



# BCB News

Latest information from the Bucks Cricket Board

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## Welcome to Issue 2

In our first Newsletter we set out some of the changes that were underway at BCB. In this second issue we continue that theme and look forward to 2013.

On the people front, I am particularly pleased to welcome John Bushby as a new member of the Board. As you will see below, John is already making a substantial contribution and I have no doubt he will be a great asset to the Board. However, pride of place in this issue rightly goes to the national recognition achieved by just a few of our outstanding volunteers, without whom Bucks Cricket could not survive. On the playing front,

there are details of our new junior development structure, a new format for our adult club competitions and the launch of our 2013 Chance to Shine programme. There are also details of a wide range of winter training courses and timely reminders for your diary.

I hope you find this Newsletter interesting and informative. I would welcome suggestions for improvements and future content. To contact me, [click here](#)

*Cliff Pocock*

Chairman



## Recognition for Bucks Volunteers

### Brit Insurance Annual Achievement Awards

**Kevin Pichowski** from Wolverton Town CC won the national Coach of the Year award for his innovative coaching work with deaf children at schools in Milton Keynes as part of the '**Chance to Shine supported by Brit Insurance**' campaign. The award judges were impressed by Kevin's innovative thinking, coaching and engagement that has made the difference to the lives of many young sports participants, whilst developing confidence and changing their perceptions of cricket.



Kevin (pictured left) was presented with the award at a star-studded Lord's event at Lord's Cricket Ground watched by England keeper Matt Prior, former England captain Alec Stewart and Charlotte Edwards and members of the England women's team. Afterwards he said: *"I'm totally overwhelmed - I had no expectation of this whatsoever. I am very committed to working with kids with special needs as my son has special needs so I feel it is something I want to invest in.*

*You go into the schools and the staff are so supportive and the kids are absolutely wonderful. I find it a fantastic experience and it is something I will do for as long as I can."*

Chance to Shine is the Cricket Foundation's charitable campaign to educate two million state school children through cricket by 2015. The campaign is now running in 4,500 schools and 1.8 million children have enjoyed cricketing opportunities as a result. BCB has just launched its 2013 programme (see below).

### NatWest OSCAs ('Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards')

Two Bucks volunteers reached the national shortlists and were present at the presentations at Lord's.



Our finalists were **Alan English** (seen here with Jonny Bairstow) and **David Lander** (right).

Alan was put forward by ECBACO for many years' successful training work with both Bucks ACO and the Thames Valley League.

David's sterling work at Penn Street CC put him in line for the



Behind the Scenes Award. Unfortunately each was pipped at the post for the national award.

Congratulations also to Peter Baldwin, David Browne, Joan Clark, Keith Dale, Peter Haynes, and Andy Ward who were all nominated for these awards, but didn't quite make the national shortlists,

## BCB People

BCB is delighted that John Bushby has agreed to join the Board with immediate effect. John has been involved in Bucks club cricket for most of his life, first as a player and then as an administrator (until recently, he was Secretary of Princes Risborough CC). John has a wide knowledge of Bucks cricket and is well aware of the challenges faced by clubs. Aside from editing this Newsletter, his principal responsibilities will be for Facilities and Funding and as such he will be a key member of the BCB team supporting club development in Bucks.



## A Unique Fundraising Opportunity for Your Club



Your Event - Controlled and Managed by You

Challenge the greats of English cricket at your club this season



**The ECB has joined forces with the PCA to offer affiliated clubs the chance to stage a PCA Masters game at their club in the summer of 2013.**

**More details on the BCB website.**



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## Grass Roots (Mainly for Groundsmen)

### End-of-season renovation

In mid-September Simon Tremlin ran an instructive seminar at Wormsley showing the old fashioned ways - pedestrian scarifier then seeding, loaming with a push-spreader and a hand-lute. In contrast the remainder of the net area was done in the modern way with a Graden scarifier, seeding and dropping the loam from spreaders and brushing in - all tractor driven. It's a pity that more didn't attend, particularly as we may have to recharge the cost of future events of this kind.

