



It's here!!! The Sports Development Sizzling Summer Special Edition.
 Full of Sport-fastic news and reviews,
 with the Sports Development Newsletter you just can't lose!



Sports For All Day

On the 28th May Droitwich Spa played host to the very first Sports For All Day.

Despite the wind and rain the day was a success with people of all ages braving the weather to have a go at the range of sports that were on offer.

There were opportunities to have a go at Rugby, Football, Shooting, Martial Arts, Archery and many, many more.

The day was open to everyone and gave people a chance to find out more about the sporting and fitness opportunities on their doorstep.

Justin Davies from the Worcester Norton Croquet Club said 'Everything, bar the weather, was in place for a really good day. Over at the Croquet we were kept quite busy showing the ropes to enthusiastic families'.



Jem Teal, Community Development Manager for Wychavon DC, said: "This was a great opportunity to get both young people and adults involved in sports, get active and most of all, have a great time."

Joe Ling, Droitwich area partnership manager, took part in the tug-of-war and said the futsal ring brought down by the Kidderminster Harriers proved a big hit with youngsters.

"We suffered a bit with the weather but the archery, basketball and air rifle shooting proved popular. It was mainly young people at the event but there was a good mix of ages. It's the first time we have had an event like this. We might try it elsewhere, in Pershore or Evesham. The idea is to get people active." For more details about sporting activities in the area visit www.morethansport.com or www.wychavon.gov.uk.

County Sports Partnership Awards

On the 14th March 2007 the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Partnership held their annual awards evening to recognise the achievement and dedication of sports people in the two counties.



Joined by Triple Olympic Champion Christina Boxer, local dignitaries and Young Sporting Ambassadors, the event was a resounding success.

The Sports Partnership Awards are presented every year in recognition of achievement and dedication in sport across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. The standard of entries this year was very high and competition for each category was fierce.

Awards were presented for eleven different categories including: Outstanding Contribution of the Year, Coach of the Year, Junior Male and Junior Female Sports Personality of the year. The top three nominees from each category attended the evening event, but there could only be one winner in each!

However Wychavon beat away the competition to come away with 3 awards.

These winners were Barbara Pallister of Ombersley and Doverdale Tennis Club (Outstanding Contribution), James Fortey from Evesham High School (Junior Sports Personality) and The Worcester RFC U17 ladies team (Junior Team of the Year).

In the late 1980's Barbara Pallister asked the Parish council if a tennis club in Ombersley would be a good idea. It was! Over 14 years as chairman of the club she has promoted the development of the club and involved herself in all aspects of the club from the running of the grounds, coaching, leagues and organises sessions and club tournaments.

Heavily involved in developing his coaching within the school setting James also volunteers in the community. He has organised sports festivals, coaches the school U14 & 15 girls squad and coaches at Evesham Rugby Club. James has taken First aid, Tag Rugby and Level 1 coaching awards. former Partnership Development Manager, Karen Broughton says of James " He is reliable & committed young person who has a real future ahead of him within sport".

With two training nights a week Worcester RFC Ladies U17s (located in Wychavon) are really committed to their sport. They have retained the RFU Womens National titles in the U17s Cup and 7's Championship. 12 of their players are in the West Midlands squad and 2 have been selected for the England U19 squad.

Finally, Mark Moss, Wychavon's former Community Sports Coach was awarded Coach of the year for the various coaching that he does in the county.



OUR WINNERS

~
***Outstanding Contribution
of the Year***

Barbara Pallister

~
***Junior Male Sports
Personality of the year***

James Fortey

~
Junior Team of the year
Worcester RFC Ladies U17s

~
***'Special Mention'
Coach of the Year***

Mark Moss



GAME ON-LINE

Check out a few new exciting additions to the Wychavon website - blogs!

Please send us your feedback and thoughts about Party in the Park and anything else you want to say! Also this year you will be able to watch a video of the bands playing if you missed them at the parks and download their music to your i-pod



An interview with ... Paul Edwards



Name and Role – Community Sports Rugby Coach for Wychavon DC.

Background – Coached at Droitwich RFC for 10 years & local schools for nine years. Born in Droitwich.

Loves – Watching my son & the team I coach playing rugby, the buzz you get feeling part of a successful team is brilliant. I'm also an Albion fan for my sins, but my biggest love has got to be my family.

Dislikes – Motorbikes & people who talk a good job, rather than do.

Hobbies – When I get some spare time usually outside of the rugby season, I can either be found fishing, gardening or out walking, although I've recently started playing golf.

Favourite Meal – My wife's homemade steak and ale pie, absolutely beautiful.

Favourite Film – You can't beat a good comedy, although I very much enjoy adventure films like National Treasure, etc.

Favourite Music – All types of music appeal to me from 60's through to present day, although there are some good bands around at the moment.

Idols – There are a lot of people I admire, but idolise no! Idols tend to be media built, while true heroes get overlooked.

How can you make a difference? – By showing kids what a difference sport can make in their lives, be it rugby or any other sport.

Summer Camp

From the 30th July to the 10th August the Wychavon Community Development Team are providing youngsters with 2 weeks of jam packed sports fun.

WEEK ONE – 30th July 3rd August 2007

The first week there will be a football camp where you can improve your existing skills and learn new ones as well.

