



A WHSPAA welcome

Welcome to new readers and clubs as well as those who have been supporting us for several years now. WHSPAA is the voice for sport in our Borough and has representatives from some 160 clubs and sports organisations. With our Sports Awards coming up we each have a chance to recognise those who have achieved great things, whether as performers or volunteers: see the Article below from Matt Rayner. Our Club Forum on 'Working with Schools and Volunteers', 24th January, Campus West, has all the most important presenters on the subject in the Borough AND there will be a **£100 club draw** among attendees on the night!

Thanks, to all those who sent in items of for this newsletter. I'm continually amazed how much is going on!

Dave Bartlett: WHSPAA Chairman

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Club Forum: Schools and Volunteers, 24th January, Campus West. And a £100 Club Draw on the Night!

At this popular Club Forum we have all the main organisations for schools and volunteers in the Borough. After brief updates on local news from Chairman, Dave Bartlett and Youth and Sports Partnerships Manager, Matt Rayner, Steve Savva, WH SSP Partnership Development Manager, will speak about what is happening in schools – how clubs and coaches can be involved and how some

schools young leaders are looking for opportunities to help in clubs.

WH CVS Chief Officer, Carmen Dillon, will say how clubs can obtain volunteers for all sorts of club roles – even new ones like website production. Similarly, Sana Meerza, UoH Students Union Volunteers Officer, will explain how many students are looking for opportunities to help in clubs.

After the presentations we will divide into groups to listen to your specific needs and try to help you find the right solutions. Documentation to take away will also be provided. So come and join us at Campus West, meet up with colleagues from other clubs and sports – light refreshments from 6:30 – 7pm.

Presentations start at 7pm. **To book places email Laura at L.6.Johnson@herts.ac.uk.** Any queries, contact Chairman Dave Bartlett (see WHSPAA).

2011 Sports Awards



Only Days, Now, to Get Your Nominations In!

The 2011 Sports Awards aim to recognise the many unsung heroes and volunteers who give up their time to either compete or be involved in Sport in Welwyn Hatfield. Individuals or teams that go that extra mile and are passionate about making a difference through sport in the Community. There are 10 different awards. For more information visit **www.welhat.gov.uk/sportsawards** and nominate online today. Either fill out the online form or download a copy and e-mail it to m.rayner@welhat.gov.uk

All nominees will receive notification in January 2011 that they have been nominated for an award, along with an invitation for themselves plus one guest to attend the awards evening on 17 February 2011.

I look forward to seeing the nomination forms come in, by 21st January, but if in the meantime you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact me on 01707 357174 or email

The Sports Awards will take place on the evening of 17 February 2011 in the Theatre at Campus West.

Best regards, Matt Rayner, Youth and Sports Partnerships Manager

WHSPAA Website - Your One-stop Shop for Local Sports Information

Anyone looking for accurate information on our clubs and organisations can be assured of the best

available information on the WHSPAA website. Approximately 70 of our clubs and many of our other organisations have updated their details on our website since its re-launch in September. With very few exceptions they have found it easy to create their own club's login and then to change the information as often as they like.



Welwyn Wheelers Chairman Peter Waghorn receives £50 cheque from Dave Bartlett at -4⁰ at Gosling Sports Park before clubs members ride off on a 20mile cross country ride.

The new site, which is easier to navigate holds more information, and it looks more dynamic, too, using mainly pictures of local players.

The site holds more club details about where and when they play whether they provide coaching and if affiliated or have achieved club accreditation.

To encourage clubs to update and/or register we had a £50 draw each month of September to December. Winners for November were Welwyn Wheelers.

AND we've launched on Facebook, too.

Early days yet with growing content and just 90+ visits each week.

Check it out, from website link at the bottom of the WHSPAA home page add your interests and comments.



Clubs' News

Welwyn Wheelers

Two World Champions plus a string of National and International medals and honours were notched up by a number of Welwyn Wheelers riders during the last few months to give the club its best ever year.

