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FOOTBALL: Chigwell pupil gets England call-up

2nd December 2010

CHIGWELL School upper fifth former Darren McQueen has been selected as a member of the England Under-16 squad which will be travelling to play Northern Ireland in the Victory Shield next week.

CRICKET: Beth makes England cricket debut

20th November 2010

CHIGWELL School pupil Beth MacGregor has made her England cricket debut, playing in the first Twenty20 international on the tour to Sri Lanka. Beth, 17, who is studying for her A-levels at Chigwell, took 0-13 in three overs and did not bat as England beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the match in Colombo. After restricting Sri Lanka to 95-8 in their 20 overs, England reached their target with 26 balls to spare.

BOWLS: Gala day victory for Upshire

10th November 2010

A TEAM from Upshire Bowls Club took the honours in Epping Forest District Council's New Horizons 50+ annual bowls day. More than 60 short mat bowlers and their supporters took part in the 21st gala day. The event, held at Epping Sports Centre, attracted 16 teams from short mat bowls clubs as far as Sheering to Woodford with teams playing a full day of bowls, watched by district council chairman Anne Grigg. Upshire Bowls Club beat the Queens Hall (North Weald) team in the final. Mrs Grigg thanked the council's sports development team for organising the event and for the assistance of the many helpers involved in providing teas, raffles, scoring and umpiring.

ATHLETICS: Marathon runners sets new personal best

10th November 2010

HASLERS accountants' business services group partner is back at his desk having completed his 13th marathon in his best ever time. On a sunny day in Amsterdam, Lawrence Shafier set out to finish inside three hours - and completed the 26.2-mile course, which started at the Olympic Stadium and followed the Amstel River, in 2hrs 59mins 34secs. Some 8,000 runners took part in the race. Lawrence said: "I have done it and realised my ambition."

CRICKET: Beth, 17, set for England debut

8th November 2010

CHIGWELL School A-level student Beth MacGregor is poised to play cricket for England after being called up for the women's side for the November tour of Sri Lanka. At the age of 17, Beth has spoken of her shock at the phone call from head coach Mark Lane. Beth told the Essex cricket website www.essexcricket.org.uk: "I was out shopping at the time. It took a while for it to sink in, I was like I'm actually going to Sri Lanka with England, and it's a bit weird. "I knew I may be in contention, but I didn't necessarily think I'd get picked because there are a lot of good players around at the moment." The opportunity arose through a number of players missing out on the tour because of injury or other commitments, such as Katherine Brunt, Holly Colvin and Sarah Taylor. MacGregor was called up to the tour of New Zealand in the summer but was not handed her international debut. She is now hoping this will be her time and a chance to show her potential on the big stage - hopefully be in one of the two one-day internationals or three Twenty20 games in Sri Lanka. She said: "You have to be ready, otherwise there's not much point in going out there. "I'm in the squad so I'm in contention and if I'm not ready there's not much point in me going, so I'd say I'm ready." Although selected primarily as a bowler, MacGregor's position at number five in the Essex batting order suggests she is more than capable with the bat. "One of the knocks I'm more proud of is the 108 not out I got this year for Essex against Worcestershire. "I went in and we were 20-3 and quickly we were 30-5 and I managed to get us up to 226." Beth has to split her cricket commitments with her education which can be difficult but she said she is receiving the necessary support. "They're very supportive and I've got lots of teachers helping me out. I'm missing November exams and things like that but the teachers have been very good and sorted me out so I can do a lot of the work before I go. "At the moment I'm still only 17 and there are a lot of ifs and buts. First and foremost I want to get my education and I would be interested in going to university. "At the moment I've got to make sure I get the right education and that I've got something to fall back on just in case." This aside, Beth is fully focused on her personal cricketing goals and targets, starting with

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the tour of Sri Lanka that should hopefully see her make an international bow for her country.
 "Getting my first cap would be very good" she said.
 "And within that I'd like to have made an impact and not just be another player, to have actually shown I'm good enough to be part of the team."

