



**STAFFORDSHIRE  
CRICKET**

# “KNOT-OUT”

**The Staffordshire Cricket Newsletter**  
**www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk**  
**December 2009**



**STAFFORDSHIRE  
CRICKET**

## Danielle Called Up for India Tour

Danielle Wyatt, one of the stars of Staffordshire Cricket, has been selected by England for the forthcoming tour to India.

The Tour which will comprise of three twenty20 internationals and five one day 50 over internationals will take place through late February and March 2010.

Danielle who is justifiably proud of her achievement said ‘I am just so excited and determined to do well. I understand I will have to work hard in the lead up to the tour and will be working at Edgbaston with the England coaches every week in the new year’.

Staffordshire head coach Alan Hill commented, ‘Staffordshire and the coaches are thrilled for Danielle, she has worked hard for her chance and I hope she does fantastically well on the tour’. Hill then added ‘This is a great honour for Danielle, I am very pleased for her’.

The news that was broken to Danielle by England coach Mark Lane, came only 24 hours after completing her maiden century. Danielle carried her bat in a superb victory for her team Northern Districts as they chased 218 for victory. Danielle ended 100 not out as the team got home with plenty of overs to spare.

Danielle has been on a five week trip to Australia where she has played 4 games for Northern Districts in the strong Sydney womens first grade competition. Danielle has joined fellow Staffordshire player Georgia Elwiss who is playing a season at the club.

During her trip to Australia Danielle has done well with her batting gaining scores of 23, 79 and 100 not out in her four innings.

### Inside this issue:

<i>Old Wulfs unveiled as Natwest Cricket-Force Showcase club</i>	2
<i>Mike Gatting attends Staffs Indoor Open Day</i>	3
<i>U15 Squad announced</i>	4
<i>Leek Host Derbys v Essex</i>	4
<i>STAG News</i>	5
<i>Diary Dates &amp; Contacts</i>	6



Led By Charlotte Edwards the squad will play five one day internationals and three twenty20 matches

Promising off spinner Danielle was selected at a time when star England batsman Claire Taylor is taking a six month break from the game. Taylor will resume training in February in preparation for the World Twenty20 in April.

Holly Colvin the left arm spinner is also unavailable for the tour due to academic commitments at Durham university however the tour does see the return of Wicketkeeper and opening bat Sarah Taylor who decided to rest when the team were in the West Indies in November.

Clare Connor, ECB Head of womens Cricket said, ‘The team has had an outstanding year in 2009 but attentions have already turned to what will be a challenging year in 2010. The tour to India will be a real test for the squad and without Claire Taylor and Holly Colvin there are opportunities for other squad members to stake their claim, There are chances ahead for those players to prove that they are match winners before the ICC world twenty20 in April and against New Zealand this summer. India is a demanding place to play cricket and the fact that no squad member has ever won a series in India proves just what a challenge the three weeks will be’.

The full squad is as follows :

Charlotte Edwards (Kent ) captain, Caroline Atkins (Sussex), Tammy Beaumont (Kent), Katherine Brunt (Yorkshire), Lydia Greenway (Kent), Isa Guha (Berkshire), Jenny Gunn (Nottinghamshire), Danielle Hazell (Yorkshire), Laura Marsh (Sussex), Beth Morgan (Middlesex), Ebony Rainford-Brent (Surrey), Nicky Shaw (Surrey), Anya Shrubsole (Somerset), Sarah Taylor (Sussex), Danielle Wyatt (Staffordshire).

## Old Wulfrunians Tettenhall To Become CricketForce Showcase Club For 2010

Old Wulfrunians Tettenhall Cricket Club from the Wolverhampton area are this years Staffordshire Cricket Showcase Club for 2010. The club will lead the Staffordshire combined effort at this years NatWest CricketForce event in March 2010.

Old Wulfs hope to follow the successful lead of Cheadle C.C. who were Staffordshire's inaugural showcase club in 2009, in putting together a highly successful weekend of events.

The project will take place on March 20th/21st 2010

The main focus for the club will be their third team ground at Danescourt Road. A building currently in poor repair with no kitchen facilities. NatWest CricketForce the club hopes will come to it's rescue.

The aim is to completely restructure the inside of the building, put in a new kitchen area, new showers and re-size the changing rooms.

The club will e hoping to attain support from various companies and organisations as they come towards the event. Radio Wolf, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC in the community and former England Women Cricket captain Rachael Heyhoe-Flint have all shown support and promised help on the weekend.

The club held a community meeting this week attended by a cross section of the club, where Jason Britton, cricket development manager for Staffordshire Cricket and Andy Grice presented details of Natwest CricketForce and the potential opportunities for the club, its membership and the wider community in ensuring a successful showcase weekend.

Neil Sommerville and Ian Plant from Cheadle C.C have offered support so the club can learn from the superb Cheadle effort in 2009.