### Top Tips

- Simon had a 12' lute made up locally. It covers much more ground more quickly but has to be pulled by two people.
- Use a 10-foot aluminium ladder with rope or cord attached at each end - and you have a much lighter version of a lute to level out

**Equipment:** We have been wrestling with the problem of the BCB trailer which is operative but has only one item which is any use - a spiker. Our current thinking is that

the logistics of operating this go against obtaining more equipment.

The trailer needs to be stored at a convenient location, probably in the middle of the county, and movement and the condition of it and other equipment would need to be monitored and controlled.

We are currently looking at other ideas which include a database of preferred suppliers for hire of equipment and of fully-contracted performance and an equipment-sharing scheme. This last might be difficult as we all jealously guard and maintain our own equipment and lending/hiring it out might be risky and cause conflict.

What we need now is feedback and ideas from Clubs and their groundsmen as to what help, advice or knowledge-sharing they would like.

### Groundsmen's Association

We need to add to our membership and need volunteers - currently we have a two-man committee in John Bushby and myself. Please email me using the link below if you can help or wish to be added to the GA mailing list.

[Adrian Saunders](mailto:adrian@bcb.org) - GA Chairman

## Inspired Facilities Funding

Inspired Facilities funding is separate from ECB Grant Aid and other sources. Each has its own rules and you'll need to refer to those for the body to which you intend to apply. For example the ECB requires, among other things, that clubs have ClubMark recognition and are of local strategic importance.

- **Capital Projects only**
- Community and voluntary organisations (**includes most clubs**), parish and town councils can apply
- Grants worth **between £20,000 and £50,000**
- **At least 70% of up to £10 million funding available** per round is set aside for these groups
- Local authorities, schools, etc: upper limit is £150,000.
- **Some partnership funding preferred** - either cash or in kind. This can be from own funds or from partners but isn't essential and won't rule out applications. (49 projects with no partnership funding were successful in Round 1)
- **Round 4 opens 4 March 2013** and Round 5 will take place in 2014 - date to be announced.
- **The time to prepare is NOW** but **don't** rush your application or send it in half complete - gather all the information you need and make the best possible case for your project.
- In Round 3 outdoor cricket net applications were less likely to succeed because of high numbers of upgrades funded In Rounds 1 and 2 to ensure that other facility developments received their share of investment. This policy might or might not apply in Rounds 4/5.

### Some projects which might qualify

- **Rainwater Harvesting** - if last summer hadn't been one of the wettest on record most clubs would have been in dire straits! It takes 750 litres (165 gallons) to put 10

There's more info about the self help resources available to clubs and the support that ECB and County Boards can give to them - see the [ecb.co.uk/places](http://ecb.co.uk/places) website. We've put a summary of ECB's Club Support [here](#)

## PREPARE to apply for Grants NOW

mm (under 1/2 an inch) **on one strip** so a domestic water butt isn't much use. BCB is in touch with a supplier of harvesting systems and we hope to help our clubs get a good deal.

- **Solar Power / Water Heating**
- **Electronic Scoreboards** - these are becoming more common and more affordable, particularly if you register for CricketForce.
- **Pavilion / Buildings Upgrade**
- **Outdoor Nets** - but see note above
- **Critical structural remedial works**
- Look online at <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

**We may be able to help with advice but if you decide to go it alone please DO keep BCB informed about any application for Inspired Facilities Funding**

### Other Funding Sources

There are numerous other local and national sources and many, if not most, projects get help from more than one of these

- [ECB Grant and Loan Guides](#)
- [Bucks Sport Funding Zone](#)
- [Lord's Taverners' Non-turf pitches](#) - although the 2011/12 scheme is now closed, it will re-open in January 2013. Applications can be made for grants towards the installation of non-turf pitches, practice ends and nets to benefit youth cricket - awards do not normally exceed £3,000 (Non-turf match pitch), £2,000 (Non-turf practice) & £1,000 (Outdoor nets).

In addition clubs should look at the advantages of getting approval as a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) so that donations can be Gift-Aided.

**More details - contact [John Bushby](mailto:john@bcb.org)**





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## Reminders for You

**Colts Fixture Meeting** (Aylesbury Rugby Club)  
28 Feb 2013

**AGMs: 22 Nov - Thames Valley League** (Slough CC);  
**22 Nov - Cherwell League** (Bicester & N Oxford CC);  
**28 Nov - Bucks ACO** (Beaconsfield CC)

**Coaches:** are you a current member of ECB Coaches Association? Staying up to date with this and the SPC and First Aid courses will keep you insured and on our circulation list.

