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KINGS HEATH GIRLS LEAD AT THE START OF UNDER 11 GIRLS COMPETITION

On Thursday 21st April, Edgbaston Cricket Ground played host to the first stage of the girls U11 competition that is proving popular with girls around the region. Each of the seven teams that were in action played a busy day of cricket that involved playing four matches.

After training hard over the winter months at their coaching sessions, which included top class sessions from England Women's star Danielle Wyatt, all the girls were eager to display their talent and skill against each other.

The overwhelming winner from the day's hard work was Kings Heath C.C who won every single game and amassed the most runs by scoring 1027 runs. Moseley C.C and Walmey C.C lost only one game, whilst the other teams who competed, Standard C.C, Four Oak Saints C.C, Ambleside C.C Kenilworth Wardens C.C all reached 900 runs over their four games.

All the teams that started the competition will have a busy few months ahead, as this first round marks the beginning of the home and away schedule that will continue over May and June. The competition will culminate in July with a festival that will crown the county's ultimate under 11 girls team.

Kelly Evenson, Warwickshire Cricket Development Manager: "We love holding these competitions at Edgbaston. The girls are so enthusiastic and are all looking forward to a great couple of months of playing cricket. We look forward to seeing them all back in July!"



Action from the tournament



Action from the tournament



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The Daily Telegraph, in partnership with RBS, has announced the Sport for You grant. For community sports clubs, it will give five £1,000 support packages each month over the next year to encourage the development of amateur and community sports clubs across the country.

To apply for a grant there is a form to fill in on the website where you have to describe your club, its successes, those who have served above and beyond the call of duty, what your club has done or would like to do within your community, and how you would put your £1,000 grant to use.

If successful the club features in the newspaper.

Go to the Daily Telegraph website, www.dailytelegraph.co.uk

Sport England's Small Grants Scheme, www.sportengland.org is still very open for applications for up to £10k. The fund prioritises applications which seek to raise adult participation levels and/or address drop out issues for Under 19s. The Coventry District Cricket Board was indeed successful with a recent bid for the latter for a scheme for 16-19 year old cricketers.

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We are delighted to make available to you an opportunity to wear Warwickshire Coaches Association's branded clothing.

The range is available to all members to order until 8th May 2011 with delivery by the end of May 2011.

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FIRST AID COURSE FOR CRICKET COACHES
There will be a course at Warwick CC,
6-9pm on Wednesday 8th June.
Contact edmccabe@edgbaston.com if
you are interested.

YOUTH CLUB COMPETITIONS

Really good luck to all your junior teams across all the age groups this season! Please keep the Codes of Conduct in mind throughout!

Many thanks and good wishes to our new competition organizers especially: Neil Thorne, Under 13s and Stewart Garry for the Under 14 League.

We've also got new girls leagues at Under 11s and U13s so best wishes to those pioneering clubs.

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BICL FINALS AT EDGBASTON

The BILL LLOYD



Memorial Trust Fund

Birmingham Indoor Cricket League - Bill Lloyd Memorial Trust Fund Finals Day - The 3rd year of the BICL, sponsored by the Bill Lloyd Memorial Trust Fund, held its Finals Day at Edgbaston Indoor Centre on

Sunday 10th April 2011.

Local Leagues once again won the Bill Lloyd Cup in a thrilling and competitive final against new comers Fox Hollies.

The League has expanded in 2011 with the addition of Tudor Grange School (Solihull) to the existing venues of Saltley Leisure Centre and KE Handsworth Girls School with 17 teams competing over the 10 week leagues from January to March.

4 teams made it to the Finals Day, the 3 league winners being , Saltley CC, Local Leagues, Fox Hollies and the **best overall runners up, and last year's beaten finalists**, Lozells Recreation Group.

Both Fox Hollies and Local Leagues produced commanding performances in their semi-finals to reach the final. Fox Hollies defeating LRG by 5 wickets inside 5 overs whilst Local Leagues outgunned Saltley CCC with a 6 wicket victory.

In the final Local Leagues with an excellent batting display posted 112 – 3 in their 10 overs aided by Warwickshire youth players Shozair Ali (28no) and Asim Shoab (26no), but Fox Hollies took up the challenge and were 66 -2 at the half way 5 overs stage, looking set to take the match. But Local Leagues fought back with top class bowling taking 4 wickets in 18 balls to leave Fox Hollies 20 runs short.

