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Old Wulfrunians Tettenhall Have A Showcase Weekend With CricketForce

NatWest CricketForce was started in style with Old Wulfrunians Tettenhall Cricket Club enjoying a weekend of hard work and fun. The Old Wulfs project was centred on their third team ground at Danescourt Road with the club renovating a virtually disused and vandalised changing area into brand new changing rooms and tea area. Former England Womens captain Rachael Heyhoe Flint the first lady to captain England at Lords was amongst the guests who turned up to the event and was joined by the newest debutant in the England team Danielle Wyatt (pictured right) and Staffordshire women player Laura Malkin (pictured left). Danielle and Laura were at the ground on Saturday to help along the work parties. The visitors saw a superb project taking place with a clearing of the overgrown areas having been done in the previous weeks by the work parties led by Dave Unitt. The new car park was in place by Saturday to save cars driving onto the wet outfield.



The new kitchen kindly donated free by a local supplier was fitted on Sunday. There was painting including all the inside and outside of the pavilion, fitting of toilets and showers, new flooring, paving of the area outside, new fencing donated by a school placed around the pavilion. There was a plentiful supply of hot food on both days and even with a partial monsoon on Saturday afternoon the volunteers enthusiasm didn't wane.

The club decided to have a CricketForce Raffle with a donated first prize of two tickets in the directors box at a Wolverhampton Wanderers game. This prize was gratefully organised by Rachael Heyhoe Flint and her team at Wolves 'In The Community'. The club made over £1,000 in the raffle which was drawn while celebrating the copious amounts of beer donated by Marstons brewery.

Gerald Williams, chairman of Staffordshire Cricket visited and said "NatWest CricketForce is a brilliant project for cricket clubs not only in Staffordshire where we have over 70 clubs registered but nationally where there is over 1600 clubs registered". Cricket development manager Jason Britton and development team members Bob Askey, Alison Grimley and Andy Grice also spent time during the weekend working alongside the club. Britton said "This is a great project that has real meaning in the development of cricket in this club with the users of this ground being juniors, third and fourth team cricketers." Project Manager Dave Unitt commented "We want to recognise the club members that have had to

put up with this facility for too long. This project will breath new life and finances into the club as well as new members. We hope NatWest CricketForce has a long lasting legacy at Old Wulfrunians Tettenhall.

Staffordshire are now developing a strong history of NatWest CricketForce successes. The county had a national showcase club in 2006 as Swindon took centre stage for the day. The South Staffs club led by Jacqui Watson pulled off a superb project. Tamworth cricket club were the great success in 2008 led by the inspirational Mike Nield. Tamworth won several items of equipment in national competitions in their quest to improve facilities at their Hints Lane headquarters. The club now see a legacy of junior parental involvement in the fund raising part of the club as well as several gifts of in kind goods. 2009 saw the innaugral Staffordshire Cricket showcase club and the incredible job done by Cheadle cricket club that was recognised at the national OSCAs given out at Lords.

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District Teams Announced For Under 10,11 and 12

All district teams for 2010 are now selected and are all featured below. Selection for the county teams at these age groups will take place in the week after the final district games on June 3rd.

Central Tornadoes Under 10

Joseph Potts, Oliver Tinsley, Dylan Walters, James Taylor, Greg Clark, James Clark, Callum Leese, Edmund Gaffney, Oliver Edwards, Harry Bedford, James Davis, Sam Eley, Jake Powell, Josh Williams Coaches : Jimmy Dawson, Brian Sims

Eastern Lightning Under 10

Luke Foxley, James Foxley, Will Godfrey, Ewan McMullen, Jack Procter, Jack Ramsdale, Connor Hutchinson, Adam Peat, Peter Grainger, James Boden, Tom Swift, Sam Clarke, Harry Roden, John Bannister Coaches : Steve Dixon, George Farmer

Northern Hurricanes Under 10

Harry Bailey, Jonathan Barnes, James Bennett, Joshua Bristow, Alex Coates, Freddie Doorbar, Sam Goodwin, Thomas Hodson, Ben Kelly, Callum Landon, Jack Redman, Matthew Taylor, Ewan Wilcox, Laurence Wootton. Coaches : Steve Smith, John Shenton