FOOTBALL: Success for Chigwell School

1st October 2010

CHIGWELL School's 1st XI beat Norwich in the first round of the ISFA Cup. Chigwell opened the scoring through Joe Chappell but then went on to concede from the spot and in open play to see them fall 2-1 behind at half-time. A spirited response saw Chigwell equalise again through Flynn Prevost and then substitute Neal Morse scored the winner from an extremely tight angle.

FOOTBALL: Under-15s net cup success

1st October 2010

CHIGWELL School's under-15s are through to the second round of the ISFA Cup after beating Kimbolton 2-1. It proved to be an even game in which Kimbolton went ahead probably against the run of play through Nat Knell but Chigwell replied with an excellent finish from Rory Taylor after some good interplay had released him. Both teams created good chances to win the game in the second half but it was Rory Taylor who netted the winner from a corner. Both teams must be congratulated on their spirit throughout the game and it was certainly a very evenly match, competitive game of football. In the under-16s cup, Chigwell will take on Kimbolton on Tuesday, October 19.

FOOTBALL: School hosts festival

1st October 2010

NINETY boys from Forest, John Lyon and Chigwell schools took part in the first annual under-12s nine v nine football festival at Chigwell School. The event was split into two nine v nine and one seven v seven matches for the A, B and C teams. Each side played each other school twice during the afternoon, which saw some fantastic football played. There were many positive comments from parents, coaches and pupils, who thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed afternoon and it was also noted that the standard of football was very high. Many pupils commented that they had more space to play and therefore were much more confident with the ball. The format could be replicated with two, three or even more teams and it also gave the opportunity for those boys that may not necessarily play much football to do so in an ideal environment.

BOWLS: Club hosts finals weekend

20th September 2010

THE finals of all internal club competitions at Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club are played over one weekend. Some members were in more than one final and the club would like to thank Valerie and George Finbow for preparing the weekend's timetable. Thanks also go to all those who marked some of the games and to those who acted as umpire. Other club members and friends and family watched the finals making the whole weekend a most enjoyable time. The results were:
Ladies Singles: Winner, Jackie Brown (runner-up, Joan Barnes).
Men's Singles: Winner, Ralph Cooper (runner-up, Eric Monk).
Fixed Jack Competition: Ladies' winner, Hazel Issitt (runner-up, Joan Barnes); Men's winner, Ralph Cooper (runner-up, Mike Nash).
Novices: Ladies' winner, Sue Czuba (runner-up, Irene Morris); Men's winner, Ken Haynes (runner-up, Roy Stockton).
Mixed Triples: Winners, Rita Stacey, Cliff Morris and Geoff Hyatt (runners-up, Valerie Finbow, Rita Barnard and Francis Czuba).
Men's Triples: Winners, George Finbow, Ken Haynes and Danny Bentley (runners-up, Mike Nash, Alan Dodd and James Wells).
Ladies' Triples: Winners, Valerie Finbow, Estelle Bell and Sheila Hawes (runners-up, Joan Barnes, Sheila Nash and Winn Hyatt).
Ladies' 2 woods: Winner, Doreen Oddy (runner-up, Estelle Bell). Men's 2 woods: Winner, Ralph Cooper (runner-up, Francis Czuba).
Mixed Pairs: Winners, George Finbow and Hazel Issitt (runners-up, Irene Morris and Geoff Hyatt).
Ladies' Pairs: Winners, Hazel Issitt and Doreen Oddy (runners-up, Jackie Brown and Joan Barnes).
Men's Pairs: Winners, George Finbow and Francis Czuba (runners-up, Geoff Hyatt and Alec Kinnison).
Ladies' 3 woods: Winner, Doreen Oddy (runner-up, Hazel Issitt). Men's 3 woods: Winner, Ralph Cooper (runner-up, Geoff Hyatt).
Men's Handicap: Winner, Ralph Cooper (runner-up, Francis Czuba).
Ladies' Handicap: To be played between Joan Cooper and Sue Czuba at a later date. Bantham & Ongar have been very successful in their leagues and competitions this year. The ladies and gents won the Harlow and District Senior Citizen's League. In the Top Club Competition, the ladies won the first two rounds while in the Albert Crabb Competition the ladies progressed to the third round. The ladies came second in both the Ernstein Plate Ladies League and the Harlow and District Ladies Triples League. The club held a well-attended fun day on Saturday, September 11. There was a different challenge on every rink - including bowling with a blindfold and with the wrong hand. The day was won by Sheila Hawes with Mike Nash runner-up.