Special thanks to the Bill Lloyd Memorial Trust, League organisers Eaton Gordon and Jugdip Nandra, umpires Delvin Alleyne, Anthony Kilroy and Khalid Sadiq, league venues Tudor Grange School, Saltley Leisure Centre, KE Handsworth Girls School, and all the participating teams

Pontings, Dream Team, West Indies, Naseby Seniors, LRG, Local Leagues, KKKhattack, MEB, Naseby Youth Centre (A & B), Joseph Chamberlain College, Saltley CC, Knowle Village CC
Fox Hollies, Sheldon Marlborough CC, South Birmingham College, Castle Bromwich.



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Count Down to District Festival

Now that all of the winter district training is drawing to an end, we are nearing to the business part of the programme – the district cricket festival. Whether a player has been training with the district, development of excellence or even the emerging players squad, it is now a level playing field – all players are now playing for a place in the county A or B squad. Here are the players who will be taking part in the 2011 district cricket festival

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM



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Under 11 South Birmingham, Felix Abbott-Black, Essa Amin, Jujher Bhambra, Karan (Jaskaran) Bharaj, Daniel Bird, Ben Fitzmaurice, Charlie Grice, Mark Laing, Oliver Lawrence, Saihej Mangat, George McKeever, Reuben Oza, Umar Saeed, Masharraf Shazad, Rhodri Walters

Under 13 South Birmingham, Hamza Ajaib, Oliver Banks, Jack Butts, Tarush Gupta, Jack Harding, Suraj Kumar, Alex Lane, Rohan Oza, Josh Ray, Adil Saeed, Safian Shakeel, Easah Suliman, Thomas Swift, Lewis Whatmore

Under 15 South Birmingham, Mohammed Akeel, Joshua Baker, Callum Bird, Daniel Brosnan, Tom Cloughton, James Clifford, Omar Dawood, Jeisimhan Diwakar, Jack Hill, Matthew Lamb, Shivam Pabari, Nicholas Porter, Louie Turpie

U11 North Birmingham, Ben Andrews, Jacques Banton, James Bristow, Edward Chitnis, Jordan Hoffman, Robert Hutchings, Aryan Kayani, Zayan Kayani, Adnaan Kazi, James Lunn, Sahal Malvernkar, Ben Pyke, Peter Shackelford, Harvey Timmins

U13 North Birmingham, Jack Ballinger, Tom Banton, Osagi Bascome, Sunni-Ryder Berridge, Joe Griffiths, Mohammed Haroon, Jamie Harrison, Niall Keating, Callum Kenny, Ben Noctor, Tom Pyke, Raul Ram George Westlake

U15 North Birmingham, Akbar Ahmed, Joseph Berry, Adam Clayton, Monty Foley-Williamson, Saahir Mubarak, Adam Nevitt, Brinder Phagura, Haseeb Rehman, Hussain Siddiqui, Kulvir Singh, Aaron Thomason, Michael Waugh, Padraig Woods

NORTH BIRMINGHAM



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SOLIHULL



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U11 Solihull, Mohammed Awais, Ethan Brookes, Ben Brown, Haydn Burke, Josh Craven, Tom Hornby, Hussama Khan, Daniel Laugharne, Nick Rice, William Rigg, Mason Robinson, Russtam Shah, Robert Yates

U13 Solihull, Mohammed Ahmed, Henry Brookes, Daniel Clark, Joe Craven, Will Davies, Luke James, Fahd Janjua, Hussain Khalil, Sardara Narotra, Alex Prosser, Aadil Rashid, George Seeley, James Tomnie

U15 Solihull, Christopher Beaumont-Dark, Ben Brookes, Mustafa Chaudhry, Oliver Haley, Nick Hooper, Jamie Hughes, Abdul Khan, Rishi Patel, Jack Perrin, Siddarth Rao, Jake Roberts, Hasan Shareef, Adam Williams

U11 Coventry, Jonathan Crick, Toby Curran, Kieran Holland, Harry Jefferies-Readman, Matthew Leatherdale, Robbie McArthur, Cameron Mitchell, Sam Neale, Jamie Nicolson, Bayley Pollard, Spencer Sawbridge, Christian Starkie, Taylor Thornton, Muneeb Zaheer