Southern Stormers Under 10

Jaden Patel, Robert Steadman, Matthew Betty, Sahdev Patel, Amir Ali, Jeevan Klair, Priyan Patel, Matthew Wilcox, Aman Jassel, Brendan Fraser, Daniel Newman, Jack Foggin, Nikhil Patel, Oisín Singh. Coaches : Moss Patel, Mark Spooner

Central Tornadoes Under 11

Aaron Afford, Chris Becker, Josh Russell, Ben Beardsley, Jack Palmer, James Churchill, Ibrahim Mahmood, Mitchell Kelsall, Aiden Schmid, Ben Thomas, Daniel Bolton, James Pokora, Oliver Gadd. Coaches : Bob Askey, Steve Jenkinson

Eastern Lightning Under 11

Luke Arnold, Sam Bannister, Ravan Chahal, John Crockett, Kieron Envor, Lewis Farnell, Connor Lawley, James Rudge, Jack Ryan, Rowan Senior, Joshua Skyte, William Smedley, Fabian Smith, William Lewis. Coaches : Dave Grattage, Dave Lester

Northern Hurricanes Under 11

Ross Coates, Jack Harrison, James Boggess, Max Wyatt, Matthew Hodson, Daniel Gibbs, Zak Wilcox, Louis Washington, Anis Raza, Ethan Brown, Sam Slater, Charles Brownsword, Matt Rogerson, Hamiaz Mahmood. Coaches : Jake Heath, John McCreddie

Southern Stormers Under 11

Ben Gainham, Dylan Patel, George Hobbs, Jacob Smith, Joel Crainer, Jordan Acton-Brown, Joseph Daniel Cox, Kieron Patel, Matthew Boden, Sachin Patel, Sam Mills, Shyam Parekh, Ziag-yam Abbas. Coaches : Jay Patel, Mark Jenkinson

Central Tornadoes Under 12

Joseph Donnelly, James Hopwood, Chris Guest, Ben Walton, Jordan Bulpitt, Ally Carey, Scott Winnington, Joshua Nunan, James Sherratt, Elliott Colclough, Harry Smith, Cameron Hill, Jack Leese, Aiden Hennessy, Alex Gittins. Coaches : Andy Grice, Joe Askey

Eastern Lightning Under 12

Charlie Bunting, George Poutney, George Tomlinson, James Cardon, James Hussein, Zach Scarratt, Alex Beaman, Dylan Roberts, Jack Tee, Dastgeer, Josh Wooley, Ben Fox, Oliver Wem, Dominic Burden. Coaches : Andrew Mandleberg, Rob Nield

Northern Hurricanes Under 12

Louis Allison, Irfan Khan, Faizan Zarooof, Joe Wilson, Liam Banks, Ben Pugh, Tom Hope, Tom Vickers, George Sellers, Dan Byatt, Tom Dawswell, Zen Malik, Harry Davis, Andrew Coxon Coaches : Phil Johnson, Simon Cooper

Southern Stormers Under 12

Ryan Quiney, Jack Manning, Jack Stanley, Alex Kemp, Kieron Patel, Khrisian Patel, Harniak Singh, Keiron Singh, Ben Hudson, Jordan Potter, Jake Wenlock, Luke Wilcox, Luke Styne, Gurjet Rhandawa. Coaches : Matt Windzor, Mike Ward

All Fixtures and Results will be featured on the Staffordshire Cricket Play Cricket Website
www.staffscb.play-cricket.com

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Has Your Cricket Club Considered Becoming A CASC ?

At present ECB have 1068 Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) currently growing at approx 3 clubs a month. This is the largest number of CASCs for any Governing Body of Sport. The ECB are keen to see this number grow in Staffordshire if it suits the needs of the individual clubs. There are many advantages to our clubs not least of which is Mandatory Rate relief of 80% and in the current financial climate and with Local Authorities being squeezed it is perhaps an important point to make.



The second major reason is that CASC clubs can claim Gift Aid on all donations and fundraising which currently at 28p in the pound is a significant income stream. Only 10% of CASC clubs are currently accessing the gift aid primarily because in the past there was apathy, it was not at the forefront of club priorities or thoughts, there was a fee to pay and it was seen as bureaucratic or too much administration. Well, this has been resolved to make it 'FREE OF CHARGE', and a simple online application which creates more opportunity for people to donate no matter where they live (or indeed which country they live in).