Laura Trott set the wheels turning winning the World Junior Omnium Championship in Italy and taking second places in both the Individual Pursuit and Points race. She went on to win medals at the UK National Junior Championships, rode in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi and finished off the season by adding the European Senior Womens Team Pursuit Gold medal with GB teammates Wendy Houvenagel and Katie Colclough.

Claire Newland became the Wheelers second World Champion in winning the World Masters Pursuit Championship in Portugal in October to add to her UK Masters Pusuit title.

Another Junior track rider, Victoria Williamson, picked up three second places in the Junior European Track Championships in the Sprint, Team Sprint and Kieren and is in the GB Olympic Development squad for 2011



Emma Trott has been invited to join a major Women's Dutch road racing team

On the road Emma Trott won the under 23 Time Trial Championship and after a strong showing in European road racing events has been invited to join a major Women's Dutch road racing team on the continent led by Marianne Vos for 2011.

The club also has a strong group of talented youth riders who have also gained notable successes in the last year – Bethany Hayward (National under 14 road circuit champion), Kim English (National girls' cyclo-

Calendar of Events	
21 Jan '11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Sports Awards nominations • Clubs Forum on Schools and Volunteers
24 Jan '11	
17 Feb '11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WH Sports Awards Presentation Ceremony
19 Feb '11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herts Coach Education Week start • Herts Coaches Conference
26 Feb '11	
16 May '11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHSPAA Clubs Forum (date TBC)
18 Jun' 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herts Youth Games at HSV
Jun' 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National School Sports Week (28th to 2nd)

cross champion). Club riders won all of the youth categories in the weekly Welwyn Track League run at Gosling Sports Park through the summer
All in all a fantastic season!
Peter Waghorn

Crusaders Skater hockey club

We train at Hatfield Leisure centre, Hatfield every Thursday and Saturday. We have teams from Pee Wees U12's to Vets team (for the older less robust players!)

We compete against other clubs both at National and European Level in Bisha, which is British Inline Skater hockey Association travelling around England and Europe, and have gained quite a few trophies in the process – most recently being at the Roller hockey Nationals held at the Lord Roberts Centre in Bisley.

We are the most successful Roller Hockey club in the South East and some of our lads and lassies also play for Great Britain.

Our Club also competes in the British Inline Puck Association also at National level.

The club itself is run and coached by volunteers and has been going for quite some time.

Most of the kit needed i.e body armour / leg pads/ skates / helmet is donated by parents/children who have either grown out of their gear or have unfortunately left the club to pursue other interests, like bowls.

Although a certain amount of skating ability is required, we welcome anyone who is interested and wants to have a go – and if they join the club, there's free tea for the parents, maybe some cake too!

This is our website: www.crusadersshc.co.uk/

We have a lot of keen players and even keener parents! But always welcome more.

Karen Picton

Hatfield Hyde Cricket Club

We are constantly seeking new members and if anyone is looking to join a new cricket club we are starting winter nets at the University of Hertfordshire on Tuesday 4th January from 8.00pm to 9.00pm for juniors and Sunday January 16th from 8.00pm to 9.00pm for seniors. Anyone wishing to come along please call Eddie Mills on 07815 197611.

David Nobbs

Parkside Bowls Club

Parkside Bowls Club is holding its A.G.M. on January 16th, 2011. We have had quite a good year, welcoming seven new members. The club competed in the Welwyn/Hatfield League, fielding two teams, "Greenside" in the first division and "Parkside" in the second division. The Greenside team ended the season in second place. The men played in the East Herts. League and acquitted themselves well while Ladies played in the St. Albans and District League and enjoyed playing ladies teams from other clubs. The Club played lots of Friendly mixed matches, mainly at weekends, hosting some at the K.G.V. Playing Fields facility and visiting other clubs in the

district. Members also entered competitions at Club, District and County level, some with marked success. As you can see, Parkside Bowls Club offers something for everyone at all levels from absolute beginner to the very competitive, skilled bowler. We welcome new bowlers and anyone wishing to give bowling a try should contact me, Elsie Anderson, Hon. Sec., on 01707 896489. Tuition will be arranged when the new season starts in April."
Elsie Anderson

Knebworth Badminton Club

Gobi Ranganathan brings back some trophies from The Israel Open – but it's probably his last update for a while.



