

Game On

Sports Development Newsletter

Winter 2008

Flying the Olympic Flag

Sunday 24th August 2008 saw the birth of the forthcoming 2012 London Games as Wychavon and a number of local authorities across England and Wales united in 'flying the Olympic flag'. A specially commissioned London 2012 flag was presented and raised by Chairman of Wychavon Jo Sandalls at Evesham rowing club. David Train and his sons three times world champion and five times Olympians Steve and Andy were also there to cheer on the enthusiastic sporting crowd. This ceremony enabled the whole of Wychavon to celebrate and be a part of welcoming the world to London and the UK in four years time.

The community celebration coincided with the closing ceremony of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing where the official flag was handed over to the London mayor, Boris Johnson on its way back to London.

Worcestershire county museum have taken advantage of the spiralling interest created by the upcoming games by putting on an Olympic exhibition which is about to tour in March 2009. Due to Worcestershire's impressive Olympic and Paralympic history the exhibition will celebrate past Olympic and Paralympic legends along with paying tribute to recent athletes who competed at the 2008 Beijing Games. This includes athletes like Zac Purchase, a former Evesham rowing club member who secured a gold medal in the lightweight

men's double scull. On top of this the display will also focus on the creation of the modern Olympic Games.

Events like these and the 2012 Games itself will hopefully act as a catalyst to inspire the whole community to get involved and enjoy sport. Fingers crossed that with our support team GB will be able to emulate the amazing achievements encapsulated at the Beijing games.

If anyone has any personal stories, took part in the games or had family members who took part then Worcestershire county museum would like to hear from you. Please contact Sue Pope: Tel: 01299 250416
E-mail: spope@worcestershire.gov.uk



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We need you!!! What do you think about the local events and activities the Sports Development team are putting on for you? Do you have any ideas or suggestions for things we can do? Then please tell us! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the activities we are providing for you, please contact Tracy Grubb on 01386 565168 or email tracy.grubb@wychavon.gov.uk.

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Interview

with Ross



NAME & ROLE

Ross Blackman –Assistant Community Development Officer (Wychavon District Council).

BACKGROUND

I have a passion for sport, in particular football where I've represented my home county Herefordshire and competed abroad against players from across Europe and America. Due to my love of sport I decided to undertake a degree in Sports Development & Coaching Sciences at Bournemouth University. During my time in Bournemouth I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to work with and coach a number of talented athletes at the multi skills academy. I am currently in my placement year at Wychavon District Council where I am looking forward to acquiring new skills and putting these skills in to practice.

LIKES

Coaching and competing in sport, Man Utd, cheese, strongbow (apples are one a my five a day) and meeting new people.

DISLIKES

People who walk slowly, rudeness, public transport and onions.

HOBBIES

Playing tennis/football, keeping fit and drinking tea.

FAVOURITE MUSIC

Killers/Snow Patrol/Hard-Fi/Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

FAVOURITE FILM/TV PROGRAM

Braveheart and I'm hooked on Lost.

IDOL

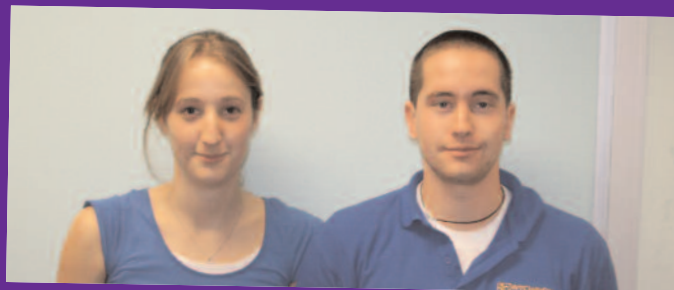
Peter Schmeichel was one of the main reasons why I started playing football. LEGEND!!!