FOOTBALL: School reaches last eight

9th September 2010

CHIGWELL School's 1st XI soccer team has reached the last eight of the ISFA National Six-a-Side Tournament. In the competition held at Repton School, Chigwell drew their first match with Kimbolton and went on to secure excellent victories against St Bede's, Manchester and Lancing

College, but lost to the hosts.

The team secured a draw in their final group game against RGS Newcastle which meant it finished second in the group of six and ensured passage through to the main cup competition.

A strong St Bede's, Hailsham side proved too strong in the quarter-finals however but Chigwell went away pleased with their performances throughout the day.

A school spokesman said: "This was a perfect conclusion to the pre-season training which saw more than 35 boys in attendance whose hard work and attitude particularly pleased the school's football coaches."

BOWLS: League title for Bantham and Ongar

5th September 2010

BANTHAM and Ongar have won the Harlow Senior Citizens League with a game in hand. The North Weald club were visitors to Griffin and won three out of the four rinks, but lost out on shot difference.

Rita Stacey, Valerie Finbow and Geoff Hyatt had an impressive win 24 shots to 15, Maureen Cantle, Dave Stacey and Doreen Oddy won 17-12, Win Hyatt, Hazel Issitt and Ralph Cooper won 16-13 while George Finbow, Jackie Brown and Pat Kitson went down 7-28.

Total shots scores were 68 to the home side and 64 to Bantham and Ongar. However they came away with six points to four therefore winning the league with one game in hand.

The ladies played their last game of the Ernstein Plate when they entertained Clementswood at winning on both rinks. Estelle Bell, Mary Pegrum, Pat Kitson and Doreen Oddy won 29-10 and Rita Stacey, Win Hyatt, Valerie Finbow and Joan Barnes won 26-16 thereby gaining the full six points available.

This has been the first year of entering the Ernstein Plate league and Bantham and Ongar will now have to wait for all the final games to be played before they know where they have come in the league.

Two weeks ago they were heading the league over Rainham with a point in hand.

BOWLS: Competition run ends

22nd August 2010

THE progress of Bantham and Ongar Ladies in the Albert Crabb competition came to an end in the third round when they were beaten by Connaught ladies.

This was despite Bantham and Ongar winning away at Connaught 20-16 where they were in the lead from the start.

This team comprised Jackie Brown, Joan Cooper, Brenda Perrett and Doreen Oddy. However the home team of Rita Stacey, Valerie Finbow, Irene Carter and Joan Barnes went down 26-11 to the experienced Connaught ladies losing the competition overall. In the Ernstein Plate League, Bantham and Ongar just won by two shots, 42-40, when they entertained Elm Park gaining four out of the six points available, winning one and losing one rink.

Rita Stacey, Win Hyatt, Irene Carter and June Ashley won by eight shots, 29-21, while Beth Stables, Shirley Kinnison, Brenda Perrett and Doreen Oddy, meeting county pairs finalists, went down 13-19.

BOWLS: Double success for ladies

16th August 2010

BANTHAM and Ongar ladies are top of the table after victory against Buckhurst Hill in the Ernstein Plate competition.

