

The Kent County Playing Fields Association

Supporting Young People In Sport

July 2018 Newsletter



Mr. Bill Cockcroft DL
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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. So far this year, despite the early awful weather, activity within the charity remains robust with various grants awarded during the first six months of the year. The charity has also prepared and approved our year ending December 2017 Annual Accounts which are available to view on our website or on request from the Secretary. New **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** also came into force **on May 25th**. Members can see our data protection statement in accordance with the GDPR statement on our website, www.kentpfa.org.uk (lower left corner) and how it may be used for contact purposes.

Applicants for the Hawkes Award should be of County Standard

Hawkes Awards In **January** two awards were made. **Lucinda White** (pictured left) an



athlete specializing in the Javelin **received £300** towards equipment costs and coaching support for the Polevault. In 2017 Lucinda broke the record for the girls **U13's British record with a throw of 38.18 metres**. Her performance came the week after winning medals in six different events at the Kent Championships. For 2018 she moves into the higher weight javelin category and hopes to achieve a throw of 37 metres and a polevault of 2.50 metres. Presently Kent Pentathlon Champion for her age category, she aims to become the Women's Decathlete Champion in the next six years. **Harry Newton, aged 14 years**, (pictured below right) was the other award winner also receiving **£300** towards entrance fees and travel expenses in his sport of sailing. A club sailor for the past four years he has been given a

place on **the British Youth Sailing squad for London and the South East**. His goal is the Olympics and his next goal is the Laser Class which will hopefully be the next step on the ladder. Harry also pictured left, number 47099. This year to date he has finished first in a winter series with a local club call Westbere Frost Bite Association. Harry took part in his first Topper Nationals in February where he came a very respectable 65th out of 180 competitors with 50 of the sailors being top international sailors. From the charity's perspective it is encouraging to see such a wide diversity of sports among applicants.



AW/YOUNG ATHLETE

JADE ONI

THERE CAN ONI BE ONE

STEVE ROE SPEAKS TO JADE ONI, A TRIPLE JUMPER ON THE RISE

SOMEWHAT introverted, rather shy and to say the least laid back. Jade Oni may be all these things but at the same time she is a track and field champion.

Jade can argue, too, that actions speak louder than words. Certainly at the England Athletics Championships in August her performance spoke volumes.

Competing for the under-17 triple jump title, she trailed for much of the event. Then, in the fifth round – Jazz Sears having led before that – she produced an outstanding 12.25m effort.

Jade, a Medway & Maidstone member at the time, recalls not being immediately aware it was anything special. "I was standing out of the pit and thought 'Oh, that wasn't very good'," she says.

There Jade was quite wrong as it proved to be the jump that took her to the gold medal – and top of the 2017 UK rankings.

Previously, in 2015, Jade won an English Schools high jump title, and is currently Kent indoor long jump champion. The dilemma in such cases is: what event to concentrate on?

Jade seems to have made up her mind. "I'm going to stick with the triple jump," she claims. "It's just that I find it easier to do."

JADE ONI

■ Born June 29, 2001

■ Club Blackheath & Bromley

■ Coaches Mark Chapman and Gary Gallagher

■ PBs Triple jump 12.25m; Long jump 5.39m; High jump 1.72m

■ Achievements

2017 (U17): Triple jump: 1st England champs.

Long jump: 1st Kent indoor champs; 2nd Kent Champs & Kent Schools

2015 (U15): High jump: 1st English Schools; 1st Southern champs

2014 (U15): HJ: 2nd Kent champs



Jade Oni: former English Schools high jump champion won England Athletics triple jump gold in 2017

Her decision may have something to do with the fact that last year, when nevertheless winning five championship medals, she had, as explained, "mental" problems high jumping. "I got anxious, and scared of the bar," she explains.

Mark Chapman, one of her coaches, insists Jade still has a high jump future. "I feel sure we will sort out the psychological problems," he said.

Beyond question is that Jade will still train with Mark and Gary Gallagher in the Medway area, even though she has recently joined Blackheath & Bromley.

Her targets for 2018, her first year as an under-20, are to represent England and make the GB junior team. It goes without saying another appearance at the English Schools is also on her wish list.