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

From learning about the benefits of sport at university I want to help improve the sporting and leisure opportunities for people within the local community. Sport should be embraced because it is for everyone regardless of age and ability. It's a great way to keep fit, make new friends and most importantly HAVE FUN!!!

Fond Farewells

New Starters



We would like to say a very warm welcome to new starters Marc Kings and Emma Louise Gardner (pictured). Marc is employed as one of two full time Community Sports Coaches at Wychavon District Council. As a multi skills/multi sports coach, Marc's role is to offer high quality coaching across schools, clubs and voluntary organisations surrounding the local area. Emma has just taken on the position of Sports Activator in order help support the sports development officer implement new strategies such as the 5 hour offer whilst providing coaching sessions.

Everyone would like to say a fond farewell to former part time Community Sports Coaches Elizabeth Shrimpton (rowing/multi skills) and Emma Jayne Gardner (Basketball). Both put a lot of time and effort into coaching, helping to improve and inspire youngsters across Wychavon and we wish them the best luck for their future endeavours.

NEWS FLASH!

Change in Lottery Small Grants 'AWARDS FOR ALL' Scheme

What is the 'AWARDS FOR ALL' Scheme?

Currently 'AWARDS FOR ALL' England is a joint lottery grants programme supported by Sport England, Arts Council England, Big Lottery Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund

How is it changing?

From 1st April 2009 each of the lottery distributors supporting the scheme will have their own small grants programmes up and running. This will mean that each distributor can better address the needs of their applicants and the themes they support.

What does this mean for Sports Grants?

It is anticipated that new money available for small grants in 2009-10 will be comparable to money that was available to community groups through 'AWARDS FOR ALL' in 2008-2009. Sport England will therefore launch a new small grants programme on 1 April 2009 awarding grants of £300 to £10,000 to local communities in 2009-2010.

What happens in the meantime?

Until this change the Lottery Small Grants 'AWARDS FOR ALL SCHEME' will continue its current programme. Full details of this can be found at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk.





PARTY IN THE PARK

Last summer saw the brilliant return of 'Party in the Parks' to Wychavon. Evesham, Droitwich and Pershore made host to the fun filled event which ran for 4 days starting on 20th August. Although the weather was pretty dismal for the majority of the week this did not stop the event being a roaring success. Recording the biggest crowds to date local residents were in ore at the entertainment and vast amounts of activities available to them right on their door step.



The integration of arts and sport meant activities ranged from drumming, dance workshops and performances to multi skills and futsal competitions, all of which were free of charge. The 1500 plus crowds were entertained with theatre performances and the W Factor finalists who were a big favorite with the crowd. Henna tattooing, healthy eating, recycling, face painting, circus skills and food meant that this was a fantastic day out for all the family.

In terms of sport youngsters enjoyed taking part in the multi skills sessions which gave them the opportunity to develop their hand-eye co-ordination, speed, agility and reaction time. Futsal, the small sided game of football enabled them to improve their basic footballing skills placing them in a confined environment where more emphasis is placed on passing, control and possession. Coaches were very impressed with the level of performance and attitude of all participants and think that the future of sport within the local area looks promising.

Wychavon District Council would like to say a big thanks to everyone who helped support last summers event. The '2009 Party in the Parks' will be held on the 25th, 26th and 27th of August so make sure you have a space free in your diary. We look forward to seeing you again soon.



Coaching Courses right on your doorstep

Are you a coach looking to develop your skills? Or a club looking to expand? Then here are a wide range of diverse courses to help you do this, these include;

- An introduction to long term athlete development
- Funding for your club
- Coaching disabled performers
- Safeguarding and protecting children
- First aid
- An introduction to the FUNdamentals of movement

These are just a few of the courses on offer throughout Herefordshire and Worcester set up by the county sports partnerships from January 2009.