In the home match, Jackie Brown, Estelle Bell, Hazel Issitt and Pat Kitson won 30-12 while Sheila Hawes, Valerie Finbow, Sheila Nash and Joan Barnes went down 18-21.

Bantham and Ongar currently head the league with 29 points, a point ahead of Rainham. In the Harlow and District Triples League, the ladies were victorious 55-23 at home to Harlow.

Beth Stables, Brenda Perrett and June Ashley won by 34 shots to 11 while Sue Czuba, Irene Carter and Doreen Oddy won by 21 shots to 12 as the ladies secured maximum points.

BOWLS: Emphatic win for ladies

3rd August 2010

THE ladies of Bantham and Ongar had a runaway win at home to Redbridge ladies in the Ernstein Plate league when they gained the six maximum points available by winning on both rinks.

Brenda Perrett, Shirley Kinnison, Irene Carter and Doreen Oddy won comfortably by 33 shots to 13 while the quartet of Hazel Issitt, Beth Stables, Joan Cooper and June Ashley won by 27 shots to 14.

The ladies of the North Weald-based club are currently top of the league.

In the Albert Crabb competition, Bantham and Ongar ladies reached the next round with victory over Hainault by 14 shots overall. Rita Stacey, Valerie Finbow, Irene Carter and Joan Barnes were dominant winning 25 shots to nine while Jackie Brown, Hazel Issitt, Brenda Perrett and Doreen Oddy just went down by two shots 20-22.

They now meet Connaught in the third round..

SHOWJUMPING: Success for Thomas

1st August 2010

A CHIGWELL showjumper has earned a place at the Horse of the Year Show.

Thomas Plaster, 15, won a competition held at the Hand Equestrian Centre in mid-July.

Thomas was victorious with his father Ian's Sunshine VIII who had already qualified at Arena UK.

BOWLS: Mixed fortunes ladies

26th July 2010

BANTHAM and Ongar ladies won their second round tie of the Top Club competition when they hosted Griffin, winning three of the four disciplines and by 114 shots to 51.

Brenda Perrett contested the singles and lost by one shot with her opponent's last wood 20 to 21.

In the Pairs, Hazel Issitt and Pat Kitson won by 33 shots to 10 while in the Triples it was a more tightly contested match with Rita Stacey, Valerie Finbow and Doreen Oddy coming through 19 shots to 12.

The Fours of Jackie Brown, Joan Cooper, Irene Carter and Joan Barnes won by the huge margin of 42 shots to 8.

However the ladies were unlucky in their attempt to progress to the fourth round and then semi-final when they were defeated away at Buckhurst Hill by 16 shots overall. Two games apiece gave equal points but the home side won overall by the shot difference. Brenda Perrett lost the singles 8 -21, the pairs of Hazel Issitt and Pat Kitson went down 12-24 but the triples of Rita Stacey, Valerie Finbow and Doreen Oddy won 17-10 and the fours of Jackie Brown, Estelle Bell, Irene Carter and Joan Barnes won by two shots 17-15. In the Ernstein Plate League, the ladies travelled to Seven Kings and gained the maximum six points available winning on both rinks. Brenda Perrett, Hazel Issitt, Irene Carter and Doreen Oddy had a runaway win by 24 shots to 4 while Rita Stacey, Sheila Hawes, Joan Cooper and June Ashley won 18-13. In the Albert Crabb Cup, in the tightest game possible, Bantham and Ongar ladies come through the first round of the D area winning by two shots overall 38 to 36. The home team of Rita Stacey, Valerie Finbow, Joan Barnes and Pat Kitson won 21-17 while the away team of Jackie Brown, Hazel Issitt, Brenda Perrett and Doreen Oddy just lost by two shots, 17-19, drawing the extra end 19-19 in case of a draw. They now face Hainault or Writtle in the next round to 62.