WEEK TWO – 6th-10th August 2007

The second week promises to be a fun filled sports fest with sports such as Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Rugby and some unusual sports like Ultimate Frisbee, Tri-golf and our very own Olympics!

For more information or an application form please contact Emma Gardner at Wychavon District Council on 01386 565497 or email emma.gardner@wychavon.gov.uk



Coach Education

FOOTBALL

Level 1

Dates: 2nd, 9th, 12th, 16th and 19th August (times vary)

Venue: Worcester

Cost: £90

Dates: 4th, 11th, 15th, 18th and 22nd September (times vary)

Venue: Evesham

Cost: £90

Level 2

Dates: 9th September – 14th October

Venue: Pershore

Cost: £210

For more information contact Matt Jones at the Worcestershire FA on 01905 827261 ext. 206.

CRICKET

For more information about Cricket Courses email:

enquires.coacheducation@ecb.co.uk

For information on generic coaching courses please visit the Sports Partnership Herefordshire and Worcestershire website at www.morethansport.com or by logging on to your national governing bodies website.





Tag Rugby Tournaments

For the last 8 years Wychavon's Community Development team has organised two Tag Rugby Tournaments for local schools in Evesham, Pershore & Droitwich Spa and this year was no different. Over two days of fantastic rugby we saw some fast and frantic action. The first tournament was staged at Evesham Rugby Club on the 20th April where 15 teams of sporty Wychavon youngsters "try-ed" their best during the seven-a-side mixed tag rugby tournament.

Schools included in the Evesham Tournament: Ashton-under-Hill, Bengeworth, Bredon Hancock's Endowed, Broadway, Crowle, Defford-cum-Besford, Harvington, Littleton, Sedgeberrow, St Mary's, Elmley Castle and St Richards First School.

The competition was as hot as the weather, with 160 plus tag-tastic boys and girls playing some outstanding rugby over 51 nail biting games, producing a feast of action in what can only be described as an electrifying atmosphere for both players and spectators.

Crowle and St Mary's First Schools both reached the final, which proved to be heart pounding experience itself. With non stop end to end action, both teams scored some superb tries, providing a thrilling climax to an sizzling day with Crowle eventually claiming sevens success with 9 tries to 3 at the final whistle.

The Droitwich Tournament was held on the 18th May at Droitwich Rugby Club. **Schools included in the Droitwich Spa**

Tournament: Wychbold, Ombersley, Chawson, St Josephs, Cutnall Green, Sytchampton, St Peters and Claines. Past winners Cutnall Green met first time players Sytchampton in the final which proved to be a close match with Cutnall Green scoring a try in the dying minutes to leave the score 3-2 to Cutnall Green.

In the 3rd and 4th playoffs were St Peters A and Claines and after a frantic 10 minutes it was St Peters that claimed the 3rd place winning by 7 tries to 4.

Sports Development Officer, Mark Williams from Wychavon District Council said: "The Community Development Team in Wychavon has been working in partnership with schools and clubs since 1997 to improve sporting opportunities in the district.

"All the tournaments we hold give us the opportunity to witness increasing numbers of talented young people thoroughly enjoying sport, gaining positive experiences that are a part of playing sport and the benefits that it brings. Hopefully many will go to join local clubs and continue their involvement in sport".

Thanks must go to Team Managers, Coaches, Referee's, Schools, Parents, Evesham and Droitwich RFC and most importantly the Young People who made these such rugby-tastic days.



SUMMER EVENTS

Its that time of year again where we can look forward to the Summer Sun.
For 2007 we have 11 days of 'FREE' activities. Scheduled for this summer are:

PARTY IN THE PARK

Again there will be local bands performing live on stage, face painting*, bouncy castle, circus skills, sporting activities and much much more.

Shows are 12noon - 4pm.

Tuesday 24th July - Droitwich Lido Park

Thursday 26th July - Evesham Abbey Park

Tuesday 21st August - Droitwich Lido Park

Wednesday 22nd August - Pershore Abbey Park

Thursday 23rd August - Evesham Abbey Park

*charge for face painting will apply



JASON MAVERICK

Laugh, ooh and ahh at this wonderful, timeless show. Its bursting at the seams with wild robotic dancing, comedy mime, slow motion, juggling and audience participation, all played out to a funky musical backdrop.

Performance times are 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

Tuesday 31st July - Lido Park, Droitwich

Wednesday 1st August - Abbey Park, Pershore

Thursday 2nd August - Abbey Park, Evesham



CIRCUS SKILLS

Circus Skills workshops where you can try your hand at juggling, plate spinning, diablo & unicycling. There will be a short show before each workshop.

Workshop times are: 11am, 1pm & 3pm.

Tuesday 14th August - Lido Park, Droitwich

Wednesday 15th August - Abbey Park, Pershore

Thursday 16th August - Abbey Park, Evesham

Thanks to all staff and volunteers who help to make the summer such a success and a big thank you to the public for their continued support and great feedback and hopefully we will see you all in the Summer.

If you have any questions about these events please contact Sue Healey (Leisure Development Officer) on 01386 565238 or Tracy Grubb (Community Development Officer) on 01386 565168.