More sport specific courses are also available catering for a number of different sports. To find out more and to book yourself onto any of these please visit www.morethansport.com/courses



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Wychavon Sports Recognition Awards

Once again it is that time of year to collectively pay tribute and celebrate the success of a number of individuals and teams who participated in sports during 2008. 14 Awards in total will go out to those who have excelled in their field of sport. Recognition will also be given to coaches and volunteers who have contributed valuable time into enabling others to enjoy and take part sport.



Ben Law
Junior Male Sports Personality of the Year Award



Katie Clasen
Junior Female Sports Personality of the Year Award



Claire Elwell
Volunteer of the Year Award

DETAILS

- Awards to be held on 28th January 2009
- Closing date for the submission of nomination forms is the 12th January 2009
- Nomination forms are available from Emma Gardner (01386 565182) or email emma.gardner@wychavon.gov.uk

Alternatively you can visit

www.wychavon.whub.gov.uk and download a copy to return.

All winners will automatically go through to the Sports Partnership Hereford and Worcestershire awards which takes place in March 2008 so GOOD LUCK to everyone.

2008 Categories

- Senior Male & Female Sports Personality of the Year Award
- Junior Male & Female Sports Personality of the Year Award
- Coach of the Year Award
- Young Volunteer of the Year Award
- Junior Club of the Year Award
- Club of the Year Award
- Disabled Sports Personality of the Year Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Outstanding Contribution Award
- Sport England Community Sports Award
- School Sports Award

Club Focus

Pershore Welcomes new Gymnastics Club

In January 2009 there is a NEW GYMNASTICS Club opening in the Pershore area. This club will cater for



5-18 year olds and is attracting a lot of interest so if your child wants to be involved it's BEST TO BOOK A PLACE NOW.
Email: flickflaks@live.co.uk.

To book a place or for more information about the club please contact Kim Muir on 07791663110.

Sir Bobby Robson Comes to Town!

Football legend Sir Bobby Robson came down to unveil the new state of the art facilities on show at Inkberrow football club. Sir Bobby who backed the Worcestershire F.A had been supporting the initiative to provide new and improved facilities for over 200 club members ranging from 5 -55 years old. This was the catalyst for £158,000 grant which was awarded by the football foundation. This and the Community Grant of £10,000 from Wychavon District Council meant that the

club was able to develop 7 acres of agricultural land creating new full-size and mini soccer pitches to support 17 teams and 2 development squads.

It has been a great year for Inkberrow FC who just received the title of regional and county F.A charter community club of the year in 2008. This and the fact that they boast some of the best facilities in the Wychavon area indicate that there is a bright future at the club. Inkberrow would like to thank club sponsor Dawn til Dusk for their support throughout a very busy year.



For more information contact John Oxley on 07785 296202 or email johnandsue@oxleyj.fsnet.co.uk

Wychavon Community Grants Scheme

Community grants are available to all clubs across the district. These grants are issued to clubs who require funding to implement new projects which will enhance the running and development of a club. This money can be used for a wide range of projects such as coaching, facility development and new equipment. We would be very happy to hear from clubs and their future plans. By increasing the number of high quality, sustainable clubs in the area the people of Wychavon will have even more opportunities to participate and take part in sport so PLEASE GET IN TOUCH! The following clubs were awarded community grants in July 2008;

Club	Project	Amount Awarded
Eckington Cricket Club	Upgrade existing cricket nets	£300
Evesham Rowing Club -Tennis Section	Increase school tennis program and free coaching	£5,000
Droitwich Spa Youth Table Tennis Club	Increase number of tables and bats	£2,400
Beckford Community Centre Lawn Tennis Club	Floodlights for courts 3 & 4	£5,500
Evesham & District Air Gun League	New metal targets	£500
Pershore Tennis Centre	Improve links to schools & free coaching	£2,400
Offenham Cricket Club	Boundary fence around the ground	£1,000
Wychavon Tennis Development Group	Fund tennis for under10's	£1,000
Total		£18,100

For a grants application pack please call Tracy Grubb on 01386 565168 or email tracy.grubb@wychavon.gov.uk. Please note that applications cannot be sent out until March 2009 and must be completed and received by May 2009.