BOWLS: Success for Bantham and Ongar ladies

12th July 2010

THE ladies at Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club returned victorious when they played at Clements Wood, Ilford, in the Ernstein Plate Ladies League. Rita Stacey, Estelle Bell, Brenda Perrett and Pat Kitson won 32-12 while Jackie Brown, Win Hyatt, Val Finbow and Joan Barnes won 26-14. The ladies were again victorious when they played at Buckhurst Hill, winning by just one shot overall - 36 points to 35. Hazel Issitt, Irene Morris, Irene Carter and Doreen Oddy had the winning rink by 22 shots to 11 while Estelle Bell, Sheila Hawes, Brenda Perrett and June Ashley lost 14-24. Bantham & Ongar ladies won the match overall gaining four points out of the six available. The club's ladies sealed three league wins in a week when they competed at home against Epping in the Harlow Ladies Triples League. Winning on both rinks they therefore gained full points, amassing a total of 60 shots to 21. Jackie Brown, Irene Carter and Pat Kitson had a runaway win of 36 shots to 11 while Sue Czuba, Hazel Issitt and Doreen Oddy won 24-10. In the Brentwood & District League at home against Upminster Ken Haynes, Jim Heppel and Don Hedges won 19-17, Gary Mitchell, Len Harris and Dave Stacey drew 19-19, Francis Czuba, Ralph Cooper and Eric Monk lost 11-12 and Roy Stockton, Bill Cook and Keith Lodge lost 13-21. Overall the North Weald club picked up three points to their opponents' six losing by 69 shots to 62.

CRICKET: Club's colts produces county star

2nd July 2010

EPPING Cricket Club's successful colts system has produced a young county star. The Lower Bury Lane side has produced a number of top quality players for the Shepherd Neame Essex League over the years and now its latest star talent is 15-year-old Laura Ellis. Laura, from North Weald, was selected for the Essex girls under-15 squad this summer after completing a winter training programme at the Ford County Ground, Chelmsford. Following her county trial, Laura was chosen to represent the county in its summer championship campaign. She has already represented the county in games against Cambridge, Surrey and Kent and has taken part in training at Wickford Cricket Club under the guidance of coach Helen Letch. Laura has also played for Essex girls under-17s and has featured in matches for Epping's Saturday 3rd XI and Sunday side. Laura, who has so far starred in the field for Essex with several catches and two run outs, said: "I am having an amazing time and really enjoying playing for Essex." The youngster, who has played at Epping since she was ten, was presented with a Jack Petchey achievement award by the club in recognition of her progress earlier this year. Epping Cricket Club chairman John Brades said: "Laura has done fantastically well and we are very proud of her achievements which are also testament to the hard work put in by our colts manager and coaches." Laura is a product of Epping's colts set-up which involves practice on Friday evenings at Lower Bury Lane from 5.30pm and matches on Sunday mornings and midweek. For more information about joining Epping colts email Kevin Preston at kevinbrendan@hotmail.com or visit www.eppingcc.hitscricket.co.uk