This should result in more fundraising/donations and therefore more gift aid for our cricket clubs. *JustGiving for Sports Clubs* is a new partnership between Sport England and JustGiving, that aims to help grassroots sports clubs raise over £22 million for themselves over the next five years by making it easier to fund raise - and to claim back the Gift Aid clubs are entitled to. Delivered in association with CCPR, the scheme will free up the volunteers who run local clubs to concentrate on what they do best – running sport.

JustGiving has dropped its usual subscription fee - worth £180 a year for every club, so clubs can sign up today. The campaign has the support of all three main political parties. “Funding raising for sports clubs can be time-consuming and daunting – and takes volunteers away from what they do best – running sport,” said Mike Gatting, who is now the England and Wales Cricket Board’s Managing Director of Cricket Partnerships. “*JustGiving for Sports Clubs* could really make a difference by helping clubs raise more money for sport in a quick and simple way. “I’m urging everyone involved in running sports clubs to sign up today – and starting making a real difference in the local community.” *JustGiving for Sports Clubs* is open to any registered Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) and will hopefully mean the end to dog-eared sponsorship forms and rattling collection tins after matches.

The benefits for clubs include:

- Money can be raised more easily and efficiently
- JustGiving makes claiming Gift Aid easy, as they do all the administration for clubs. Through Gift Aid, the Government will give clubs up to 28p for every £1 raised

Payments through JustGiving are weekly, so clubs know when they are coming and can plan ahead. Ashley Cricket Club in Cheshire is one club that has already tried out JustGiving, raising £480 in donations in just two weeks and receiving a further £140 in Gift Aid. “In this tough economic climate, we need to do everything possible to support the community sport clubs that do so much to get more people playing and enjoying sport,” said our Chief Executive, Jennie Price. “That’s why I’m urging sports clubs across the country to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. “Thanks to *JustGiving for Sports Clubs*, community sport’s fabulous army of volunteers will now be able to spend more time on sport and less time on fundraising.”

The campaign is also encouraging sports clubs which are not registered for CASC status to sign up – and gain from other benefits such as 80% mandatory business rate relief in addition to the right to claim Gift Aid. “We hope that this change will not just enable existing clubs to claim Gift Aid more easily but that it will encourage other community sports clubs who have not yet registered as CASCs to join the scheme,” said Anne-Marie Huby, JustGiving’s Managing Director. “There are thousands of clubs out there which are missing out on the benefits of CASC membership and in these tough economic times benefits like this can make all the difference.”

To find out more about registering as a Community Amateur Sports Club, go to www.cascinfo.co.uk and using JustGiving to raise more money for sport, go to JustGiving's Website www.justgiving.com

Staffordshire Cricket Offer Easter Coaching Courses

Staffordshire Cricket Holiday Courses April 6th to 9th

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- Hardball Practice And Games
- Rules And Tactical Awareness
- Batting, Bowling, Fielding And Games

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Stafford Grammar School

Softball 9am - 12noon April 6th to 9th (£45)

Hardball 1pm - 4pm April 6th To 9th (£49)

Clayton Sports Centre

One To One coaching Available

Morning 1 hour sessions available

£25 per session

How To Book These Courses

Please complete a booking form and send to Staffordshire Cricket 11 Gower Road, Stone, Staffs, ST15 8 NZ or by e mail coachingcourses@staffordshirecricket.co.uk tel : 07929 744597 please check our other courses at www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk and look for holiday courses

NATIONAL CLUB CRICKET COMPETITIONS LAUNCHED

Entries for the u11, u13 and u15 National Club Competitions are being invited. Entry forms and details are posted on the website. Please return the completed forms together with your cheque by the stated dates. For any further information please contact any member of the team. The U13 final suggested date is 27th June as a slot has been left free in the ECB U13 County Championship to accommodate the final. If not, the very latest will be Sunday 11th July 2010. The National Finals will be played at Oakham School on Wednesday 11th & Friday 13th August with only 6 regional finalists participating. With regard to U15 National Finals, these will take place at Kibworth Cricket Club, Leicestershire on Tuesday 24th August 2010.

