

Girls Cricket in 2010

2010 is the Northumberland Cricket Board's Year of Women and Girls cricket, and we are taking advantage of the opportunity of this support to promote the game to budding girl players. Working alongside Berwick CC who are concentrating on women players, we are looking to provide coaching and playing opportunities for girls at Under 13 and Under 15 ages. Younger players are always welcome to come along to the mixed under 9 practices on a Friday evening but for those who want to learn away from the gaze of siblings and in the company of their friends we are delighted to offer the Saturday morning practices. As ever we have qualified coaches on hand to offer advice and help keep everyone entertained.

If anyone wants to know more, please contact Colin Manson 07871 677870. Consent forms are available on arrival, and all players are welcome to bring friends along to have a go.

Kit, Kit, Kit

On the website you will find an order form should you wish to order any team or training kit. This is very smart, high quality and hard wearing. It is made by Kukri and costs have been kept down thanks to sponsorship deals. Orders should be handed in along with payment to Amanda Hindmarsh or your team manager as soon as possible. Delivery can take up to 8 weeks and we need a minimum of 10 items to place an order. If we could have any orders in by 28th May, the first order will be placed then subject to quantities. Subsequent orders will be placed as and when the item quantities allow. Hard copies will also be available on the practice night in due course.

Club Welfare Officer

We are delighted to welcome Stuart Birkett (Jake's Dad) who has recently qualified as our new Club Welfare Officer. Anyone, young or old, player or parent, who wishes to discuss any matter of bullying or with child welfare concerns, can see Stuart in the strictest confidence.

Stuart can be reached on: 07970 820 234



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Further investment at Tillside



This rather gloomy shot taken last night is in fact showing a club first – the first time in Tillside CC's 100+ year history that a pitch has been protected from wet weather by covers!

This investment costing in excess of £800 is part of structured spending made by the club to try and ensure that we lose fewer games each year due to bad weather, as well as helping to help our team of ground staff volunteers improve the quality of the playing surfaces.

Over the winter we have spent a further £1000 on training and playing equipment for the junior squads as well—all part of our commitment to our young playing members. We would ask that all players respect the equipment and help the coaches keep it in the best possible condition for everyone's use and enjoyment.

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Girls-only Cricket Sessions at Etal

Community cricket coach Rob Woods is coming to Etal to do a series of ten weeks of coaching for our club. They take place on a Saturday morning from 10am–12pm and are for girls from Years 5 to 10.

Matches and festival dates are also planned.

See back page for more....

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Practice Times

Practice Times have been slightly revised this year as a reflection of increasing numbers amongst our older players, and therefore safety considerations have forced us to change things around a little. Junior practices for all will run from now until the last Friday before school resumes in early September and the times are as follows:

- Under 9's i.e. primary school age – years 1,2,3 and 4 are from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. Please note that for Child Protection reasons we do require an adult to sign an Under 9 out of a practice session.
- Under 11's (years 5 and 6) and Under 13's (years 7 and 8) are from 6.30pm until 8pm.
- This year the Under 15's practice has been moved to a Thursday evening 5.30pm until 6.30pm. They and the Under 16's are welcome to join in the senior practice on Thursdays at 6.45pm.

All coaches have attained at least a Level 1 coaching badge with some now progressing on to Level 2 and 3 and we are pleased to welcome five new coaches fresh from their winter programme of coach education – Ronan Atkinson, Gregor Thomson, Robbie Skelly, Cameron Beasley, and Sean Whitty all successfully completed their Level 1 badges in March. Welcome aboard Chaps!

In the event of rain, please contact your team manager or check the website—if it is possible to call a practice off ahead of time, it will be placed on the website.

Coach Contacts

Under 16's: Cameron McGregor: 07739 488 450 ; camdoolio@yahoo.co.uk

Under 15's: Gareth Hill: 07515 288073 ; gareth.hill@activeberwick.co.uk

Under 13's: Steve Nutt: 07748 107681 ; steve@outofacorns.com

Under 11's: Keith Bickerton: 07745825659 ;

carolinekeithbickertontowers@talktalk.net

Under 9's : Jason Bullock: 07796 845 908 ; jasonbullock1@hotmail.com

Subscriptions for 2010

Subscriptions this year are a one off payment which covers practices and matches, and are set at the following rates:

- Under 9's £20
- Under 11's £35
- Under 13's £40
- Under 15's £40
- Under 16's £40

It would be helpful if all subscriptions are paid by the end of May. It should also be noted that all children are required to fill in a medical and consent form for all children attending practices and matches. This information is very confidential and is shared only between secretary, welfare officer and team manager. The subs do, we feel, offer excellent value and a significant saving on the pay per play system - as well as being easier to collect! I hope you will find them helpful from your side, and see that they are necessary to support the running and equipping of the club.

Competitions for 2010

In order to give as many children as possible an opportunity to play in competitions, we have entered teams into the following competitions:-

- **Alnwick & District League** – Under 11's and Under 13's; these play on a Monday evening
- **Northumberland Junior League** – Under 11's, Under 13's and Under 15's; the Under 11's and Under 13's play on a Sunday morning, and the Under 15's on a Monday evening
- **The Borders League** – Under 16's, play mostly on Mondays but these are occasionally re-arranged if there are fixture clashes.
- Throughout the season there are **festivals** planned for the Under 9's, as well as friendly matches against a number of local clubs
- **Girls Teams:** there are festivals planned in May, June and July for Under 13 and Under 15 teams. We are hoping to enter teams into all events