, the weather warming up again, and us all striving to be better in our coaching, now is the time to book your place on the Kent Coach Development Days.

This year the days will start at 9.30 am and finish at 3.00pm . With lunch included it really is superb value at just £25.00 per person. You can also bring along a prospective coach for a small surcharge.

Saturday 19th November is aimed at county age group, district and experienced coaches, with Sunday 20th November being appropriate to more recently qualified coaches and those with perhaps one or two years of coaching experience. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn the most recent techniques and meet other coaches.

As always places will be reserved strictly in order of receipt, and applications received prior to July 29th will be entered into a raffle to win a Complimentary ticket to the ECB CA National Conference weekend in January 2012, worth £200.00.

The commitment and contribution to developing Kent Cricketers is much appreciated, and those coaching at the highest level recognise the opportunities that every coach creates for all players of all abilities. Those who attended last year's Development Day had a fascinating insight from Simon Willis and now I am delighted to attach the Kent Cricket Academy strategy that Simon has produced. Simon works incredibly hard and will welcome you to view an academy session, but you do need to advise me that you wish to attend and we can then make suitable arrangements for you.

Finally a reminder that we need you to nominate other coaches who have, or are going that extra mile for the Sky Sports Recognition and Reward day.

As ever your questions and suggestions for improvements are welcomed.

Best wishes for the second half of the season

Peter Carter peter@imagematters.co.uk



It's Tunbridge Wells Again....Kent under 11s Festival

Congratulations to Tunbridge Wells who won another Kent under 11s festival day, this time at Hayes CC on Sunday 17th July.

It was wet and miserable but this did not stop Tunbridge Wells 1's from winning another tournament and proving that their victory in the June event at Bells Yew Green was no fluke. This success shows what great strides the team has taken in the short space of time that the girls section has been in existence at the club. Tunbridge Wells girls are fast becoming the "form team" in the county at the under 11s level at present. They held their nerve to beat off the challenge of Bexley in the final by just one run. The team looked like a well drilled outfit and their final pair of batters played with a maturity well beyond their young years, holding their nerve in a tense finish, picking up quick singles to secure a well-earned victory.

Eleven teams took part and David Sear, the organiser, did a great job to get any kind of result on a miserable day that was interrupted by heavy rain during the competition. Lydia Greenway (Hayes, England and current ECB women's cricketer of the year) and Laura Marsh (Hayes and England) presented all the players with certificates from Lady Taverers (this tournament doubled up as the Kent section of the Lady Taverers comp). The 11 teams were, in alphabetical order, Bexley (runners up), Castle Hill (3rd place), Hayes, Colfeians, Leeds + Broomfield, Old Elthamians, St.Lawrence + Highland Court, Sidcup, Tunbridge Wells 1 (winners), Tunbridge Wells 2, Whitstable (4th place).





FEATURE CLUB – BEXLEY CC

Although the girls section at Bexley Cricket Club was only formed in 2009 there is a history of female cricket in the borough.

Early references can be gleaned from two excellent books written on the histories of Bexley CC (Roger Hill) and Sidcup CC (Walter Bennett). Both books refer to females but mainly in reference to catering etc in common with most cricket clubs around the World I would suspect.

In terms of Bexley CC in particular, in the 1890s wealthier ladies associated with the club made themselves responsible for providing the teas for certain matches and their personal household staff often served up the fare dressed in formal black and white uniforms.

As far as actually playing we move forward to 1904 when a ladies team was playing regular matches at the club and according to newspaper reports statistical records were kept but regrettably none of these records seem to have survived. It is not known when this ladies team ceased but it is assumed they did not resurface after the 1st World War. The next reference, over 40 years later, records an England Ladies team, led by Molly Hide the England captain, taking part in the Bexley CC Cricket week in 1948. Lots of girls have played cricket in the area and on occasions have represented Kent at various age group levels. The Metropolitan area of Kent is covered by four boroughs, Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham. Bromley were the only one of these four boroughs to provide proper structured club cricket for girls at Hayes Hurricanes, the other three boroughs ran pretty much development or district teams. However, when Bexley's neighbouring borough of Greenwich attached themselves to Old Colfeians CC they changed the face of cricket in Bexley forever, quite rightly girls from the Bexley area wanted to join Old Colfeians which provided a much more attractive set up for girls to play club cricket and this nearly proved the death knell to girls cricket in Bexley. I have long heralded the achievements and advancements that Old Colfeians made and this inspired Bexley to do something about it.

Bexley District Cricket, run by Richard O'Sullivan, was finding new players through extensive coaching opportunities around the borough, particularly in the schools

In 2008 an experimental Bexley development team joined forces with the newly formed girls section at Dulwich Cricket Club and this team played under the name of Bexley and Dulwich United (BADU). However, in 2009 both Bexley CC and Sidcup CC announced the formation of girls cricket sections and the borough could then offer a vehicle to keep local players playing in the area. At Bexley CC teams were playing at under 11s and under 13s level and in 2010 Kent Invicta, an existing adult ladies cricket team, left their previous home and joined forces with Bexley CC and this was a major boost to the profile of female cricket in the borough and in this first season, Charlotte Edwards, the England captain was a member of the team for one season. In 2011 the club began experimenting with a new under 15s team and a four match series is currently being played between Bexley and Sidcup.

The youngsters at Bexley have quickly made their mark, several of them have played in boys colts cricket and four players have already played for the adult women's team.