BOWLS: Mixed fortunes for Bantham and Ongar

21st June 2010

THERE were mixed fortunes for Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club in their latest matches. Playing away at King Georges in the Brentwood and District League, the club lost 9-0, losing by 88 shots to 53. Bill Thorpe, Mike Nash and Don Hedges lost 14-20, Don Wood, Francis Czuba and Dave Stacey lost 16-20, James Wells, Ralph Cooper and Jim Heppel lost 10-27 and Roy Stockton, Bill Cook and Gerald Murfitt lost 13-21. This was James Wells' first league game. In the Chelmsford and District League, in a match played at PML, Mike Nash, Ken Haynes, Ralph Cooper and Jim Heppel lost 14-20, Bill Cook, Bill Thorpe, Don Hedges and Keith Lodge lost 16-17 and Gary Mitchell, Danny Bentley, Dave Stacey and Geoff Hyatt lost 10-26. The North Weald club lost the match ten points to nil, losing by 63 shots to 40. However, in a thrilling end to the Harlow and District Ladies Triples League at Harlow, Bantham and Ongar won the match by just two shots overall 35-33. Sue Czuba, Irene Carter and Pat Kitson lost 13-21 but Jackie Brown, Hazel Issitt and Doreen Oddy won 22-12 to help the Weald Bridge Road club to victory by three points to two. In the County Top Club Competition, Bantham and Ongar ladies won the first round at home against Lionmede. Singles - Doreen Oddy 21-8; Pairs - Hazel Issitt and Pat Kitson 26-18, Triples - Rita Stacey, Valerie Finbow and Joan Cooper 14-14 and Fours - Jackie Brown, Sheila Nash, Irene Carter and Joan Barnes 21-15. Bantham and Ongar meet Griffin at home in the next round on July 11. Hazel Issitt and Doreen Oddy competed in the second round of the County Pairs away to the Writtle pairing of Pauline Adams and Carol Cann. Despite an early lead and then drawing 10-10 on the 14th end, the hosts scored 11 shots in four ends to emerge winners by 21 shots to 15.

BOWLS: League victory for Bantham

14th June 2010

BANTHAM and Ongar Bowls Club recorded a victory against Central Essex in its latest match in the Brentwood and District League. Bill Cook, Danny Bentley and Don Hedges drew 15-15, Ralph Cooper, Gerald Mufit and Keith Lodge won 32-17 while Don Wood, Jim Heppel and Eric Monk lost 14-26. The game

involving Len Watson, Mike Nash and Fred Balcombe was given to Bantham and Ongar because one of the opposition did not turn up.
The North Weald club got two points and ten shots - 71 shots for and 58 shots against with the club taking six points and Central Essex three.

BOWLS: Latest Bantham and Ongar results

30th May 2010

LADIES at Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club went down to a narrow defeat in the first round of the county fours competition.
In the first round of the D2 Area County Fours Bantham and Ongar ladies Hazel Issitt, Joan Barnes, Brenda Perrett and Doreen Oddy were away to Chelmsford and after a tight battle just lost out to the hosts by 13 shots to 15.

Brentwood and District League results: The second game of the Brentwood and District League was played at home against Billericay on Monday, May 10.
Francis Czuba, Cliff Morris and Jim Heppel - lost 20-21
Gary Mitchell, Dave Stacey and Keith Lodge - lost 11-23
Len Watson, Mike Nash and Don Hedges - lost 14-25
Bill Cook, Ralph Cooper and Eric Monk - won 19-12.

In the third game of the Brentwood and District League, played on Monday, May 17, at home to Warley Hill the results were:
Francis Czuba, Ralph Cooper, Fred Balcombe - won 31-8
Ken Haynes, Dave Stacey, Keith Lodge - won 19-8
Gary Mitchell, Bill Cook, Don Hedges - lost 16-19
Roy Stockton, Jim Heppel, Eric Monk - lost 14-18

The following match was also played at home on May 24 against King George's.
Bill Cook, Len Harris and Fred Balcombe - won 26-10
Mike Nash, Francis Czuba, Jim Heppel - won 27- 8
Gary Mithcell, Ralph Cooper, Don Hedges - won 21-12
Roy Stockton, Gerald Murfitt and Eric Monk - won 19-15.

The Roger Burton Memorial Trophy competition

The men won their first round match against Brentwood Bowls Club on Tuesday, May 18.
Keith Lodge - Singles (Home)
Don Hedges and Ralph Cooper - Pairs (Away)
Bill Cook, Dave Stacey and Geoff Hyatt - Triples (Away)
Mike Nash, Gerald Murfitt, Jim Heppel and George Finbow - Fours (Home).