Coming Next Month In 'Knot Out'

- Exclusive interview with England Women captain Charlotte Edwards (picture right) before she leaves to defend the T20 World Cup In the West Indies
- Focus on Uttoxeter Cricket Club NatWest CricketForce
- County Squads Announced at Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15
- District Fixtures Announced For Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12



100% Success For Staffordshire Coach Education Team

Great news for the Coaches that have been tutored and for those yet to be tutored in Staffordshire, in that your Coach Education team have passed with flying colours by 1st 4 sport, the awarding body for Coach Education in the UK. Over the winter your team of highly dedicated and motivated Tutors, Administration and support Staff have been “Externally verified” by the UK’s awarding body for active learning and leisure – “1st4sport” who appraise the courses by observation and through discussion with the Tutors and with the candidates and have commented as follows:



- “Observed the theory session on the benefits of small sided games which was within the sports hall. The sports hall had been prepared by the tutors with coaching bugs set out on the walls in three separate areas and the ECB coaching posters created a good learning environment”.
- “There was a very good atmosphere within the sports hall and the tutors gave constant feedback to the candidates throughout using open questions to gain answers and understanding of learning from candidates”.
- “Best practice was evident throughout this coaching education evening and well done to the four tutors on this evening”.
- “Candidates received course portfolio and complimentary t-shirt which is a nice way to open the course. The course introduction and theory sessions took place within a large sized classroom with the following teaching aids available; power point presentation, flipchart and whiteboard. The classroom was well prepared with learning resources applied to the walls; this created a very good learning environment”.
- “Course tutors had prepared the hall and the learning bugs were placed on walls appropriately. The fact there was three tutors available was very good practice and the centre is to be commended on this, as this creates a very good learning environment for the candidates”.
- “Commends the centre on this first day of the course and very good practice, well done”.

Staffordshire Coach Education can hold its head up high and is regarded outside the County by other Counties as an “Exemplar to Cricket Coach Education”. We all as a County can be proud of this statement, as through this our Coaches will be better prepared which in turn will mean the young players of the future under their direction will develop into better players.

Staffordshire already has a good pedigree for providing youngsters to the “First Class” Counties and some have gone onto represent England at various age levels.

The dedication, enthusiasm and emphasis we put on Coach Education will stand Staffordshire in good stead for the future. The Coach Education team, Richard Adams, Bob Askey, Jim Dawson, Dave Ford, Dave Grattage, Chris Guest, Alan Hill, Tony Lea, Leigh Rees, Brian Sims, Steve Walker and Ghazi Zaki, will not rest with what it has achieved so far, as it will continue to develop and to strive for excellence, so as to deliver a product that is “PRICELESS”

STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF GROUNDSMEN (STAG) NEWS

- STAG have been awarded a grant from ECB to improve it’s current machinery. All STAG machinery and its trailer is available to affiliated clubs that have a full insurance policy and facilities to house the machinery securely while on site. Mote information on this to follow in future months.
- The Performance Quality Standards (PQS) meeting was held at Stafford CC with all participating clubs represented. Clubs were presented with details of their pitch assessments and advice on improvements with a CD of their information also provided. Harry Harper represented the officials association at the meeting with regard to the umpires’ involvement in the pitch assessment scheme.
- Izaak Walton Golf Club are hosting a grounds maintenance day on Wednesday May 19th 9am-5pm. For more details contact any member of the team.



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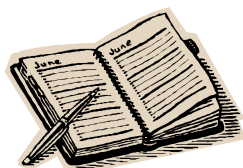
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April Diary Dates



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.

- 8th April Stafford CDG Mtg - Barlaston CC 7.30pm
- 10th April NS&SCCL Talbot cup 1st Round
- 13th April Association of Cricket Officials (ACO) Meeting at Stafford Borough Council 7.15pm
- 17th April North Staffs And South Cheshire League Season Start
Staffordshire Club Cricket Championship League Season Start
- 20th April Staffordshire Cricket Board Executive Meeting At Himley C.C. 10am
Wolverhampton CDG—Wolverhampton Civic Centre 7pm
Lady Taverers u15 Indoor Regional Finals—Edgbaston
- 22nd April Lady Taverers u13 Indoor Regional Finals— Edgbaston
- 23rd April Deadline For Entries To ECB Club Competitions at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15

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.

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