The club has enjoyed its journeys into Kent to play other clubs and take part in festival days. We recognise the fact that Kent is arguably the strongest female county in the whole of England and Wales and we feel that competing with players of such good quality has helped us to test ourselves against the best.

During the winter months the players from Bexley CC and Sidcup CC join together to form a "district" indoor team and in the forthcoming 2011/12 winter period we propose to get plenty of matches played on Saturdays at Townley Grammar School in Bexleyheath. If anyone would like an 8-a-side fixture at under 11s, under 13s or under 15s level please get in touch. Matches would typically start at either 11am or 1pm and last for approx. 90 minutes.

MAKE YOUR CLUB THE NEXT FEATURE CLUB



Kent under 11 Girls Cricket Day
For Club Players and County Squad Selection for 2012
Venue: Town Malling Cricket Club, West Malling, Kent

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Date: Saturday 10th September 2011

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Time: 1.00pm-5.00pm

Kent Cricket Board welcomes applications from primary aged girls (currently Year 5 and below, Under 11 at midnight on 31st August 2011) to the above cricket day. We are looking for girls to join local cricket clubs across the county and also to identify girls who have the potential for selection into a Kent girls Under 11 squad for winter training and summer matches for the 2012 season. Previous experience may be advantageous but not essential as there will be plenty of opportunity to develop cricket specific skills if selected for further training. However, if you like sport and would like to do more cricket, then this day would be suitable for you.

The session will be run by experienced coaches and will involve playing **kwik cricket matches with the use of soft balls**. All equipment will be provided, but bring your own bat (as long as it is correct size and weight for you). Players should wear comfortable sports clothing, trainers, and bring a drink and snacks.

We look forward to receiving your application but if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

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Kent Under 11 Girls Cricket Day Town Malling Cricket Club Saturday 10th September 2011

APPLICATION FORM – ONE FORM PER PERSON – PLEASE PRINT

First Name: _____ Surname: _____ Date of

Birth: _____

School: _____ Cricket Club (if any) _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ Male Carer _____ Female Carer _____

First & Surname First & Surname

Endorsement by School, Club or District Endorsement by Parent/Guardian
(preferred but not essential)

Name: _____ Signed: _____

First & Surname

Role *(eg teacher, club coach)*

_____ Date: _____



Two Events - Volunteer's Day and OSCAs

A couple of interesting opportunities from this vCricket update:

(A) Free Tickets to County Championship Match

A fantastic opportunity brought to you from the Kent Cricket Board in partnership with Kent Cricket. Complete the order form (see below) for your 4 FREE tickets to Day 3 of the Kent v Middlesex LVCC match on **Friday 19 August**. You can have 4 tickets for EVERY team you have at the club whether junior or senior. In addition, I'll be at the ground for most of the day, and I'm happy to set up a briefing meeting or individual one-to-one chats for any Club Volunteer Coordinators that would like to come for the day. And also do contact me if there are any specific ideas, items or grievances that you'd like to add to the agenda. One thing we'd like to promote **Adult Participation** in cricket and how it relates to the Volunteering programme.

Email Alan Hilliker at ALAN.HILLIKER.Kent@ECB.CO.UK on for further info and application form.

(B) Nominations for the OSCAs – download the application form from the website

www.kentcricketboard.co.uk/news-from-kcb/2011/2/28/the-2011-oscas.html

Deadline Day: Friday 29 July

It's that time of year when we need to focus on nominating our dedicated volunteers for recognition. Following our major push on volunteering, it should be relatively easy for every club to nominate at least one candidate this year.

The **NatWest OSCAs** are the **ECB's Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards** and are aimed at recognising and rewarding those volunteers who give so much of their time to the game of cricket. It's fair to say that cricket could not survive without its huge army of unsung heroes and we've added substantially to that as a result of the vCricket programme. The NatWest OSCAs ceremony is held every year at Lord's Cricket Ground and is attended by over 300 people. 2010 saw almost 400 nominations put forward from the counties for the seven different categories and there were two national winners from Kent.

We would like you to nominate those volunteers working in your club that you feel deserve a special recognition. The categories for nominating volunteers this year are as follows:

- **Behind the Scenes**
- **Building Partnerships**
- **Leagues and Boards**
- **Lifetime Achiever**
- **NatWest CricketForce**
- **Officials Award**
- **Young Volunteer (16-25 years old)**

Remember that a 16 to 25 year old can be nominated for any category (except possibly Lifetime Achiever!) and it's not a bad idea to do that, so that we are not swamped with entries for one category and barren in others.

For further information on the categories and obtain application/nomination forms please see the KCB website at www.kentcricketboard.co.uk/news-from-kcb/2011/2/28/the-2011-oscas.html All nominations returned to the County Board will be judged by a panel (using the judging criteria shown). All nominees will receive certificates from the County Board. Winners of each category will be invited to an awards day at the Kent County Ground in Canterbury, also to be held on **Friday 19 August 2011** - a great opportunity to invite club colleagues to witness the awards presentation. Winners will also be put forward to the ECB NatWest OSCAs which takes place in October 2011 at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Please return nominations **no later than Friday 29 July 2011** to Heidi Coleman at heidi.coleman.kent@ecb.co.uk or by post to **Heidi Coleman, OSCA Nominations, Kent Cricket Board Development Officer, St Lawrence Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury CT1 3NZ**



As always your comments and input would be more than welcome.

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