U13 Coventry, Charlie Adams, Arjun Bath, Tom Betts, Matthew Blaylock, Harvey Burke, Oliver Davies, Rob Griffiths, Harris Ikram, Aksa-Zaman Khan, Samuel Kirby, Jamie O'Hara, Toby Palmer, Luton Stonier

U15 Coventry, George Ball, Ciaran Crowley, Charlie Hargreaves, Raiza Jabarkhil, Scott Johnson, Matthew Kettley, Mitchell Leybourne, Matthew Naylor, Matthew Payne, Jake Salmon, James Searle, Matthew Seddon, Sunjay Sharma

COVENTRY



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NORTH & EAST WARWICKSHIRE



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U11 North & East, Jeevan Barhey, Kurran Barhey, Ben Covill, Oliver Covill, Bradley Gledhill, Ben Griffin, Sam Holden, David Ison, Rohan Madahar, Rianveer Mahal, Daniel Mousley, Cameron Rice, Daniel Smith, George Stevens

U13 North & East, Ryan Braimbridge, Chris Camwell, Harrison Glastonbury, Jack Marley, Lewis Noon, Ross Parnell, Milan Shah, Edward Smith, Rahul Trivedi, Benjamin Turner, Craig Turner, Harry Vaughan, Kieran Wordsworth

U15 North East, Nathan Edgar, Luke Jones, Andrew Wilks, Matthew Garrett, Adam Clements, Matthew Clements, Isaac Jeffs, Lewis Hubbard, Dominic Rae, Ajay Patel, Jordan Gilkes, Jack Hines, Matthew Ludlow

U11 South & Central, Joshua Beresford, Charlie Bewick, Callum Bobath, Edward Briggs, James Cooper, Robbie Cox, Louis Glover, Henry Hopkins, Abdul Kadir, Robert Lord, Colia Louis, Charlie Middleton, Jonathan Phillips, Ben Rex

U13 South & Central, Fred Barnes, Jack Beever, Jack Bewick, Matthew Davison, Tom Durnian, Finlay Hatch, Harry Jagard, Joghhar Johal, Harry Johnson, Ghulam Mohyuddin, William Stride, Simon Thompson

U15 South & Central, Harry Abell, Harry Adams, Joshua Boorman, Jamie Breakwell, Josh Emery, William Field, Guntash Gill, Max Jeffs, Joseph Jones, Paul Lawrence, Robbie Povey, James Ray, Joseph Somra

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UMPIRING IN WARWICKSHIRE

The Umpires Association has an excellent new website – please take a look:

<http://www.wcusa.co.uk/>

Also many congratulations to the following budding umpires who passed their Level 1 exam recently:

Muhammad Asim Baig, Salma Bi, David Bird, Keith Boyall, Mark Brown, Daniel Caldicott, Omar Chaudery, Frederick Forrester, Barrington George Gayle, Neil Jarvie, Jasber Madahar, Hussrat Mahmood, George Mathieson, Ian McLeod, Sangarapilla Muraledaran, Janak Patel, Zia-Ur Rehman, Rashid Shabbir, Adrian Smith, Mohammad Tabassum, Shashikant Thakor, Mani Vuppu, Joshua William, Balmer Bains, Joshua Bains, Gordon Carter, Stewart Comfort, Michael Croston, Andrew Hubbard, Tom Jenkins, David Johnson, Nagin Mistry, Matthew Oakes, Andrew Pearson, Gavin Scorey, Andrew Tutchener, Stephen Scattergood



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ICE is a new company which is looking to provide a service for Clubs to be able to hire cricket equipment at very affordable prices.

Ice Cricket has recognised that Clubs are having to up-date and improve their facilities, in order to maintain and improve their cricketing status in their areas. But it is expensive to outlay large sums of money on costly equipment all in one go.

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This Year we are holding the County OSCAs much earlier in the year as opposed to previous years. Please can you take some time to think about which individual in your club really deserves an award. Volunteers play a huge role in cricket clubs and this awards evening **shows a small token of a club's appreciation.**

Please email darrenfranklin@edgbaston.com for a nomination form or more information bearing in mind that nominations close on 31st May.