The Israel Open was the last one for 2010 and I was keen to finish the year on a high. Given that I've been ill in recent months, my aspiration for the tournament was to try and play well and progress far enough to move into the top 5 in the World Rankings.

The Singles event saw me face Moshe Zahavi (Isr), a former World No 3, in the Semi Final where I lost out in 3 games, 21-16, 9-21, 12-21. My inexperience and lack of composure ultimately led to me failing to reach the final. It's something to analyse further as in hot conditions I seem to struggle with my grip on my racquet and chair. He made me pay the price for some costly mistakes and left me in the Bronze medal position.

The Men's Doubles saw me paired up with Avi Oren, an Israeli who I've faced and beaten twice previously. So it was a nice change to have on my side! A comfortable victory against Moshe Bar-hen (Isr) and Eli Keradi (Isr) assured us a guaranteed Silver medal position in the final against the favourites, Amir Levy (Isr) and Makbal Shefania (Isr). It was always going to be a tall order, and so it proved as Amir and Makbal won through 21-11, 21-14 – a second Gold for Men's World No 1, Amir after he also took the Singles Title.

All in all, my most successful International tournament to date, and even though I expressed disappointment in not getting to the final in the Men's Singles, it's something I can work on for future

tournaments.

However, there's unlikely to be any badminton for me now for a few months as I'm currently waiting to go for surgery which will put me back a bit. It's uncertain how long I'll be out for but hopefully, I'll be fixed up and raring to go once I'm fit and well. It's a bit of a setback for me, but these things happen. The main thing I hope is that discomfort I've been experiencing, even whilst I was playing in Israel, will be a thing of the past.

In the meantime a very big thank you to QPR in the Community Trust, BADMINTON England, and Stevenage Community Trust for helping me get to Israel as well as my family and friends who've made great contributions in supporting me for this tournament. And as always thanks to Steven Chappell at Victor Sport and my coach Kelly Matthews and Herts Sports Village for use of their facilities. I'd also like to thank my good friend, Tishan De Alwis at Easyjet for assisting me with arranging my flight to Tel Aviv.
Gobi, Knebworth Badminton Cub

Organisations' News

Activate Forum



Ellen Baldwin who is a volunteer from Activate Forum will run the next event, **a swim and gym festival** at the Swim Centre on **28th January, 10:45a.m. – 4p.m.**

As well as multigym and swimming, activities include inflatable fun, diving, zumba, water polo and health spa. A light buffet is included.

Only £2 each and parents and carers go free. To book phone Ellen, 07853 956704 or email activateforum@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by email: activateforum@hotmail.com."

University of Hertfordshire and Hertfordshire Sports Village

Sports Village Bobsleigh Athlete Selected for Team GB



Sports Village athlete Nikki McSweeney has been selected to represent Great Britain in the bobsleigh at this season's Europa Cup. 21 year old Nikki attended trials in Latvia earlier this year and has been successfully selected as the driver in the team for the Europa Cup taking place in Igls Italy this November. Nikki has recently

joined the Herts Talented Athlete Programme at the

Sports Village and receives strength and conditioning coaching through Performance Hertfordshire and physiotherapy by our in-house specialists, Body balance.

Sports Village Athlete Sails towards Olympic Dream

Sports Village athlete Rhiannon Massey has been defying her young age of just 14 years old with superb showings in adult competitions across the country in her Laser Radical Women's Olympic class dinghy. Rhiannon has recently represented Great Britain at the World and European Laser Radical Youth Championships in Scotland and has been so successful that she is now ranked as the top under-16 female senior in the country and is tipped as being a future Olympian. Rhiannon has now been selected for the Royal Yachting Association's Transition Training Squad which helps prepare athletes for joining the National Squad. As part of the training squad she will receive assistance from national coaching staff, sports science support and attend National Training Camps. Rhiannon is on the Herts Talented Athlete Programme and receives strength and conditioning coaching with Performance Hertfordshire, based at the Sports Village on the de Havilland campus.



