



Buckhorn Weston Cricket Club News

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Upcoming Events

15th July

Ladies Softball

Festival

15th Sept

AGM

30th Sept

Awards Dinner

Club Committee

Nicola Lavis

Ian Douglas

Liz Basson
Mike Cole
Sarah Feltham

Emma Gray
Amanda Horne
Charlie Payne

Chris Sledge
Cort Taylor
Jo Whale

Tremendous Men's Six a-side Day!

A superb day of cricket was had at the men's 6 a-side day earlier this month. Thanks to all that came and to Alex Gibbs for organising the refreshments! We raised £250 for the Club.



Buckeroos and ECB Clubmark site visit

Buckeroos and All-Stars are making great progress. Having regular games against Stalbridge, Marnhull and Blandford, their bowling has been commended at every game! Thank you to the volunteers and parents for your support. Greg Parsons from Dorset Cricket completed a site visit this month as part of the accreditation process to achieve the ECB Clubmark and was impressed with the organisation of the session and the welcoming atmosphere. Thank-you to Liz Basson, Katie Ridewood and the team for running some excellent cricket for our youngsters! ☆

Fundraising

Solar Panels now installed.



New benches and flag for Henry and Sue Hawksley are in place at the ground.



Morris Lubricants

Many thanks to Morris Lubricants who have kindly made a donation to the Club.

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Fixture cards are available in The Stapleton Arms

Ladies Hardball v. Milton Lodge Gentlemen 23rd June

A couple of days after England lost to the Aussies at Edgbaston, the Ladies of Buckhorn Weston headed to Milton on Stour to try their own version of bazball (after they looked up what it meant). The ladies' hardball squad have been training hard under the watchful eye of Head Coach Basson and, since last season's fixture against the men of Milton Lodge, the numbers have grown and so has their confidence. Eleven ladies stepped onto the pitch brimming with hope and only a little sweat. Well, it was almost 30 degrees out on the wicket.

Luckily Milton Lodge has plenty of trees offering their shade. Shame they are liberally spread around the actual pitch but it makes for interesting cricket. The LBWs won the toss and elected to put the men in to bat. Syme stepped up to open and thundered a ball down the wicket to Moreton ...a great start for the ladies. Some tight fielding and some excellent boundary collections from the newest members of the team matched with confident bowling saw the Milton Lodge men finish their innings on 140.

Hartley and Horne opened for the ladies but the bowling was pretty feisty and they made a slow start, collecting more bruises than runs. The total slowly crept up as wickets fell, largely due to catches in the slips with the men huddled in line behind the wicket as if waiting for a bus. Watson, Grey, Syme, Monkhouse and Basson all played their part but the five youngest members of the team were the most impressive. All out for 70 but the improvements were noted by all who watched including the fabulous Shirley who had turned up to spectate but, once again, found herself behind the wicket. A white coat surely has her name on it. Coach Basson almost shed a tear as she remarked how proud she was of her LBWs. Milton Lodge were magnanimous in victory, as they always are, and consoled the ladies with cheese and pickle rolls and boisterous handshakes. The LBWs are already back in the nets and working on their swing and seam. **The second test awaits!**



Happy Birthday Floydy!

Happiest of birthdays to John Floyd. A lovely evening of cricket and cake!



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Ladies Softball

Sunday 25th June saw 200,000 in a field at Worthy Farm but for 16 luckier ones, the cricket pitch in Buckhorn Weston was prepped and ready, there was no queue for the toilets and no one felt the need to wear feathers, sequins or Elton glasses. (Some LBWs were stewards) The LBWs softball league match had been cancelled at short notice but desperate to still play some cricket, the captains had rounded up all available softball ladies plus four willing men, divided into two teams and cracked on with a fiercely fought battle of the navy shirts, Team Slog v Team Smash.

Starting early at 10.30am to try and beat the fiery sun, cohabiting pairs were separated in the batting line up to combat any domestic strife and Team Slog headed out to the crease. Runs were slow to accumulate as the Smashers put on their best bowlers but eventually the score started to creep up. Unfortunately, no sooner had the scoreboard been updated than the wickets started to tumble and the last eight overs saw the scoreboard remain pretty much static.

Team Smash came in to see if they could thrash the Sloggers and sure enough their mighty batters were just too good for the fielders. A mighty victory for the Smashers on the day. Mention must be made of our guest players. Lovely to see Ms Laura Day back on the green with a bat in hand and a huge welcome to Jo and Ben who thrilled us with their athleticism in the field.

Hands shaken and backs thumped, all headed to the shade of the pavilion for a delicious lunch of sandwiches, cakes and pink prosecco. What a way to spend a Sunday!



Hockey/Cricket crossover

Some of our members were at the Four Nations Hockey Championships in Glasgow this month.

Katie Ridewood was the Lead Coach for o70's England. Dee Webb representing Wales o60s and Liz Basson managed the 050's team who won the Championship.

Congratulations Ladies!

Golf

The Golfers enjoyed a fabulous day out at Cumberwell Park outside Bradford on Avon. A full report can be found on the [BWCC website](#).

The next day out is **Monday 10th July – Bath BA2 6JG**

Please contact our golf organiser: **John Macpherson 07772 386518** if you would like to join the fun.