Chairman Dave Unitt spoke at the meeting of a need to transform the building to give something for the youngsters of the football and cricket sections. There is an ever increasing need due to large numbers that more football and cricket be played at Danescourt Road but the facilities are poor and thus player retention will be hard. A good facility there will help to encourage older members to play third team cricket and help bring along the many fantastic juniors the club has at present.

During the meeting Old Wulfrunians president Bill Tranter received the Clubmark certificate from Staffordshire Cricket development officer Alison Grimley. Bill, a fantastic servant of both the club and the Staffordshire Clubs Championship worked extremely hard on the project during 2009. Dave Unitt said 'The club thanks Bill for all his work gaining the award'.

Nationally there were over 1500 clubs signed up for NatWest CricketForce in 2009, a figure the ECB would like to be bettered in 2010. This saw over £35m of in kind help finding it's way into cricket clubs across England and Wales.

Locally in Staffordshire, there were over 70 clubs taking part in the project with Tamworth Cricket club leading the way in the region even being shown on the DVD for NatWest CricketForce that has been released this year.

Mike Nield has been the driving force behind the project at Tamworth and he says 'You have to engage with all your members, gain knowledge of what everyone does and try to get the best from everyone'.

Mike has done a terrific job at Tamworth and the club is a lesson to us all in Staffordshire that good organisation and some effort channelled in the right direction will pay huge dividends for your club.

Tamworth now sees seven new volunteers spending a huge amount of their time helping the club drive forward with ambitious plans including a new practice facility due to be fitted before the 2010 season starts and which will be a feature of the 2010 NatWest CricketForce project.



## Mike Gatting At Wolverhampton As Junior Indoor Cricket League Is Launched

Mike Gatting the former England Test Captain was guest of honour as Staffordshire Cricket Launched their new junior leagues in December.

Gatting who is Managing Director of Cricket Partnerships for the ECB, spoke about indoor cricket being key to local communities in the future. Gatting added “This is a game for all that can be played by girls, boys, disabled cricketers, women and men”.

Gatting was impressed by the facilities and quality of the children and England indoor squad players present at the launch.

Chris Guest who played for England in Brisbane at the recent indoor cricket world cup, is heading up the programme for the county.

Chris persuaded several of his England team mates to come along and Kate Dicken from the England womens squad. Kate is due to play for Staffordshire women in the county championship games in 2010.

Chris has organised the junior leagues for 2010 and with this being the only cricket where no ‘Rain Stops Play’ the county are hoping it will prove a successful venture.

anyone with any queries can contact him via e mail [c.guest@staffordshirecricket.co.uk](mailto:c.guest@staffordshirecricket.co.uk) or check out the Staffordshire Cricket website and get Chris’ details from the development team section.

Staffordshire Cricket Development Manager Jason Britton said “We are really excited about this format of the game and believe it to be a more accessible, fast and dynamic opportunity for people from any background or ability to get involved in the game”.

Britton added “Staffordshire Cricket is piloting this new way of playing the game through it’s local club network, but the game is open to people outside of the club network including school friends, work colleagues and community groups. All these groups can just turn up, pay and play. It has the ability to address a wide number of social, community and health issues”.



Mike Gatting (centre) poses with Kate Dicken (left) in front of several guests at the Staffordshire Cricket Indoor Cricket Launch. Executive Board members John Priest, Stuart Bourne and Tony Gubby lent their support to the day.

### You’re The Umpire

**A slow bowler is bowling wearing two differently coloured boots—one red, one blue. The batsman complains that when the bowler dances up to the wicket it knocks his concentration. Would you insist that the bowler wears matching boots?**

Answer on Page 6

## Staffordshire Under 15 Squad For 2010 Selected

Staffordshire Under 15 manager Mike Wood (pictured right) and coach Mick Womble (left) have selected the county squad for 2010.

After several trials and also taking note of the cricket development group under 14 competition held in 2009 the two experienced coaches had some close decisions to make.

The team manager and coach also had to take into account the change of rules in this year's competition meaning that all matches will be 50 overs per side and all cup matches. The championship has been shelved for 2010.

The full squad that has been selected is as follows :

Daniel Richardson (Little Stoke), Greg Massingham (Little Stoke), Tom Lench (Kidsgrove), Tom Edwards (Meir Heath), Richard Hagan (Whitmore), Tom Taylor (Barlaston), Niall Cooper (Wombourne), Zac Jupp (Leek), Sam Moores (Stone), Alex Grant (Wolverhampton), Richard Brazier (Milford Hall), Greg Prime (Blythe), Kurtis Lally (Silverdale), James Turner (Wolverhampton).

The boys will assemble for squad sessions each month during the winter months with further sessions nearer to the ECB competitions.