Table Tennis Stars of the future gather at Hertfordshire Sports Village

The English Table Tennis Association held their Cadet and Junior National Championships at Hertfordshire Sports Village on the weekend of the 20 and 21 November. The English Cadet & Junior National Championships continues to be regarded as the most covered U18 event in the English domestic table tennis calendar. Held each year, the championships play host to over 200 of the most talented young table tennis players in the country. This was the first year that the championship was held at the Sports Village and the organisers were really impressed with the facilities. Matt Porter, National Events Officer for the English Table Tennis Association said 'The event was a great success with many people commenting on how good the venue was. Set up was very good and the staff were a great help and nothing was too much trouble which is very refreshing'.

Hertfordshire Sports Village on the ball and holds U19s Boccia Championship/County Athlete Assessments

On Thursday 9 December, Hertfordshire Sports Village housed the U19 Boccia athletes in a bid to determine the top two Boccia teams in Hertfordshire. The top two Boccia teams will not only be crowned the best in the county but will go on to represent Hertfordshire at the East Region Championships in 2011. In addition, Boccia England also attended the assessment event to talent spot potential players to move into National Development Squads.

Sports Village Athlete makes the cut at Australian Open

Sports Village athlete Tom Lewis collected the Silver Medal at the Australian Open for finishing the event as the highest placed amateur. The 19-year-old athlete missed a sensational win by losing a play-off to veteran tour professional Pater O'Malley. Tom finished the competition in a superb tied 12 position in a field of more than 150 players. Tom's dazzling display left him only 12 strokes behind the home winner, Geoff Ogilvy. Tom is on the Hertfordshire Talented Athlete Programme (HTAP) and receives his strength and conditioning

from Head of Performance; Tony Sephton through Performance Hertfordshire (based at the Sports Village on the de Havilland Campus).



Junior Sports Camps

Following another successful weeks worth of top quality sports camps at HSV over October half term, plans are well underway for the first half term of 2011.

February will see a continuation of all-time favourites such as our Learn to Swim course, Climbing, Football – in association with Norwich City Football Club and Trampolining - lead by Levitation Trampoline Club. February will also see the inclusion of a Multi Sports day similar to that which was run in the summer holiday period.

Bookings will open in the new year (date to be confirmed) and all details can be found on the Sports Village website www.hertssportsvillage.co.uk alternatively, contact Steph Fanthorpe T: 01707 281191 or E: s.fanthorpe@herts.ac.uk

Livewire

Hertfordshire Sports Village will be running archery, climbing and street dance Livewire projects in January 2011.

There will be two climbing courses taking place on Wednesdays for ages 10-12 (4.30-5.30pm) and 10-17 (5.45-6.45pm), two archery courses taking place on Thursday afternoons for ages 7-11 (4.15-5pm) and 11-14 (5-5.45pm) and a street dance

course taking place on Tuesday afternoons for ages 7-11 (4-5pm). All courses run for 8 weeks and cost £15. Football in the Community will also be taking place where our qualified coaches coach children within schools.

If you would like more information or would like to book your son/ daughter onto the climbing, archery or street dance course then please contact reception on 01707 284466.

University of Hertfordshire Athletic Union Sports Teams

All Athletic Union sports teams have started the first half of the sporting season very positively. Women's badminton 1st, women's football 1st and the American Football team all remain unbeaten in their retrospective leagues and are consequently top of their table. Other teams that are also top of their leagues are Men's tennis 1st and netball 1st. In addition the following teams are all through to the second round of their Cup competitions: men's badminton 2nd, women's basketball 1st, women's football 1st, men's hockey 1st, men's rugby 2nd, men's squash 1st and men's tennis 1st.