Chelmsford and District League - played at home on Wednesday, May 19 against RHP 'B'
Bill Cook, Danny Bentley, Ralph Cooper and Jim Heppel - lost 18-28
Francis Czuba, Ken Haynes, Don Hedges and Keith Lodge - won 24-8
Mike Nash, Roy Stockton, Dave Stacey and Geoff Hyatt - won 30-8

Don Wood Trophy (internal club competition)

The Don Wood Trophy commemorates a well-liked and respect club captain Don Wood.
The year's event was played on Sunday, May 23 - the hottest day of the year so far - over 25 ends.
Congratulations to George and Valerie Finbow who, having gained the most points, won the trophy.
Chairman Jim Heppel, when presenting the trophy, thanked all members who took part in the all-day event.

BOWLS: Winning start for ladies

9th May 2010

LADIES at Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club have got off to a winning start in their new league, the Erzsten Plate.
They entertained Rainham and won on both rinks gaining maximum points of six available by 46 shots to 27. Hazel Issitt, Sheila Hawes, Brenda Perrett and Doreen Oddy had a fine win by 30 shots to 13 while Rita Stacey, Win Hyatt, Joan Cooper and Irene Carter fought a close battle winning by two shots 16-14.
Despite the chilly weather the club's open weekend was a great success.
Members opened the club to visitors who wanted to try their hand at lawn bowls this weekend.
As well as lawn bowls, short mat bowls (indoors) was also available for visitors to try. This proved popular probably due to the chilly and damp weather. However quite a few brave souls tried lawn bowls.
A further open day is being planned for Saturday, July 3 (11am to 4pm).
Alternatively anyone interested in finding out more about bowls can go along to the club nights at the club in Weald Bridge Road, North Weald, on Thursdays (from 6.30pm).
All you need is comfortable clothing and a pair of flat shoes.
New members are always welcome.
Visit www.banthamandongar.org.uk for more details, email banthamandongar@gmail.com or ring Jim Heppel on 01277 362631.

BOWLS: Gents start season with win

2nd May 2010

THE Gentlemen of Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club got off to a winning start in their first game in the Brentwood and District League.
The game was played at Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club, in Weald Bridge Road, North Weald, against Hutton Poplars.
Don Wood, Danny Bentley and Jim Heppel drew their match 13-13, Mike Nash, Len Harris and Keith Lodge won 20-9, Gary Mitchell, Dave Stacey and Eric Monk lost 11-14 while Bill Cook, Roy Stockton and Don Hedges won 17-12.
The matches secured Bantham and Ongar a 6-3 victory.

BOWLS: Victory for the ladies

27th April 2010

A LADIES versus Gents match at Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club resulted in victory to the ladies 101 shots to 90.
The ladies captain was Doreen Oddy and gentleman's captain George Finbow.
Last year's annual event was won by the gentlemen for the first time in six years.
This year the club, based in Weald Bridge Road, North Weald (behind the Talbot restaurant), will take part in a number of leagues.
Gentlemen will play in the Brentwood and District League and the Chelmsford District League. Ladies will play in the Harlow and District Ladies Triples League and the Erzsten Plate Ladies League which is a new venture for the club this year.

The club will also take part in the Harlow and District Senior Citizens League which is a mixed league.
 Friendly matches have been arranged throughout the season with various clubs when both home and away games will be played.
 Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club is keen to recruit new members.
 The club is holding an open weekend on May 8 and 9 (11am to 4.30pm each day).
 Everyone is welcome.
 Please wear flat-soled shoes or trainers.
 For more information, ring Jim Heppel on 01277 362631; email banthamandongar@gmail.com or visit www.banthamandongar.org.uk

CRICKET: Essex confirm Olympic stadium talks

13th April 2010

ESSEX County Cricket Club is to take part in negotiations investigating the possibility of playing Twenty20 cricket at the Olympic Stadium, Everything Epping Forest can exclusively reveal.

The club has been keeping tight-lipped about the idea - however chief executive David East told tonight's (Tuesday) annual general meeting of the club that it would be part of a consortium looking at the possibility of using the Stratford venue after the 2012 Games. East told the meeting that one of the visions for the stadium after the Olympics is that it becomes a "multi-sports facility".