The Categories are as follows:

- Behind the scenes
- Building partnerships
- Leagues and Boards
- Lifetime Achievement
- Natwest CricketForce
- Officiating: umpires and officials
- Young Volunteer (Under 25)

Many thanks to the Bill Lloyd Memorial Trust Fund for sponsoring the Warwickshire OSCA's

t20 Finals Day Tickets On Sale Now



This August Bank Holiday Weekend the Friends Life t20 competition comes to its climax at Edgbaston Cricket Ground, where the ultimate battle between the Counties takes place. On Saturday 27 August the ground will come alive with cricket fans looking for an action packed day accompanied by friends and family.

You can book your tickets for the Friends life t20 Finals Day on 0844 635 1902 (option 2) or online at www.edgbaston.com.

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Warwickshire out in Force!

Chris Woakes, amongst a lot of other volunteers and cricketers attended Moseley Ashfield CCs NatWest CricketForce event. Whilst their youngsters had a brilliant coaching session from Warwickshire players Chris Woakes, Chris Metters, Boyd Rankin, Tom Allin and ECB coaches Cookie Patel and Gary Denstone the Mums, Dads and club volunteers were hard at work sanding, sweeping, painting, scrubbing, renovating, cooking and cleaning the lovely pavilion and ground!

Warwickshire was out in Force, as despite playing in Durham four other squad members also got stuck into work at Tanworth & Camp Hill CC. Richard Johnson, Neil Carter, Laurie Evans and Andy Miller really entered into the spirit of things to help the club develop their Rumbush Lane ground.

Moseley Ashfield and other clubs such as Weoley Hill, Warwick & Handsworth were also helped out by NatWest staff and ECB staff and the Warwickshire Cricket Board wishes to thank them for their valuable efforts.

Angela Brown, the Chair at Moseley Ashfield said - "A huge thank you must go to the ECB coach education and NatWest employees who turned up in force, donated coaching equipment to the club, bought raffle prizes, worked on whatever was needed and arranged cricket coaching sessions for the younger members who were less interested in painting! Seeing Chris Woakes and Boyd Rankin giving coaching tips to our lads, some as young as 4 years old was truly inspirational. The boys thoroughly appreciated it and really enjoyed the experience (as I think did the Warwickshire players) as one of the parents said it isn't every day you receive coaching from an England player. The boys will remember this day for a very long time!"

Standard CC in Coventry also had a tremendous CricketForce! In addition to the usual maintenance a couple of their members have built by hand an outdoor sitting area for players nearer to the cricket area (the changing facilities etc are some 75 yds away from the actual playing area).

40 Warwickshire clubs were all at it taking part in NatWestCricketForce as part of the Nation's biggest sports volunteering event.

ECB Managing Director of Cricket Partnerships, Mike Gatting, said: "I have seen fantastic things achieved by clubs through NatWest CricketForce over the years. It still amazes me the projects that can be completed when the community gets behind their local club. Over the last ten years we have seen new pavilions built, pitches laid, nets and sight screens repaired and many litres of paint put to good use, long may it continue."

CricketForce is celebrating its tenth year and seventh year supported by NatWest with a record 1,914 clubs taking part in 2011. Over the weekend England men's players Steve Finn, Chris Tremlet, Ajmal Shadad and women's Internationals players Katherine Brunt, Holly Colvin, Jenny Gunn and former England Captains Mike Gatting and Michael Vaughan have all played their part in supporting NatWest CricketForce. For further information about NatWest CricketForce visit www.NatWest.com/cricket or www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce.



Chris Woakes



Bears get painting

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Coventry University CC are National Champions!

On 12th March, Coventry University Cricket Club (CUCC) became BUCS National Indoor Champions, the first sport in Coventry University history to achieve this honour.

In November, CUCC edged to victory over Anglia Ruskin and narrowly overturned local rivals Warwick, taking them to the National Semi finals for the first time in their past.

After competing in the local ECB Indoor Competition and losing in the final to **Local Leagues CC**, they went into the semi's on top form; but as underdogs. With Imperial College London and last years winners Loughborough on the cards, expectations were not high, but they caused a stir on the day!

Bowling first against Imperial, reducing them to 85 – 5 from 12 overs they knocked off the runs within 8 overs for the loss of 2 wickets. Things looked good for a tight Loughborough game. Coventry batted first, scoring a respectable 98 in **their 12 overs, a defendable, but very attainable score. Coventry's bowlers** stepped up, producing their best performance to date, taking all 6 wickets for 68 runs, a big victory indoors!