American Football in action against UE, 28.11.2010



2010/2011 Netball 1st

Gosling Sports Park

Disability Tennis arrives at Gosling
Gosling Tennis IHPC's new Disability tennis programme launches in the new year from January 4th. Thanks to substantial funding from BBC Children In Need, all 4 categories of Disability Tennis will be available in course format to be accessed by any child under the age of 16 who may have the particular specific requirements. The categories include: Wheelchair Tennis (Wednesdays 6pm-7pm), Learning Difficulties Tennis (Tuesdays 6pm-7pm or Saturday 1pm-2pm), Deaf Tennis (Sunday 10am-11am) and Visually Impaired Tennis (this course starts Monday 28th Feb, Mondays 6pm-7pm). All information is available and leaflets have already been distributed to many specialist schools in Hertfordshire, as well as through e-mail networks with School Sports Partnerships, PCT's, Herts

Sports Partnership and Parent Support Groups amongst others.

The experienced coaches at Gosling are accomplished at creating sessions which put the person first, players second and accustomed to tailoring all their sessions to meet each individual requirement. Thus any and every child who fits a specific category will be welcomed into this programme. The sessions are extremely low cost, equating to as little as £1.50 per session for Gosling members and £2.50 per session for non-members, but you must sign up and pay for a half-term at a time.

This is a unique programme as nowhere in the country offers all 4 categories of Disability Tennis at the same venue on a weekly basis for this low cost so don't miss your chance to be involved today. For more information please contact James Edgerley on 01707 384339 or via email; jedgerley@goslingsports.co.uk or to book please contact 01707 331056.

Healthy Lifestyle Project

Gosling Sports Park will be running a 'Healthy Lifestyle' Schools Project in partnership with the PCT, WHBC, WHSSP and Extended Schools. The project is funded by Welwyn Hatfield Council through the a successful 'health inequalities' funding application to the PCT for a healthy lifestyle project in Welwyn and Hatfield. It involves a 10 week programme for 4 schools in 2 target areas of Welwyn and Hatfield – Hatfield Central and Peartree. A selected group of students from each school will undertake 9 weeks of sports coaching in a selection of sports including; Tennis, Athletics, Martial Arts, Little Ruggers (Touch Rugby), Gymnastics and others, culminating in a healthy eating workshop in the final week delivered by a Gosling Tennis IHPC Strength and Conditioning Coach. All this will be delivered in the schools and the project will start next term. James Edgerley, Community Partnerships and Development Co-ordinator, Gosling Sports Park

Finesse Leisure

Chair based exercise classes:

Finesse Leisure have been successful in gaining funding for OTAGO – chair based exercise programme. These sessions will run every Monday at Hatfield swim Centre at a cost of £2.00 per session. These classes are suitable for a range of people and will benefit people who have suffered a stroke or who have difficulty in co-ordination.

Herts Sports Partnership HERTS COACH EDUCATION WEEK & COACH CONFERENCE

This event will be held at the University of Hertfordshire and satellite centres from 19th - 26th



February 2011. The programme is bigger and better than ever, and through the support of our sponsors we have been able to keep the cost to participants to an absolute minimum.

You will note that the 2011 programme has something for everyone involved in coaching, with a particular emphasis on opportunities for young leaders and coaches working with, or seeking to work with people with a disability.

The week culminates in the Herts Coaching Conference on Saturday 26 February, a chance to learn from some of the country's leading coaches, including our keynote speaker and former NBA basketball star, John Amaechi.

For full details go to:
www.sportinherts.org.uk/coach-education-week-2011/

CHILD UK Ltd Moonlight Football

We are re-starting our successful moonlight football project from 14th January to 18th March at Gosling, in partnership with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and Gosling Sports Park. This has averaged 35-40 young people from ages 13 to 18, every Friday with a peak of 60 during the project before the poor weather conditions had set in. Street dance was also introduced on Friday evenings.

The aim of the league was to provide a fun, adrenalin-pumping activity for boys and girls aged 13-18 on Friday nights. Aside from the health benefits, it gave young people an opportunity to participate in something they enjoy alongside friends and team mates, while staying safe. The project is funded from Herts Sports Partnerships (HSP) Livewire funding, and match funding from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and Youth Connexions.

Youth Clubs

We will be organising and helping to run the Ludwick Youth Club for 8-11 year olds on Tuesdays, and Monks Walk Youth Club for 11-19 year olds. A regular programme of multi-sports skills including Street Dancing and Cheerleading will be running, this is part of the RURBAN Project in partnership with Pro-Action and Youth Connexions. Our initial project was switched from Hazel Grove to Monks Walk Youth Club to attract higher numbers, the project has been part funded by Health Inequalities Fund.