**Coaching Courses** organised by BCB will run in the New Year at Mandeville School, **Aylesbury**.

- **UKCC Level 1** runs on 12, 19 & 26 January and
- **UKCC Level 2** takes place on 9, 16, 23 February, 2 March & 11 May.
- Another **UKCC Level 1** course will run in the south of the county (venue tba) on 6, 13 & 20 April.

**Book now!** [Click here](#)

### **Bucks Sport Courses**

- **'First Steps to Coaching'** Aylesbury 21 November - a basic introduction to the world of coaching

We expect other courses in the New Year programme to be published any time now.

**Club Welfare Officers** need to renew their CRB certification and undergo refresher training every three years. The following training courses are available.

- **Safeguarding & Protecting Children** ('SPC') - Stoke Mandeville Thursday 31 January 6.30pm (£30) - this course, for coaches as well as CWOs, must be completed (in addition to having a CRB check) before you can attend the other workshop
- **NSPCC 'Time to Listen' / 'Safe Hands' for CWO Workshop** - Stoke Mandeville Thursday 21 March 6.30pm (£30) - gives basic knowledge of the national framework for child protection, behaviour that is harmful to young people and what you need to do to protect your club and its juniors

**If you are the nominated Welfare Officer** for your club and need to train or refresh your Safe Hands / Time to Listen accreditation please contact [support@bucksclub.org](mailto:support@bucksclub.org) or visit the BCB website

**NatWest CricketForce** helps local clubs use volunteers to renovate club houses and grounds.

- CricketForce 2013 on 5/6/7 April entitles clubs to benefits with suppliers etc. Go to [the ECB website](#) to register your club **today**.

**Chance to Shine** is changing; clubs will need to get in expressions of interest by the end of November. More info on our news pages at [bucksclub.org](http://bucksclub.org).

## Indoor Cricket & Handy Cross Sports Centre

Those of you in the south of the county will probably know of the demise of the 'sports village' project intended for Wycombe Air Park at Booker. Wycombe District Council is now investigating a replacement for the centre at Handy Cross - although planning permission is still some way off. BCB is doing its best to ensure that proper facilities for cricket are included.

Presently the facility is inadequate for any form of practice or play with a hard ball and we'll need to demonstrate that there will be significant use - this may be an uphill struggle so we need all the supporting information we can get.

John Bushby, who has attended several meetings in the last couple of months, conducted a survey some time ago but, if your club hasn't responded, we'd like to hear about your present and projected future use of indoor facilities.

[Click here to take the survey](#) - or you can [email John Bushby](#) with details

## Bucks Cup Restructures for 2013

Following an on line survey sent to all Bucks Clubs, it has been decided to play both the Bucks Cup and Bucks Challenge Cup in two phases next year.

- **Phase 1** will take place at the start of the season, before the League season starts, and will be based on a 3-match, 4-club mini League.
- **Phase 2:** The mini League winners will play in the 2nd phase at the end of the League season on a knock out basis.
- 64% of Clubs who responded wanted this format.
- The match format will remain at 45 overs per side - 74% of clubs wanted this.
- Entry forms have now been circulated - [see our website](#) - **deadline** for entries is **24 November**

Email entries to

[Martin Watts - BCB Secretary](#)

## Umpiring & Scoring News

**Umpires - SOS!** Bucks ACO's Level 1 umpiring course at **Great Brickhill CC**, scheduled to start on **Tuesday 15 January**, is at risk unless numbers increase.

