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EDUCATING THROUGH CRICKET



## LBJ YOUTH CRICKET NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

### Happy New Year!

Best wishes to everyone for 2010.

The most important news since September is about the senior club. LBCC has left the Invicta League to join the Kent League structure. After several years of pondering, this all happened quite suddenly. The Invicta League has given the club many happy seasons but its structure was showing strain and not changing with the times. LBCC, Bearsted, Horton Kirby, Hollingbourne and Willesborough have made the move together. The Saturday First and Second X1's will therefore be in new competitions this year within a revised feeder league structure.

It was crucial to the decision that the Invicta clubs were offered seeding, rather than having to start at the bottom (as we had to in the Kent Village League on Sundays). The change offers the opportunity for promotion to a higher level of cricket as more players come through from LBJ.

### LBCC Kit

We have new club clothing for players and supporters of all ages. Aaron Bailey has been making the arrangements. Samples of the kit will be on display and available to try on at the pre-season training where orders can be taken. Alternatively please contact Aaron direct by email at [ajbailey21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ajbailey21@yahoo.co.uk).

### Kent Squads

Alexander Kidd, George Davis and George Duggan have been selected for the Kent under 13 winter training squad. Zoe Moyler is in the Kent girls under 13 squad and Annys Fearon is in the Kent under 12 Emerging Spitfires squad. Best of luck to them all.

### Pre-Season Training

This year the winter training programme is again at the excellent new facilities at Maplesden Noakes. The six sessions will be on Sunday afternoons from 21 February to 28 March. The first session from 13.15 to 14.45 is for all LBJ boys playing (or going into) hardball at under 11/13/15. The second session from 14.45 to 16.15 is for all LBW adult players and LBJ girls who have reached hardball level.

Richard Atkinson is in charge as usual. He has surpassed himself this year in persuading Paul Farbrace to lead one of the sessions. (At the Kent coaches day in November, Paul gave a brilliant insight into the strategy and tactics used by the Sri Lankan T20 team while he was working with them.) Full details of the training can be found in the attached flyer. The cost for the course is £25 payable in advance. Please book early with Richard.

### **District Courses and Trials**

Details of the courses and trials run by Maidstone District and application forms are available on the Maidstone Academy web site [www.maidstonecricketacademy.org.uk](http://www.maidstonecricketacademy.org.uk). Aaron Bailey will be in charge of the District under 12 squad for 2010. Richard Atkinson continues his coaching work with the District.

### **Development Project**

The final part of the project is the installation of two lane artificial nets on the edge of the new playing area (Burberry Lane side). This is now being actively pursued with KCB. Quotes are being obtained. We are led to believe that there may be some grant funding available, but no promises.

### **Teams and Fixtures**

The under 15's will again be competing in the North Kent Junior League. At the time of writing it is not clear which division we will be in, but we can be sure of strong opposition. Information is available at [www.nkentjunior.play-cricket.com](http://www.nkentjunior.play-cricket.com). Our own squad is not as large as in previous years, so there is room for some players belonging to other clubs keen to seize this opportunity and test their skills at a higher level.

We will also be entering an under 15 team in the Weald of Kent League and Cup competitions and the National Cup. We envisage that several of the strong under 13's will make a start in under 15 cricket this year.

The under 13's and under 11's will be in the Weald of Kent competitions as usual (<http://wealdofkentjl.play-cricket.com>). The under 13's will also be in the National Cup. We will be arranging more Challenge matches against clubs from outside the league.

Alan Moyler will be establishing a new under 13 girls team this year.

The Kwik Cricket programme will be geared to preparing teams for the Kwik Cricket tournaments. David Sear will continue his great work with this group.

Final details of the allocation of coaches and managers to the various squads are being prepared.

As the amount of cricket grows, we don't forget all the hard work of Dave Wratten in looking after the grounds, summer and winter. Thank you Dave!

### **Social and Fund-Raising**

The Presentation Night took place in September as usual. The winners of the awards were

Chairman's Award:	Zoe Moyler
Under 15:	Miles Henslow and Joe Millen
Under 13:	George Davis/Alex Kidd and George Duggan/Chris Gallie
Under 11:	Adam Hunt and Annys Fearon
Under 9:	James Nurden and Kirsty Long

A special award was made to Jack Crouch and his grandfather Ray. Jack Crouch and Ed Bower received the Weald of Kent under 15 Cup and League trophies.

Volunteers of the year were David and Pamela Bower. Pamela will again be involved in managing the under 15's this year.

Our thanks go to all those who helped with the Presentation Night, particularly Dawn Smith.

### **LBH Coaches and Committee**

The committee members are

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Please feel free to contact any of us as appropriate.

We also some have some new coaches keen to help and to get qualified.

### **Subscriptions and Fees**

For 2010, the LBJ annual fee will remain at £30 per player to include all practice sessions (except indoor training). This will be payable by 31 May and includes a £20 subscription to the Club. Two children from the same family will pay a reduced rate of £50 instead of £60. Match fees will be raised to £3 per game.

In addition, there is the opportunity to join the L&BCC 100 Club. Please let us know if you would like to be included.

### **L&BCC Website**

The club web site is <http://landbcricket.net>. As yet, it is dominated by LBJ news.

We also have the Leeds & Broomfield online shop with links to Amazon, M&S and many other major online and High Street retailers. If you shop through our website then the Club receives a small percentage from the retailer. The price to you is the same. Our shop is at <http://www.buy.at/leedsandbroomfieldcc> or use the links on the Club's home page.

### **Chance to shine**

2010 is our fifth and final year in the C2s scheme. Our funding has been reduced accordingly. However, we will again be offering external coaches for the following primary schools: Leeds and Broomfield, Harrietsham, Hollingbourne, Roseacre, Ulcombe and Holy Family. We will be hosting one Kwik Cricket tournament for the Primary Schools in Term 5 and two other events at the Club in the week from 31 May.

### **Volunteers**

Everything we do depends on volunteers. If you would like to be more involved, please don't wait to be asked. There is plenty to do on and off the field.

The club will pay for any training required. All volunteers who will work closely with children must have a Criminal Records Bureau check, which will be organised by the Club Welfare Officer at no cost.

### **Feedback**

We welcome your comments. Please let us have any questions or suggestions.

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