Play Rangers

We have continued to run our outdoor play project "Play Rangers" during the October Half Term. Play Rangers is open to children from age 8 to 11 (including their siblings from 6 to

12). We use 5 open spaces such as parks in Welwyn Hatfield (one location per day), and offer a variety of outdoor sports activities such as, rounders, cricket, football, skittles, giant outdoors snakes & ladders set. Also, arts and crafts such as, drawing & sketching, jewellery making. The project is completely free for all the children. By popular demand we had maintained the additional rural sites at Newgate Street and Welham Green/North Mymms, which were a huge success with again good numbers and great feedback from children, parents and local councillors such as Irene Dean and Keith Pieri.

We achieved an average attendance of 23 in October despite the poor weather conditions. The positive feedback received has also shown the impact it has made for the children and their parents/guardians. The project will run at all 7 sites during the February Half Term. This is yet another successful partnership venture with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council who has kindly funded the project.

Activities at Peartree Community Day

Saturday 13th November WHSPAA promoted sport and physical activity at Peartree Community Day. We had a large area in the main hall for activities provided by Phil Gray, badminton and multisports coach from Knebworth Badminton Club. With his assistant, as well as badminton for juniors and adults, he provided Boccia and new-age curling. Several people with disabilities had a go with the new Boccia chute that was funded mainly by the WHSPAA Club Development grant.



Phil Gray, kneeling, lines up the new chute for wheelchair participant.

We took the WHSPAA display stand along and together with handing out our Sports Brochures and Newsletters promoted sport and physical activity to the many Peartree locals that attended.

Chairman's Update

Our WHSPAA Executive are sorry to learn that our Council's new Sports Champion Darren Bennett is currently in hospital also Darren Morgan, Oaklands College, is also unwell. We wish them a speedy recovery

Does Your Club Need Funding Help?

At our last WHSPAA Executive meeting, 25th October, we were very happy to be able to provide club development awards for the following:

- Gosling Gymnastics Club, £300 for expansion
- Herts Phoenix Athletics Club, £300 for running, jumping and throwing equipment.
- Welwyn Garden City Cricket Club, £300 to develop girls specific cricket programme
- Knebworth Sports Club, £300 to develop multisport disability sessions and a new boccia telescopic stand-alone ramp
- Welwyn Garden City Ladies Youth Football Club funding request for £300 for 2 Mini soccer goals for Under 7's – U11's.
- King George Football Club, £300 for a New Goal Keeper Academy including aids and specialised coach.

There is still some money left in our Club Development Fund, so if your club could use up to £300 for club development complete the application form on our website. If you get a provisional OK then just come along to our next Executive meeting and tell us about your club and its plans. Dates of Executive meetings are on our website.

Our Schools Sports Partnership

The Government, following the Spending Review, scrapped Schools Sports Partnerships (SSP). Our WH SSP, like all others, comprises all our state schools, primary and secondary, and delivers 10 strands:

1. Coaching
2. Competition
3. Club links
4. Continuing professional development
5. Disability
6. Extended schools (Sport Unlimited programme)
7. Gifted and talented
8. Leadership and volunteering
9. Swimming
10. Infrastructure

These are delivered by Primary Link Teachers, School Sports Co-ordinators, Competition Managers and Partnership Development Managers (PDM) and PE teachers. So the scrapping SSPs would have serious implications not only for students but the wider community, our clubs, coaches and facilities. Each of us in the community would have to go back to the days when we had to find a PE teacher

not too busy to listen to our plans. And schools' PE teachers had to bandy together to set up cross-school programmes then find a facility to accommodate them.

So, in response we set up a Save Our School Sports Partnerships campaign supported by the Welwyn Hatfield Times and many local (and national) sports stars. The Campaign Committee comprises

Sue Lewis, Headteacher, SFO and SSP Hub school; Steve Savva, WH SSP PDM; Matt Rayner, WH Y&SPM, Darren Bennett, WHBC Sports Champion, Shelley Harris, Sports Leader Rep., Monkswalk School; Dave Bartlett, Chairman WHSPAA.