The course in the South of the county at **Penn & Tylers Green CC** will go ahead on **Thursday 17 January** but Alan English can still take on extra trainees. Both these courses run for 11 weeks Many - if not most - clubs are short of qualified umpires, so **ACT NOW** and email [Alan English](#)

or phone him (tel 01494-443464)



### Calling all Scorers:

**Julia Farman** has been appointed County Scoring Officer.

She has arranged an **ECB ACO Level 1 scoring course** for Sundays 13 & 20 January 2013 at Halton Health & Fitness Club (formerly CoreStrength Tennis Centre), Chestnut End, Halton, HP22 5PD

[Email Julia Farman](#) for further details or phone (07723-360834)

**Don't forget - 28 Nov: BACO AGM** (Beaconsfield CC)



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## Junior Development Structure

The Bucks Cricket Board is pleased to announce a new structure to help the development of young cricketers in the county. In response to feedback and following a review of its previous provision, the Board will be running a series of Development Squads at U11, U12, U13 and U14 this winter at different venues across the county. The new structure, which supersedes District Cricket, will bridge the gap between club and county cricket and will ensure that promising young cricketers have the best possible chance of developing their game to the full.

The programmes will run for 10 weeks between January to March, 2013. At the start of next cricket season, boys who have shown the most potential will have the opportunity to show what they can do in game situations in specially arranged 'trial' matches involving established county players. Only after these matches have been played will county teams for 2013 be selected, thus widening access to county cricket. Clubs and schools have already put forward their nominations and an

**"New Development Squad system will be a further step forward"**

assessment process is set to take place in November and December overseen by a team of experienced coaches. The Development Squads will run in parallel with Winter Coaching Groups for players who have already proved their credentials at county level and who will benefit from greater individual attention and specialist coaching input than has been possible in the past.

**BCB Youth Cricket Director Mark Fenton** said: *'The new structure will improve considerably what we offer to our young cricketers in Bucks and I am delighted that we have received more nominations for our programmes than ever this year. The District Programme has worked well for a number of years, but we believe our new Development Squad system will be a further step forward, providing a high quality programme which offers value for money for parents and a great opportunity for the boys to develop their game and challenge for full county honours'.*

## Bucks Youth Cricket Trust - Tax Free Giving

BYCT is a registered charity which supports projects to improve junior cricket in the County, and young cricketers who need funding assistance to help them to take up development opportunities. There are several powerful and tax-efficient ways to support contributions to this excellent cause.

**Virgin MoneyGiving:** click on the VMG icon (on the BYCT fundraising web page - see below) to get help with:

- **Gift Aid** - the Trust will receive an additional 25p from the Government for every £1 donated. VMG handles the tax claims and saves the Trust the admin work. You can reclaim further tax relief on your donation if you pay tax at the higher rate
- **Fundraising** - use a sporting challenge or other personal goal to raise funds for BYCT. The Trust's VMG website

pages help you build your own fundraising page and promote your event.



You can also help by using

- **Payroll Giving** - your employer can make your donations straight from your gross (pre-tax) pay through this scheme - it will cost only £4 to donate £5 per month if you are a basic rate tax payer (or less than £3 if you pay higher rate tax).
- **Legacy Giving** - unfortunately we all die at some time but, if your estate is liable to Inheritance Tax, you can reduce the charge by leaving money to BYCT through your will, or by a declaration giving instructions to the executors or personal representatives as to how you would like your legacy to be distributed. It's best to consult a solicitor for this.

More details on the [BYCT website](#)

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## Chance to Shine Schools Programme 2013

Chance to Shine is bringing cricket back to schools - **and in 2013 it extends into secondary schools!**

Chance to Shine supported by Brit Insurance, is now running in over 4,000 schools and 1.5 million children have enjoyed crick-eting opportunities as a result. Before the Cricket Foundation launched the schools' cricket programme in 2005, fewer than 10% of state schools played competitive cricket.

Chance to Shine is not just about playing cricket. Young people involved in the programme are developing essential life skills and values, such as fitness & well-being, leadership, discipline, teamwork and understanding how to win and lose.



### How it works

Chance to Shine in Buckinghamshire is delivered through Bucks County Cricket Board, by a team of **Project Ambassador Coaches**, club youth sections and partnership schools. Each Project Ambassador provides a structured development, coaching and a competition programme for groups of pupils within a primary or secondary state school. All Project Amba-



sadors are professional, qualified coaches and will work with a group of schools in their local area, supported by the local cricket clubs to assist migration of players to clubs and the overall development of youth sections

### Get Involved

**BCB is looking to build on 2012's successful programmes by recruiting your club, coaches and schools** to be part of the Chance to Shine 2013 programme. Please email [Cliff Simms](#) with expressions of interest, or phone him for more information on 07791 197187