East said he had attended a meeting with Newham Council and representatives from West Ham United Football Club, and added that using the venue would be hugely beneficial giving the cricket club a presence in east London. He described the potential use of the stadium as being one of the county's "festival grounds".

It has already been reported that West Ham United are interested in making the stadium their home once the Olympics and Paralympics are over.

BOWLS: Club ready for new season

9th April 2010

PREPARATIONS are well in hand for the start of the 2010 season for Bantham and Ongar Bowls Club.

Dates for the ladies and gents league games are already fixed and with the weekend friendly games meaning a busy and active outdoor bowling season commencing late April and continuing until the end of September.

If you are interested in mastering the art of flat green bowls why not chance your arm at the club which is behind The Talbot, off Weald Bridge Road, North Weald? Any age group is welcome.

The club also caters for those with disabilities including wheelchair users. Bowling is a sport which challenges everyone and can be played by all.

The club is holding an open weekend on May 8 and 9 (11am to 4.30pm) All you need is a pair of flat shoes, trainers are ideal. Refreshments will be available and the bar will be open (from midday).

The club boasts the best facilities in the area with play on an all-weather green.

A spokesman said: "We are a really friendly crowd and would welcome new bowlers.

There is currently free membership for two months and reduced fees for the first year for new members."

For more information contact Jim Heppel on 01277 362631 or by email at banthamandongar@gmail.com

Becoming an Associate member means you can join in with the club's other activities such as short mat bowls, whist, quiz, race and bingo nights.

Forthcoming events include whist nights on Friday, April 23 (7.30pm).

For more details visit www.banthamandongar.org.uk.

HOCKEY: Chigwell School boys in national finals

5th April 2010

CHIGWELL School's under-14 boys' hockey team are through to the English National Schools Championships National Finals.

It is the first time any Chigwell School team, boys or girls, have made it this far in the premier national hockey competition in England.

Having won their group in the east rounds, beating renowned big hockey schools such as Bedford School and The Perse, Cambridge, the team travelled to St Ives, in Cambridgeshire, to compete in the east finals where they had to come in the top two out of the three remaining teams.

Despite a nervous start Chigwell sealed a 4-1 over Greshams School, Norfolk, with goals from Albert Padfield (2), Rory Taylor and Henry Bate. Chigwell then lost 3-0 to Bishop's Stortford College however with Stortford then defeating Greshams, second place was assured.

The team now goes on to represent the East of England in the national finals.

The squad was William Godfrey (c), Lucas Watts, Ramana Ahilan (GKs), Albert Padfield, Chris Halls, Saf Imitiaz, Jack Redmond, Curran Kalha, Rory Taylor, Conor Caplan, Adam Dackombe, Henry Bate, Jack Good, Josh Banfield, Andrew MacGregor and Inderdeep Gill.

FOOTBALL: High Beech pupils' into county final

5th April 2010

PUPILS from High Beech Primary School will be competing in the final of a county-wide football tournament.

They were watched by Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini when they beat off competition from Upshire, Chigwell and Epping primary schools in the first heat of the Bill Nicholson Schools Cup at Old Chigwelians Sports Ground, Chigwell.

The Italian goalkeeper was on hand to reward the winners as the four schools battled it out to advance in the inaugural competition.

The Bill Nicholson Memorial Fund is providing funding to run the tournament in about 100 Essex and Hertfordshire schools.

The Bill Nicholson Schools Cup incorporates four age groups from each participant school ranging from Year 3 up to Year 6 - giving about 2,500 children the opportunity to take part. Tottenham Hotspur Soccer Schools coaches will deliver the tournament in each selected area in school curriculum hours, giving each year group the chance to represent their school.

Each child receives a certificate of achievement, and the winners of each heat receive medals for all players and a trophy for the school.

The county finals involving the winners from each district will be at the Tottenham Hotspur First Team training ground, Chigwell, this summer.



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