Following similar campaigns, nationally, just before Christmas, Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education announced reprieve for SSPs until July 2011, after which a new programme focused around competition will be instituted.

After our SOSSP committee had a number of email conversations in December with our MP, Grant Shapps, he wrote: 'Your very effective lobbying and my chat with the PM will have played a small part in the signalled change in direction.'

The Campaign Group is due to meet Grant Friday 14th January to press for retention of SSPs or similar structures in academic year 2011 onwards.

Government's Legacy Plans for 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

20th December, the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport (Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt) provided the following statement:

'In the Coalition Agreement we committed ourselves to producing a safe and secure Games that leave a lasting legacy. Our task is not only to ensure that the Games are a success as iconic sporting occasions but also that we make the most of the Games for the nation. We as Government will focus on four areas in doing this:

- Harnessing the United Kingdom's passion for sport to increase school-based and grass roots participation in competitive sport – and to encourage the whole population to be more physically active
- Exploiting to the full the opportunities for economic growth offered by hosting the Games, particularly with reference to inward investment and tourism;
- Promoting community engagement and participation in voluntary work across all groups in society through the Games; and
- Ensuring that the Olympic Park can be developed after the Games as one of the principal drivers of regeneration in East London, with particular focus on the Digital and Creative Industries.

The Games' legacy is being driven across the UK and beyond by a rich variety of organisations, communities and individuals.'

To see what's happening locally and across Herts visit 'Hertfordshire is Ready for Winners' website: www.hertsisreadyforwinners.co.uk.

WHSPAA

WHSPAA is an inclusive democratic organisation, comprising all sports interests in the Borough that meets quarterly. The current members include: some 160 clubs, Welwyn Hatfield School Sport Partnership, Activate Forum, Finesse Leisure Partnership, Gosling Sports Park, University of Hertfordshire, Herts Primary Care Trust, Welwyn Hatfield Community Safety Partnership, Herts Sport Partnership, Oaklands College, Welwyn Hatfield Youth Council, Welwyn Hatfield Council, Hatfield Town Council.



WHSPAA AGM May 2010

People in the photo include: Chairman: Dave Bartlett, dave@bartlett1.plus.com, **Contacts Secretary:** Claire Smith, claire.smith@goslingsports.co.uk

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WHSPAA website:

New Year Intentions? Interested in becoming more Active?

Visit www.lovetomove.org.uk for ideas on how you can be more active more often, with listings of exercise opportunities across Hertfordshire. From swimming and dancing to cycling and walking through the Hertfordshire countryside, there is something for all levels of fitness and all tastes!

Welwyn Hatfield SSP



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Welwyn Hatfield SSP Year 5/6 Quicksticks Final



On the 11th November the Welwyn Hatfield School Sports Partnership (SSP) ran its first ever Quicksticks Competition. The Year 5/ 6 event took place at Hatfield Leisure Centre and 12 schools entered including Watchlytes, Welwyn St Marys, Harwood Hill, Creswick, Applecroft, Panshanger and St Johns Digswell, Little Heath, St Michaels Woolmer Green, Springmead, St Philip Howard and Oak View School. Many of these schools had received weeks of Quicksticks coaching to prepare them for the competition and this certainly showed on the day.

Teams were split into two round robin groups with the top two teams from each group making it through to the Semi Finals. Harwood Hill, Little Heath, St Michaels and Welwyn St Marys made it into the last four. In the final Little Heath and Harwood Hill battled it out and it was Little Heath who came through 1v0 to be crowned Welwyn Hatfield SSP Quicksticks Champions.

Well done to all those involved on the day and congratulations again to the winners Little Heath.



Welwyn Hatfield SSP



Year 6/7 Multi Skills Welwyn Hatfield Academy Competition

On Tuesday the 14th December Hertfordshire University hosted the Yr 6/7 Multi Skills Academy Competition.

