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England Cricket Association for the Deaf to stage 'Possibles' v 'Potentials' trial match

The England Cricket Association for the Deaf (ECAD) continues a busy 2015 season of cricket when they stage a trial match over the May Day Bank Holiday.

Horley Cricket Club near Banbury in Oxfordshire will be the venue for the 'Possibles v Potentials' trial match on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2015.

The 50 over match starts at 12.00pm midday and has been arranged by the ECAD as another opportunity for deaf cricketers to showcase their talents with the view to breaking into the England Deaf Cricket set up via the ECB's Regional Talent Centres.

Deaf cricket in the UK continues to go from strength to strength. In the past 12 months there has been the formation of the Gloucestershire, Lancashire and Surrey deaf teams, with others also in the pipeline, and the staging of first ever county v county deaf cricket fixtures in the inaugural ECAD T20 tournament back in July of last year.

Also, last month the ECAD staged a hugely successful indoor tournament to mark the start of the 2015 season.

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Commenting ahead of the trial match, Darren Talbot, ECAD Lions Team Manager said, "We are really looking forward to the match for what promises to be an exciting day and occasion.

"We have identified a number of potentially talented youngsters and we know there are a lot more deaf cricketers out there waiting to be found. Hopefully this match and others in the pipeline will enable us to provide opportunities for deaf cricketers to get involved and for the ECAD to unearth the wealth of talent that is out there"

For their part, the match is another feather in the cap for Horley Cricket Club who continue to reach out into the wider cricketing community. The club is going through something of a renaissance thanks to a double promotion last season and achieving the ECB Clubmark Award, with plans also afoot for a new pavilion in the near future.

Horley CC Chairman, Dave Beck, said, "We are happy to help out with deaf cricket and its continued development, and feel proud and privileged to be approached by the EACD to host the game.

"We are really looking forward to welcoming deaf cricketers, their families and friends to our club for what promises to be an exciting occasion.

Entrance to the ECAD 'Possibles v Potentials' trial match is free. A raffle will also be running on the day where prizes will include four tickets to a Warwickshire Bears Twenty20 Match and a signed Surrey bat and shirt. All proceeds generated will go towards the further development of Deaf Cricket.

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NOTES TO EDITORS/REPORTERS

- The England Cricket Association for the Deaf (ECAD) are a registered charity for hearing impaired cricketers.
- Team photos and interviews are available on the day upon prior request.
- For further information on all activities of England Deaf Cricket, go to **www.englanddeafcricket.co.uk** or please refer to the contact persons below:

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