Away from the track, or when not studying at North Kent College, Gravesend Jade spends much time sleeping, eating (in McDonald's) and, according to her mum, "being on her phone 24/7".

She can be serious and sincere though. Such is the case when mentioning Rebecca Hawkins, because of her fellow England and Kent champion (for high jump) she says: "Bex has been like a big sister to me."

Rebecca, who has herself featured on this page, will have been more than pleased for her pal when Jade attended a recent 'England Athletics talent testing day'.

Jade was invited to the event held at Loughborough because she undoubtedly is a great talent. As Chapman says: "I feel sure Jade will become one of the best jumps athletes in the UK."

In March, Jade Oni aged 16 years, (pictured left) received £300 to assist with equipment costs, training and competition entry costs. Since Jade's final competition for the 2017 was the England Athletics AAA Championship where she jumped a fantastic personal best (PB) of 12.25 metres, winning the competition and becoming No 1 in the UK for her age group. Jade has recently been invited by British Athletics to join the AASE programme at Loughborough University for a National testing weekend. Since achieving a personal best of 12.25 metres Jade has recorded another PB of 12.38. She is guaranteed to be competing at the Welsh International Championship on the 25th July and expects to get her England kit at her third attempt due to cancellations in previous meetings.



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Hawkes Awards continued.....



Another athlete awarded a grant in March was Alex Marshall aged 17 years who received £200 to assist with the costs of travel. A sixth year student at St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School in Chatham he is a track and field athlete specializing in **100m and 200m events** currently representing **Medway and Maidstone Athletic Club**. Alex (pictured left) in silver medal position, number 231 on the podium, following his performance at the Indoor Kent Championships in which he came 2nd place in both 200m and 60m earning two silver medals. His performance times in the finals were, for 200m 21.99 seconds and for 60m 6.96 seconds. Both of the times he ran were new Personal Bests and both were club records for Medway and Maidstone AC, with his 200m time being within the previous Championship record.



Megan Walsh, aged 18 (pictured left) received £300 in June to assist with training, equipment and travel expenses. Having joined Blackheath and Bromley Harriers in 2015 she has become a fundamental part of the club's development. A journey that has seen the club retain its position as the country's best Young Athletes Club and therefore gets to represent GB at the European Club Championships. **Recently selected to represent Great Britain Juniors in the international athletics 4x400 on Sunday 20th May at Loughborough** Megan travels from her home in Rainham to Bromley four times a week and continues to be an inspirational member of the team, showing dedication and commitment both in training and in competition. Pictured (below left), Megan's Coach and former Great Britain 400 metre Champion, Roy Dickens.

Attention Cricket Club Members!!!!

The Virgo Cricket Award - Do you have a player that could benefit from up to £300 a year? The Virgo Fund was set up so that awards should be made throughout the year to a number of young cricketers, male and female of lesser means and opportunities so that more young people would be encouraged to actively participate in the sport; Applicants for the award should provide a statement of attainment and be ideally of county level within their respective sport. Awards should be made for the expenses relating to coaching/training travel and accommodation up to a maximum of £300 a year and should be made to persons recommended by the Kent Schools Cricket Association or by the Senior Coach of the club they are members/affiliated to.



The Charity is seeking to appoint voluntary District Representatives in Medway North, Medway South, Shepway North, Swale and Sheppey East & West, Thanet. Please contact the Secretary for further information 01622-691009.



Hawkes Awards continued.....



Daisy – European Junior team selection!

Posted by [crabtreek](#)

Congratulations to **Daisy Anderson** on her selection for the British Swimming team going to the European Junior Championships in Helsinki, Finland in July!