Your Voice

New to the Game On sports development Newsletter 'Your Voice' gives **YOU** the opportunity to tell the people of Wychavon what has been happening at your club. Here's a snippet of what has been happening at just a few clubs in your area;

PERSHORE RIVERSIDE CENTRE



What's been happening?

Last summer Pershore Riverside Centre was the venue for a jam packed summer activity programme. This took place in June and July with around 50 children attending each day. The programme was an enormous success giving children the opportunity to take part in a multitude of sports including golf, ultimate frisbee, football, basketball, multi skills, archery, bell boating, Kayaking and canoeing. The centre would like to say a big thank you to Wychavon Community Sport coaches Andy Train and Tim Brown who put the lucky 9-13 year olds through their paces.

The programme organised by the centres charitable trust, pulls together resources from Worcestershire County Council Extended Services, Youth Service, Wychavon District Council's Community Development Team along with the Pershore Market Town Partnership.

Any future plans?

Although next summers activity programme is a long way off due to the sheer number of children wanting to take part bookings will take place in spring. Therefore if you don't want your child to miss out it's **BEST TO BOOK EARLY!** You can contact the centre staff by visiting www.pershoreyouth.org.uk.

In the mean time there is a multi use games area set up outside the centre. This can cater for cricket, football, netball and basketball over the winter months. Climbing and table tennis is also available all year round so if you fancy playing a bit of sport get in touch.

DROITWICH SPA CRICKET CLUB

What's been happening?

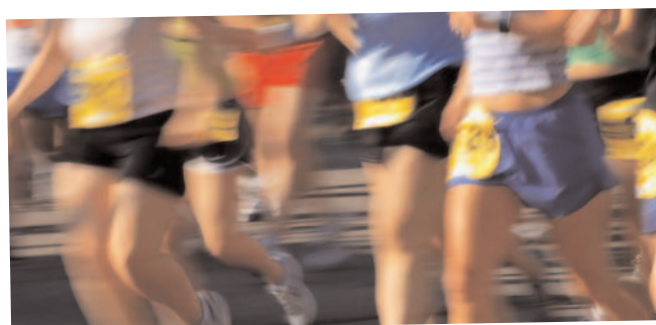
The clubs Saturday 2nd XI have been celebrating an impressive 3rd consecutive league title. This was a brilliant way to send off long serving Treasurer Caroline Davis who retired after 7 great years at the club.

Any future plans?

With the grant received from the Droitwich rotary club Droitwich spa are looking to splash out on extra equipment and youth coaching next spring. For more information visit, www.droitwichspa.play-cricket.com.



EVESHAM VALE RUNNING CLUB



What's been happening?

Since its early formation in 2006 the club has gone from strength to strength. This is emphasised by the huge achievements of a number of runners who came to the club as complete beginners. Through hard work determination and advice from their coaches they have now reached a standard where they are able to run this autumn in the Loch Ness Marathon, Scotland and the Snowdon Marathon, Wales, an amazing feat!

With the aid of grants received from Wychavon District Council and Evesham Town Council the club organised the first ever Evesham Vale 10k race in July. The event was an enormous success attracting nearly 500 keen runners and the club would like to thank everyone who took part and supported the event. To find out more information, visit www.eveshamvalerunningclub.org.uk.

Any future Plans?

Continuing the theme of club recognition Evesham Vale running club are considering applying for 'CLUB MARK'. If successful this will help to ensure that the club has better arrangements in place for junior runners.

CLUBMARK is an accreditation scheme for high quality sports clubs. A CLUBMARK accredited club will benefit from easier access to local facilities, help with developing skills of coaches, improved links with schools, raised profile and enhanced club development. For more information about CLUBMARK and how to becoming a CLUBMARK accredited club please visit www.clubmark.org.uk/faq.

