

Welcome to our first Edgbaston Stadium Community Newsletter. I'm delighted to be sharing this newsletter with our friends and partners and I hope you'll find it really useful. And interesting!

The aim is to share our activities, events, community programmes and match day updates on a quarterly basis but we also plan to highlight the many opportunities and activities delivered by you, our neighbours. Being part of a team is a big part of who we are at Warwickshire County Cricket Club and we're delighted to be part of your community.

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**EMPOWERING FUTURES**  
PLAYING OUR PART IN INNOVATIVE YOUTH PROJECT

We've partnered with a local mosque on an innovative youth leadership programme that has a positive impact on youth crime. Youngsters are trained in leadership to improve their confidence and understanding of the complexities of community violence and to take ownership of community resolutions.

Bahu Trust mosque, Balsall Heath, has designed the Empowering Futures programme for 14 to 17-year-olds who are at risk of being drawn into crime or falling out of education.

The fortnightly sessions – many of which are held at Edgbaston Stadium – are designed to enable young people to take part in professional and interactive training in order to reach their intellectual and creative capability. This boosts confidence, team working and steer participants towards positive futures.

They have included leadership mentoring, conflict resolution coaching and inputs from youth violence specialists, local community and West Midlands Police officers on gangs, role model theories and violent crimes.



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The boys have organized their own **community projects** including helping out at food banks, community clean-ups and delivering hampers to elderly, vulnerable people.

These are young people who come from deprived areas and remain at risk of coming to the attention of the police or being drawn into anti-social behaviour. Empowering Futures is all about **developing their natural leadership**, showing them there is an alternative and encouraging them to maximise their potential.

We're grateful that Edgbaston has partnered with us on this project; I'm confident it will help the police cut community crime and make a positive impact on the lives of the young men involved

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Imam Emad Choudhury  
**Bahu Trust**



**EDGBASTON CRICKET**  
EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Edgbaston Foundation and Sandwell College are currently recruiting students for their cricket education programme that offers the prospect of a career in the professional sports industry, whether it be as a coach, physio, marketer or even a player. This programme will give you the chance to learn and develop skills for a range of careers within the game.

To find out more about the programme and how you can apply, please email [joshuahowells@edgbaston.com](mailto:joshuahowells@edgbaston.com).







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#### Grayson's Art Club:

**The Exhibition**  
Open until Sun 25 June  
Advance booking essential

Explore over 100 artworks from season three of Grayson's Art Club, by Sir Grayson and Philippa Perry, celebrities and the public.



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#### Karl Blossfeldt:

**Art Forms in Nature**  
Sat 8 July - Sun 20 August  
Arena Gallery | Free

Explore an exemplary set of Blossfeldt's signature close-up images of plants and flora, in an original portfolio of photogravures from 1932.



#### Watershed

Thu 29 June - Sun 5 November  
Community Gallery | Free

This group exhibition explores the relationship between Birmingham and Elan Valley, Wales, two communities inextricably linked by water since 1904.

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Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH



### EDGBASTON SCHOOLS DAY

A SUCCESS AS 1500 PUPILS CHEER ON SPARKS

Pupils from 47 primary and secondary schools were invited to the stadium as an early half-term treat and to see some of the country's best women cricketers in action.

England stars Issy Wong and Amy Jones were in the Sparks' line-up who took on Northern Diamonds in the Charlotte Edwards Cup T20 competition.

It's the biggest school ticket giveaway in the Club's history and part of Edgbaston's drive to further raise the profile of women's cricket, inspire future generations of cricketers, and to promote physical and mental health through sport.



**DYNAMOS  
CRICKET**  
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supercharged by  
**sky sports**

Are you a community group with a kids section?  
Do you know a youth centre?

We've got a fantastic cricket programme for young children aged 8-11 years old that we are keen to take all over Birmingham. Whether the players have never played before or aiming to be the next Moeem Ali, these sessions are friendly and fun; we've got bursaries and lots of free equipment. We will happily host girls-only sessions.

For more info, please email [wcb@edgbaston.com](mailto:wcb@edgbaston.com)

# WALKERS AND TALKERS

ARE YOU OVER 50 AND LIVE IN EDGBASTON OR BALSALL HEATH WEST?

We would love you to join us for our walkers and talkers group which involves a walk around Edgbaston followed by tea, coffee and biscuits!

Please contact Esther at [foundation@edgbaston.com](mailto:foundation@edgbaston.com) or **07824 774 178** if you would like to come.

## HOME FIXTURES

EDGBASTON

**SAT 5 AUG**  
TRENT ROCKETS  
DOUBLE HEADER

**THU 10 AUG**  
WELSH FIRE  
DOUBLE HEADER

**SUN 13 AUG**  
OVAL INVINCIBLES  
DOUBLE HEADER

**THU 24 AUG**  
LONDON SPIRIT  
DOUBLE HEADER

HUNDRED