Daisy Anderson, aged 17 years competed at the **British Swimming Championships/Edinburgh Open 1-4 March 2018** (remember when we had all that snow!) and is now **British Junior Champion 400M!** And to top it all Daisy has been selected to **represent Great Britain at the LEN European Championships, Helsinki Finland** at the end of July! She has had quite a busy Gala Schedule. Apart from the Counties, Regional, National and British Championships, Daisy also raced in Belgium at the beginning of the year at the **Flanders Speedo Cup**. This is where she really came into her own and came second with a fabulous time. She was on the podium with an Olympian which was such a fantastic experience for her. Daisy is also the **current Under 19 UK Cold Water Champion too** which she will be defending her title again in January 2019 in London. **Daisy received £300 in June to assist with travel and accommodation costs.**

She will be travelling to Helsinki Finland for the LEN European Juniors for Great Britain however she will be competing at the **British Summer Nationals** at the end of July – we wish her every success.

Tiegan Aitken, aged 16 years has had mixed results over the last few months and has found it really difficult combining tennis training, competing and revising for her GCSE's quite tricky. However she did manage to make the **final of 2 doubles ITF's in Czech and Sweden and also made the quarter finals of the singles ITF events in Sweden and Nottingham.** She has managed to move up to 534 in the world, so still moving in the right direction. She is now at home for 8 weeks to train really hard, get super fit and complete her GCSE's. From the 13th June (her last exam date!) she then hopes to compete in whatever International events she can with the aim of making headway towards achieving a top 200 ranking and hopefully getting the opportunity to try and qualify for Junior Wimbledon next year. **Tiegan, (pictured right) received £300 in June towards travel and accommodation costs.**





Jonte Hillier, aged 13 (pictured left) **also received £300** to assist with travel, kit & equipment. Selected to **play for Kent Hockey over the past year, captaining his first match, Kent were also this year's winners for the South Eastern Counties.** He has gone on to secure a nomination for trials at **the South England Performance Centre** on the 10th June. Fingers crossed, he will be successful. A keen and enthusiastic sportsman he also represents **Sutton Valance School** having been awarded a sports scholarship and now in his second year he plays in the A team for all sports. His biggest passion however is hockey and his goal is to make the U16's England squad in the years to come. **Peter Buravyetski**

aged 16 continues to make progress at the International level. **In March Peter competed at the Dutch Trampoline open** where he secured 3rd place for GB, in Amsterdam. See photo below, third right, In addition, Peter had a very successful week **in Baku, Azerbaijan at the 2018 European Championship**



in April. The junior men's team secured a team silver at the event for GB placing in the top 5 nations. Furthermore, **in the individual event Peter was one of 3 gymnasts to help qualify GB a place to this year's Youth Olympic Games.** He has also been **selected to represent Great Britain at the Nissen Cup that will take place in Arosa, Switzerland between the 4th & 8th July 2018. Trustees awarded £300 to assist with travel and accommodation costs.**



Last but not least, **Lauren Farley, a promising Athlete aged 16 was awarded £300** to assist with coaching fees, travel and accommodation costs. A multi eventer Lauren is **ranked 8th in the UK for Javelin U17's** and has now been **selected to represent Kent at the English Schools Championships at Javelin in July and will contest the English Championships in August.** Her **coach Mark Chapman** commented 'In her first year of the U17'S age group Lauren has continued to improve in all her events. **She finished 4th in the South East Schools Multi Events** but her best performance was in the Javelin where she **finished 5th in the National Championships in 2017.** She has also improved her best in the Long Jump over the Winter months'.

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3RD October 2018. All Grant applicants should ensure applications are submitted at least two weeks before this meeting to enable District Representative reports to be prepared and to allow Trustees ample time in which to consider other applications before this date.

GENERAL GRANTS



Our first **general grant of £1,000 in 2018 was awarded to Hunton Parish Council** to assist with the refurbishment of safety surfacing to existing play equipment and the installation of a new 'nest swing' and safety surface. Recently appointed **Trustee and District representative for Maidstone Mr David Byford** visited the site to hand over our cheque to **Mr Gary Thomas, Chairman of the Parish Council.**



Grants for £750 and £1,000 have also been awarded to **Tonbridge Cricket Club and Canterbury Croquet Club** respectively. The cricket club has refurbished it's cricket square covers and the croquet club has installed a new toilet. A further grant of **£1,000 has been made to Walmer Cricket Club** to assist with the refurbishment of the artificial cricket pitch and a static practice net.