Gifted and Talented sports pupils from both Welwyn and Hatfield schools had received six weeks of after-school club sessions in the lead up to the competition. These sessions delivered by Mark Simmons (Welwyn Hatfield Competition Manager/ SSCo) and Jo Nicol (Sir Frederic Osborn KS2/3 Transition Teacher) covered skills such as hand eye coordination, speed, power, balance, stamina and agility.

On the day of the competition pupils visited 7 different skills stations and their best score was recorded for each event. At the end all scores were totalled up and there was a boy and girl winner for each event and an overall boy and girl winner for the whole competition.

Sophie Julian from Templewood School was the overall girls winner while Aaron Forman from Sir Frederic Osborn School was the overall boys winner.

Year 10 students from Sir Frederic Osborn School helped score on all stations during the afternoon.

Well done to everyone who was chosen by their school to attend the Academy and a big thank you to the schools who supported this gifted and talented programme.



Calling all Coaches, Officials, Helpers and those interested in becoming Coaches and Helpers!



Coach Education Week 19th – 25th February at Herts Sports Village

The scUK programme of workshops for this event, to be held between 19th - 25th February 2011, has now been finalised.

- Safeguarding & Protecting Children - 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th February
- Equity in your Coaching - 22nd 23rd February 2011
- How to Coach Disabled People in Sport - 21st, 24th February 2011
- Coaching Disabled Performers - 23rd February 2011
- Coaching Children & Young People - 24th February 2011
- A Guide to Mentoring Sports Coaches - 24th February 2011
- Planning and Periodisation - 22nd February 2011


All the above workshops are available to be booked online by following the 'book online' link on each workshop page from the Herts Sports Partnership website:
www.sportinherts.org.uk/workshops-courses.

Herts Coaches Conference 26th February at HSV

Join us at the Herts Coaching Conference, the highlight of Coach Education Week, for a day of lectures and interactive workshops. The theme of the 2011 Conference will be Coach Management and Mentoring and will be of appeal to coaches of all levels - from community to elite. See more details on the HSP website: www.sportinherts.org.uk/hertscoachconf/

Book by the end of January and you'll pay just £20 instead of the usual £50 booking fee! The day also includes a full buffet lunch.

Alternatively, you can download a booking form by using the links. For further details, please contact Lynsay Evans l.a.1.evans@herts.ac.uk



WHSPAA Executive

Are you interested in sport and physical activity and how it is managed in Welwyn Hatfield?

Have you a background in clubs', schools', or other organisations' sport?

Would you be prepared to attend the WHSPAA Executive Board meetings 4 times a year?

If so, we would like to hear from you.
In the first instance please contact WHSPAA chairman, Dave Bartlett, tel: 01438 715374, email:dave@bartlett1.plus.com.

WHSPAA Club Forum on School Sport and Volunteers 6:30pm, for 7pm, 24th January at Campus West, WGC



6:30pm for refreshments and networking

1 Welcome and Overview of the evening - Chairman

- .1 Update on Sport and Physical Activity in the Borough - Youth and Sport Partnership Manager (Y&SPM)

2 Presentations - 5 minutes each:

- .1 Website, Facebook, Brochure 2011 - Chairman
- .2 WH Facilities Strategy Update - Y&SPM
- .3 Volunteers:
 - Working with schools – WHSSP Partnership Development Manager
- .4 Volunteers:
 - WH Council for Voluntary Service Chief Officer, WH Council for Voluntary Service (WH CVS)
- .5 Volunteers:
 - University of Hertfordshire Students Union Volunteers Officer
- .6 Club Development Opportunities: CVS Development Officer

Interval 10 mins: Refreshments **and networking**

3 Workshops: 15 minutes rotation:

- .1 Club Development, Website, Brochure, anything else - Y&SPM, CVS Development, WHSPAA Chairman
- .2 Volunteers – working with WH Schools - WH PDM
- .3 Volunteers – WH CVS, UoH

If you would like to register please e-mail Laura Johnson L.6.Johnson@herts.ac.uk
Any queries, contact Chairman Dave Bartlett (see WHSPAA).