## Leek C.C. To Host Derbyshire V Essex In May

Derbyshire first team cricket is returning to Leek in the Staffordshire Moorlands after a gap of almost two decades. The Falcons' ECB 40 match against Essex on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May will be played at Leek Cricket Club—18 years on from Derbyshire's last list A match at Highfield ironically against the same opposition.

The county club experimented with the venue by playing a second XI fixture there in June 2009 and have subsequently committed to a full scale trip to the Staffordshire Moorlands.

With England's international summer not yet begun at that time, there is every chance that Essex's England contingent of Ravi Bopara, Alistair Cook and James Foster will feature in the game along with notorious big hitter Graham Napier.

Derbyshire also have international quality in their ranks with Australian opener Chris Rogers and South African all rounder Robin Peterson.

Honours were even between Derbyshire and the Eagles in one-day cricket last season with each side recording one victory.

Derbyshire Chief Executive Keith Loring said: "The increased number of one-day games has given us more opportunity to go out into the community which is great for the club as we aim to reach the widest possible audience. Staffordshire has a rich cricketing tradition in terms of the players it has produced and the popularity of the sport in the county - so we are delighted to offer their community this opportunity to watch the Falcons in action. We have close links with Staffordshire cricket through our Academy and this is a chance for us to give something back as well as making the match more accessible to the Peak District which shares a border with Staffordshire."



Leek Chairman Brian Mellor said: "We are delighted to be able to bring first team county cricket back to Staffordshire and in particular to the Staffordshire Moorlands. We as a club have strong links with Derbyshire County Cricket Club having produced former players Kim Barnett and Tim Tweats and hosting such a game strengthens these links both at club and county level".

Mellor added "We hope to attract a good crowd as it is not every day that you get the chance to see top level county cricket so close to home.

We are very grateful to Keith and Derbyshire County Cricket Club for giving us the chance to host this fixture."





# “KNOT-OUT”

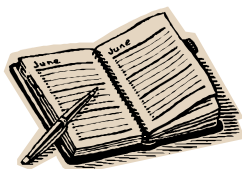
The Staffordshire Cricket Newsletter  
[www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk](http://www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk)  
December 2009



## Team Contacts

- Jason Britton—Cricket Development Manager 07827 307745 [jason.britton@ecb.co.uk](mailto:jason.britton@ecb.co.uk)
- Alison Grimley—Cricket Development Officer, Women & Girls’ and Disability (North) 0770 8129643 [Alison.grimley@ecb.co.uk](mailto:Alison.grimley@ecb.co.uk)
- Bob Askey—Cricket Development Officer, Clubs & Performance (Central) 07939 716884 [bob.askey@ecb.co.uk](mailto:bob.askey@ecb.co.uk)
- Andy Grice—Funding & Marketing Officer (East) 07831 158522 [andy.grice@ecb.co.uk](mailto:andy.grice@ecb.co.uk)
- Chris Guest—Coaching and Competition (South) 07969 364241 [c.guest@staffordshirecricket.co.uk](mailto:c.guest@staffordshirecricket.co.uk)
- Steve Walker—Cricket Support Officer 01902 897659 [Stephen.walker@ecb.co.uk](mailto:Stephen.walker@ecb.co.uk)
- Alan Hill—Head Coach, Emerging Player Programme 07816 966939 [a.hill@staffordshirecricket.co.uk](mailto:a.hill@staffordshirecricket.co.uk)

## January 2010 Diary Dates



If you have any dates of interest in the upcoming months—e.g. fund raising events, beer festivals, club anniversaries, charity games etc. please contact any member of the team and we’ll try to include them in the newsletter. For details of any of the events listed checkout the calendar section of the website or contact any member of the team.

- 6th January Cannock Cricket Development Group Meeting 7.15pm
- 12th January Staffordshire Cricket ACO AGM (Officials AGM) Stafford borough Council 7.15pm
- 13th January SYC Managers and Coaches Meeting at Stafford Grammar School 7.15pm
- 27th January STAG Pitch Rolling Workshop—Stafford CC 7pm
- 28th January Sandwell Cricket Development Group Meeting at Old Hill Cricket Club 7.15pm

Please Go to [www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk](http://www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk) and choose the calendar tab for a full update on all events during the month and onward.

**You’re the Umpire Answer : There is no law against a player wearing differently coloured shoes. If the batsman is looking at the bowler’s shoes he has a bigger technical problem!**

Staffordshire Cricket is striving to provide all of the county’s cricket playing public with as much relevant and up-to-date cricket related information as possible. We rely on you to help to provide that information. If you think your particular area of interest in the game or even your area of the county is under-represented, then why not submit an article? We’ll be more than happy to try and include it.

## [www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk](http://www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk)



STAFFORDSHIRE  
CRICKET

Staffordshire Cricket  
c/o Himley CC  
Stourbridge Road  
Himley  
Staffordshire DY3 4LB  
01902 897659



STAFFORDSHIRE  
CRICKET