St Nicholas at Wade with Sarre Parish Council were also awarded £1,000 towards the cost of redeveloping their play area at **Bell Meadow to include a Four Tower Junior Multi Play Unit.**



Our new District Representative Mr Toby Alldridge, pictured left presenting £750 cheque to Mr Peter French, Chairman of Tonbridge Cricket Club. The club has refurbished its 'square covers' to help prevent vandalism in the future. Accompanied by KCPFA Secretary Paul Peacock on Wednesday 27th June, it was a pleasure to catch up with Peter and see the fine facilities at the club and meet with John Simmons, a senior official at the club and principal Grounds man. A marvellous venue for club cricket!

Cecil Leitch 5 Club Competition 2018 results.



Once again we were fortunate with the weather and near perfect conditions for golf.

The beautiful parkland setting of **Redlibbets Golf Club in Ash near Sevenoaks** was the setting on the **19th June** where **36 men and 46 women competed in the final**. Almost 1900 players took part in the preliminary rounds! On behalf of the charity a huge thanks to all those clubs and their members.

Our thanks also to all at **Redlibbets Golf Club** in particular **General Manager David Harris** and to all our finalists.

The Men's Trophy winner was Ben Pettet of Redlibbets Golf Club Ltd, pictured left, with a **handicap of 17, scoring 41 points** after count back on the last nine holes. **David Britton of Tudor Park Golf Club was runner up** with a **handicap of 16, also scoring 41 points**. (Pictured with **David Washer**, Redlibbets Captain below left and **Richard Young**, Chairman of KCPFA Golf Committee on the right). **Third place went to Barry Thompson of Lydd Golf Club** with a **handicap of 19, scoring 38 points** after count back on the last nine holes.

The Ladies cup and 1st Prize went to Lynn Dawson of Rochester & Cobham Golf Club, pictured overleaf with Redlibbets Ladies Captain Jan Thompson, with a **handicap of 21, scoring 38 points**. Runner up was **Joanne Kite of Upchurch Golf Club** with a **handicap of 17, scoring 36 points**. Third place, after a count back on the last 9 holes, went to **Ali O'Neill of Sidcup Golf Club** with a **handicap of 17, scoring 35 points**.

The **KCPFA Charity** raised **over £11,500** from the competition.



Redlibbet's club captain David Washer with 2nd place David Britton left and with Barry Thompson 3rd place. On the right above in both pictures, Richard Young KCPFA Golf Committee Chairman.

Below left Ladies' Captain Jan Thompson presenting 5 Club Trophy to Lynn Dawson of Rochester & Cobham Golf Club. KCPFA golf committee member and scorer on the day Ken Daniel, on the right.



Jan Thompson pictured above and presenting runner up Joanne Kite of Upchurch Golf Club in the red shirt and Ali O'Neill 3rd place with their prizes.

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The Edwin Boorman Memorial Award



Just a single applicant this year, an award of £300 has been made to Thanet Wanderers RUFC. Based at St Peter's recreation Ground in Broadstairs they have a successful senior squad and a very busy junior section (over 200 children on most Sundays!) In recent years, Thanet Wanderers coaches have been involved in coaching Rugby at six local senior schools and over twenty junior schools on a formal basis. Their coaches have also taught on an ad hoc basis, upon invitation, mainly where their children are pupils. Their Project has been recognised by the RFU and has helped Thanet wanderers achieve the highly regarded 'Charter Mark' as well as being listed as a 'prominent club in a best practice audit'.



As this award is specifically aimed at new initiatives; The criteria are simple; the beneficiaries must generally be between the ages of 10 to 18 years. This fund is specifically aimed at clubs and other voluntary organisations with new initiatives. Application forms may be downloaded from our website www.kentpfa.org.uk or by contacting the Secretary. Successful applicants will receive awards at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2019. Please note..... This is an annual award and applicants are encouraged to submit applications during the first three months of 2019. Pencil in your diary!

Pictured above Thanet Wanderer's Peter Ruranski, Marketing Director with KCPFA President Robert Horner.