With both President, Matt Abbott and Coach, Ron Barker feeling the best was yet to come, they went to Cardiff confident, but with two very good sides to overcome first.

Last years losing finalists Southampton Solent were made to look mediocre in the first game of the day, being bowled out for 22, the lowest score of the day and Coventry knocked off the runs for the loss of 2 wickets.

The Leeds game looked to be tougher and with one batsman scoring 84 of their 100 runs, it showed they had potential. Coventry however, excelled again, losing only 1 wicket and achieving victory with 2 overs to spare.

This result and the other group games set up a final between Midlands rivals, Birmingham University, and what a final it would be!

Coventry won the toss and elected to bowl, restricting Birmingham to 87-5 off 12 overs. Kishen Patel taking 4- 23, with Matt Mckendry and Charlie Kearns giving nothing off their 3 overs.

Coventry's batsmen started well but stumbled, needing 18 off the final 12 balls with 2 wickets remaining. After a disastrous run out of captain Charlie Kearns, they needed 8 off 6 balls, with 1 wicket left. They looked to fall at the final hurdle, with 2 needed off 2 balls. However, the Player of the Tournament Trophy justified itself when Matt Mckendry worked the ball superbly and guided Coventry home with one ball to spare, in front of strong support from his University and team.



Coventry University Cricket Club

Under Captain Charlie Kearns CUCC 1st team have only been defeated once this year, in all games and his team looks strong enough to hold its own in the Premier Division, following **last years promotion from Division 1A. Again, Coventry University's first and only sport** to represent at Premier Division Level.

However, CUCC isn't only performing on the field. Behind the scenes they have exceptional coaching support from Leron Barker and Brian Nairn, 3 sports therapists, a sports scientist and a newly recruited sports psychologist. The good work continues, CUCC started **Coventry's first ever Women's Team this year and 5 club members have been volunteering in 2** local primary schools, Little Heath and Stoke Heath, ensuring that the opportunity to play cricket reaches as many people as possible.

With the current squad being so strong and the facilities and abilities to continue this for the foreseeable future, Coventry University Cricket Club is looking like it can only go from strength to strength!

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Summer of Cricket!

The Warwickshire Cricket Board are holding coaching courses this summer for any budding young cricketers. From beginners to advanced, we'll have a suitable course to improve your cricketing skills.

Course code	Venue	Dates	Times	Ages	Cost
SHC1 T20 Summer Academy	Harborne C.C Old Church Avenue, Harborne, Birmingham, B	25th July—29th July 2011	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15 yrs	£20 per day or £70 for the week
SHC2 T20 Summer Academy	Leamington C.C Arlington Avenue, Leaming- ton, CV32 5uG	25th July - 29th July 2011	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15yrs	£20 per day or £70 for the week
SHC3 (Girls only Course)	Moseley C.C Streetsbrook Rd, Solihull, B90 3PE	25th July - 29th July 2011 (Girls only Course)	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15yrs	£15 per day or £50 for the week
SHC4 T20 Summer Academy	Kenilworth Wardens C.C Glasshouse Lane, Kenilworth, CV8	1st August—5th August 2011	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15yrs	£20 per day or £70 for the week
SHC5 T20 Summer Academy	Edgbaston Cricket Centre, The County Ground, Edgbaston, B 'ham, B5 7QU	1st August—5th August 2011	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15yrs	£20 per day or £70 for the week
SH6 Test Match Camp	Tudor Grange School Dingle Lane, Solihull	8th August—12th August 2011	10:00—3:00pm	8—10 11—14yrs	£100 for the week
SHC7 T20 Summer Academy	Stratford C.C Swans Nest Lane, Stratford, CV37 6LS	15th August—19th August 2011	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15yrs	£20 per day or £70 for the week
SHC8 T20 Summer Academy	Edgbaston Cricket Centre, The County Ground, Edgbaston, B 'ham, B5 7QU	22nd August—26th August 2011	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15yrs	£20 per day or £70 for the week
SHC9 T20 Summer Academy	Standard C.C Tanners lane, Tile Hill, Coventry, CV4 9UB	22nd August—26th August 2011	10:00—3:00pm	7—11yrs 10—12yrs 13—15yrs	£20 per day or £70 for the week

Application forms are available to download at www.edgbaston.com/wcb/juniorcricket

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The Renaissance of Saltley Community Cricket Club

Saltley CCC was originally founded in 2004 as there are few clubs in that area of Birmingham providing regular competitive junior cricket. However, after the initial impetus progress faltered and the club was overshadowed for a while by the emergence of Small Heath Community CC. But, since the decline of the latter Saltley, has stepped into the breach once more to provide regular cricket for local juniors.

The club's coaches were initially paid with funding from the Lord's Taverners CitiCricket scheme to get things started and now the coaching is sustained without it.

There is coaching for two different age groups every Saturday morning at Saltley Leisure Centre and for the second consecutive season Saltley is putting out an Under 15s team in the Warwickshire league.

Saltley Leisure Centre has been hugely supportive, and has provided the Chairmanship of the club. As the local StreetChance scheme is also hosted on site there is a good source of cricketers who join the coaching club to progress their game.

Winning the Lord's Taverners Under 14 festival was really special and a vindication of the resources put into the children fittingly by the Taverners themselves, WCB, Saltley Leisure Centre and the coaches.

If you're aged 8-15 and want to join in the fun, contact Khalid Sadiq – Khalid.sadiq@birmingham.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

19th May, Steve Perryman Shield, Birmingham Under 14s v Coventry Under 14s, Alvis CC

31st May – 3rd June—District Festivals, U11s, Warwick School, U13s, Bishop Vesey's School, U15s, King Edwards School

1st June, U13 Girls Festival at Standard CC

13th June, South Birmingham Under 9s festival

20th June, U13 Girls Festival at Walmley CC

25th July, Warwickshire CCC New Stadium opening, Under 9s County Finals, U13 Lady Taverners final

11th September, U17 Bill Lloyd League Final



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1st Tie in 24 years ensures exciting climax to Lord's Taverners

Saltley triumphed over Fox Hollies in a bowl off in the final of the 24th Lord Taverners Inner City Under 14 Cup at the Edgbaston Cricket Centre. After a hard fought day's cricket played between 12 teams from all over the county, Saltley and Fox Hollies reached the final. The final was an excellent one flowing both ways. The scores were tied as the last ball was bowled, a good shot into the off side saw the batters set off for the winning run. However an excellent piece of fielding resulted in a run out and the scores being tied. The first bowl out in the competitions history not only attracted a large crowd and lots of tension before Saltley Leisure Centre triumphed 2 – 1 to take the cup.

Fox Hollies gained some measure of retribution the next day winning the Under 11 cup after another tense final against Local Leagues. The day again was a hard fought affair between 10 teams of 6 players. Everyone present commented on the standard of the competition amongst Under 11 cricketers from across the county.

The two festivals have taken place at Edgbaston in Easter for the last 24 years. The event was originally the brain child of Lord's Taverner Robert Bertram who continues to serve on the organizing committee. When the future of the event was in danger four years ago Robert approached David Lloyd, the Secretary of The Bill Lloyd Memorial Trust Fund. The Trust has very kindly sponsored the event subsequently ensuring its continued existence and also helping meet the trust's ideals of promoting grass roots cricket. The two events are now both named the Bill Lloyd Memorial Cup.

The festivals are the culmination of 10 weeks of cricket coaching at local centres across the County which are organized in conjunction with the Warwickshire Cricket Board. At the end of the 10 weeks each centre is invited to enter a team into the finals day at the county ground. The event therefore provided the opportunity play at the home of Warwickshire cricket to over 150 children.



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Fox Hollies Under 14's



Fox Hollies Under 11's



Saltley Under 14's



Local Leagues Under 11's

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FREE GIRLS COACHING

The Warwickshire Cricket Board in conjunction with Chance to Shine will be offering free coaching sessions at the following Cricket Clubs:

Dates: Sunday 15th May 2011 & Sunday 22nd May 2011
Ages: 7 – 13 years
Venue: Ambleside C.C, Ambleside Way, off Higham Lane, Nuneaton, CV11 6AL
Time: 3:30 – 4:30pm
Clothing: Girls to please wear their PE kit or sporting attire
Interested? Please email the head coach Matt Phillips on villain18@excite.com in advance of the coaching sessions.