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Virgo Awards

Eleanor Todd, aged 15 years (pictured right) received £300 in March, has played cricket since she was 8yrs old. She started playing at **Whitstable CC** representing the boys at U11s plus U13s and U15s outdoors and indoors usually being the only girl in the boys side, Eleanor also played kwik cricket for U11s girls side also represented the U13s and U15s girls sides at only 10 yrs old for Whitstable. She won the boys U11s bowling award and the girls U11 batting award. Eleanor has played four seasons for **Canterbury District girls** - a side made up of girls from local clubs in the area playing against boys sides in the Canterbury junior cricket league. She also **won the bowling award three years in a row for U13s and this season won both U13s bowling award and U15s bowling award**. In 2014 Eleanor won the local newspaper **Canterbury Times Young Sports Player of the Year**. In 2015 she joined **St Lawrence and Highland Court Ladies** and played her first ladies game age 12 winning the young players award that season. In 2017 Eleanor joined **Canterbury CC** newly formed women's side finishing the season with the most wickets in all games played. She is a right arm off spin bowler and is working hard on improving her batting. This season Eleanor will play matches for Canterbury Women in the women's southern league and for U15 girls in the local Canterbury junior Cricket league and for Whitstable U18s (a Boys side) as well as representing Kent in Girls U17s .



Josie Longhurst, aged 15 (pictured left) years also received £300. She started playing cricket with **Holmesdale Cricket Club in Sevenoaks** at U13's and the club put her forward for Kent trials. Since being **selected for Kent U13's she has played for Kent U15's and has just been selected for Kent U17's**. She now trains with **Bells Yew Green Cricket Club**. She was specialising as a wicket keeper, but her bowling style is developing a good swing, so possibly she will this year be an all rounder. **In her first season with Kent U13's she was awarded 'best fielder' and received a trophy.** She attends **Sackville School in Hildenborough**, where she is a sports scholar and has achieved full colours.

Theo Briggs, pictured right, aged 17 years is our final award winner. Theo received £100 at the Chislehurst and West Kent Cricket Club Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation evening on the 8th March at Chislehurst Golf Club, earlier this year.

He has been **a Chislehurst & West Kent Cricket Club junior player since he was 9**. Theo has always been enthusiastic and helpful. When he was captain of the U11's he volunteered to write and deliver a speech at the presentation evening. **Recently he has also funded his own way to become a qualified cricket coach and does volunteer coaching with the club's younger juniors.**

Theo now plays for the senior Saturday and Sunday teams and continues to make a positive contribution to both his team and club. Our thanks to Paul McEntire and Eddie Battarbee for drawing our attention to Theo and for supplying photo.



Other News

The Secretary has visited the **Stronger Kent Community Fairs** on three occasions so far this year. The first at **The Orchard Theatre, Dartford**, 8th March, again at **The Alexander Centre, Faversham** 16th March and finally **Westgate Hall, Canterbury** 15th June. Well attended and well organised these days are valuable in that they provide a sense of community and allow us to showcase the services we offer to the general public

Annual AGM



The AGM was held at the **Early Bird Public House, Grove Green, Maidstone** on 20th June and was attended by a number of award recipients including Tiegan Aitken and Jonte Hillier, pictured below left with **Trustees Richard Young and Richard Maylam** presenting their awards respectively. It is always a pleasure to meet our award winners and particularly their families who often give up much of their free time to support, encourage and fund their children's sporting activity. Also encouraging was to see our local **Mayor of Maidstone David Nahgi** attend the evening along with **Medway Councillor Rupert Turpin**. A splendid buffet was provided by our hosts and enjoyed by Trustees and guests alike before awards were made and official matters discussed. It is also appropriate to thank my Trustees who like many parents, give their time to these occasions and many others, to ensure the charity fulfils its objectives and continues to support the young men and women of Kent in all their sporting and leisure endeavours.



Final Comment

Over the years the KCPFA has built up a revolving fund by careful and cautious management from which we provide the grants, loans and all other assistance above, but funds are limited. **We rely on voluntary subscription/membership and charitable donations to meet the costs of administration.** The nominal rates of subscription are kept low to attract support whilst we provide a service that is valuable, both intrinsically and financially. We do hope you continue to support the Association.