Dates: Friday 13th May 2011 & Friday 20th May 2011
Ages: 7 – 13 years
Venue: Kings Heath C.C, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, B'ham, B14 6DT
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Clothing: Girls to please wear their PE kit or sporting attire
Interested? Please email the girls manager Joanne Malcolm on jonyhanvid@tiscali.co.uk in advance of the coaching sessions.

Dates: Monday 9th May 2011 & Monday 16th May 2011
Ages: 7 – 13 years
Venue: Moseley C.C, Streetsbrook Road, Solihull, B90 3PE
Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm
Clothing: Girls to please wear their PE kit or sporting attire
Interested? Please email the head coach Ian Stokes on ijkwstokes@blueyonder.co.uk in advance of the coaching sessions.

Dates: Thursday 12th May 2011 & Thursday 19th May 2011
Ages: 7 – 13 years
Venue: Kings Heath C.C,
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Clothing: Girls to please wear their PE kit or sporting attire
Interested? Please email the head coach Bob Combella, bcombella@yahoo.co.uk or Mike Fletcher, me-fletcher144@googlemail.com in advance of the coaching sessions.

Dates: Wednesday 11th May 2011 & Wednesday 18th May 2011
Ages: 7 – 13 years
Venue: Walmley C.C, Eldon Drive, off Penns Lane, Walmley, Birmingham
Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm
Clothing: Girls to please wear their PE kit or sporting attire
Interested? Please email the head coach Katie Rudd on rudd_katie@hotmail.com in advance of the coaching sessions.



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Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club....Putting the club back into the Community

Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club (SMCC) is in an enviable geographical position. Based in East Birmingham, with no rival clubs within miles and with over 25 schools within a few miles radius, you would think that the club would be awash with junior players. Not so, according to Cricket Development Manager, Matt Read.

“For years now, we have been reliant on juniors joining the club via word of mouth or by existing members introducing their children”.

However, when falling junior numbers meant that the club had to withdraw ones of its junior teams, the club had to take proactive measures to ensure the long term future of the club.



During the close season, a Cricket Committee was formed with the specific aim of re-introducing the club to the community.

“The first thing I did was set about affiliating the club with as many local schools as possible”, commented Matt Read. “Back in October 2010 I met with the East Birmingham Schools Sport Partnership (EBSSP). I explained how I wanted SMCC and the local schools to develop close links for the benefit of the club, community and ultimately the children. Thankfully, the EBSSP were very keen and we started planning a series of events to get children involved in cricket and SMCC.

These events include cricket festivals, midweek schools cricket tournaments and **in-school coaching.**”

To date, Sheldon Marlborough now have links with over 20 schools – both junior and senior and have just completed their first in-schools coaching course. Backed by a sizeable grant from Sport Unlimited, SMCC delivered a successful 6 week coaching course to 5 schools at Cockshut Hill Technology College. Over 20 juniors attended the free coaching course with many of them expected to carry on playing at SMCC this coming season. The next in-schools coaching course is programmed to start in May at King Edward Sheldon Heath Academy. (Which will be funded in partnership with EBSSP)

SMCC are also hosting a ‘Chance to Compete’ schools tournament in May. This is being delivered in partnership with the Warwickshire Cricket Board and will see the profile of SMCC raised even further.

In addition to the work with local schools, SMCC have also been successful in working with local businesses and securing valuable sponsorships. The monies raised have all been ploughed back into the club with particular focus being given to the appearance of the club. First impressions count for SMCC. Other innovative sponsorships include the local Indian restaurant providing a monthly meal for two for the **‘Player of the Month Award’** and the local off license donating two bottles of champagne per month for the **‘Champagne Moment of the Month Award’**.

The club has also made a commitment to achieve ECB Clubmark re-accreditation so that the underpinning policies ensure that it is child-friendly, safe and effective.

“We had a very clear choice. Do nothing and watch the club decline or take responsibility for the future of our club. We chose the latter. The successes that we’ve had in affiliating the club and by securing sponsorships and grants have really enthused and motivated everyone at the club. Little things like ground clearance days have attracted record numbers and we now have a long waiting list to get players qualified to level 1 and 2. Everyone wants to get involved. There’s still some way to go, but the future is positive for SMCC” concluded Matt Read.

SMCC is always looking for players, volunteers and social members. Please contact Matt Read at smcc1906@gmail.com if you would like to **‘get involved’** with SMCC.

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