



LORD'S TAVERNERS

Giving young people a sporting chance



...out for "Howzat Howlers"...

funny cricket quotes to make you smile!!

Spring 2015

East Midlands Region Newsletter

A celebratory presentation event was

organised by representatives of the Leicestershire branch of the East Midlands Lord's Taverners' on the afternoon of 4th July 2014. Held at More Restaurant on London Road, Leicester, a formal cheque handover took place which saw Paul Robin (Lord's Taverners' CEO), George Chuter and Ian Guyler (Chairman of the East Midlands Lord's Taverners), supported by other committee members, present the sum of £26,500 to Vimme Rathour, CEO at the time of the local children's safety awareness charity, Warning Zone.

Through the hugely successful fund raising event the "L Factor" which took place at the O2 Leicester in March last year, local business people raised sponsorship for taking part in the X-Factor style singing competition to the tune of a fantastic £52,000. The money was raised by both business sponsorship of the event and by the individuals taking part who took to the stage in front of a packed audience to present tribute acts to the likes of Johnny cash, Amy Winehouse and Girls Aloud.

His Royal Highness King Richard III made a guest appearance from beyond the grave to join an elite judging panel which included Dave Bartram, former front man of the band Showaddywaddy. The worthy winners on the night were Paul Wilson and Paul Orton from Leicestershire Fire Service who treated the ecstatic audience to a fantastic rendition of "Don't let the sun go down on me". (See photo's from the event on the back page of this newsletter...)

The total money raised was split equally between the Lord's Taverners (www.lordstaverners.org) and the Warning Zone charity based at Frog Island, Leicester.

Guests attending the cheque presentation event on 4th July also contributed to a voluntary collection on the night amounting to £250. This sum was donated to Ian Trott, chairman of the Leicester Cobras's Wheelchair basketball team.

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Howzat Howlers!

"That slow motion replay doesn't show how fast the ball was travelling"

Richie Benaud

"I think the batsman's strategy will be to make runs and not get out"

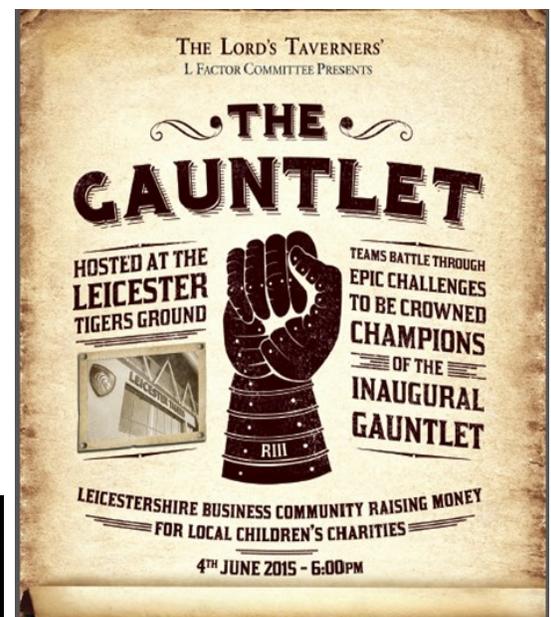
Richie Benaud

Don't miss....

Coming in June this year...



Paul Robin (Lord's Taverners' CEO), **George Chuter** (Ex-England & Leicester Tigers Rugby player) **Kate Rengger & Claire Herbert** (Committee Members), **Marie Brown** (Almus Fundraising), **Ian Guyler** (East Midlands Lord's Taverners' Chairman), **Vimme Rathour** (Former CEO of local charity Warning Zone)



.....See inside for details

Birch Wood School Melton celebrates the opening of it's new multi sensory room.....

Schools catering for children with severe learning and physical difficulties, sensory impairment and autism have found that regular access to a sensory room or sensory equipment can have significant improvements on a child's emotional health.



Johnnie Peacock officially opens the sensory room in July 2014



Rob Peet (Birch Wood Teacher) & Kate Rengger (Committee member)

Local special school, Birch Wood School in Melton recently celebrated the opening of a purpose built sensory room funded by the Lord's Taverners and supported in partnership with BT. With bubble tubes, fibre optic light sources, LED projector, an interactive floor system, safe mirrors, Head teacher Nina Watts said that "the room will, without a doubt, benefit numerous pupils here at Birch Wood and has already been a great success." The application for the grant was made by retired staff member Mrs Debbie Peet assisted by her son, Rob Peet, a teacher at the school. The sensory room has proved to be a calming, relaxing and stimulating environment which is used to calm overactive children and stimulate subdued pupils.

BT is proud to be a Partner to the Lord's Taverners all the way to 2016 funding sensory rooms to help thousands of disabled children across the UK.



Top Teenager Interview

On this occasion, it was the turn of Paul Robin – Lord's Taverners CEO and huge cricket fan, to answer the probing questions posed by a local Leicestershire school boy.

It was a cold and wet November afternoon when, in a boardroom somewhere in Central London, under the steady gaze of a portrait of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Paul Robin faced a gauntlet of questions from a local 13 year old schoolboy. Here are some of the questions and answers from the interaction between the two...

- How long have you been CEO at the Lord's Taverners? **21 months**
- What is your dream job? **England cricket captain (a bit late for that now)**
- If you could steal one thing without consequence, what would it be? **Time**
- Where were you born? **Paddington, London**
- Who is your favourite cricket player? **Sir Viv Richards**
- What is your favourite word? **Zest**
- What historical figure would you most like to meet and why? **Leonardo da Vinci because he changed art and was a true visionary**
- How many of the list of the Folio Society's 8 most influential books have you read? **3**
- In a movie of your life, which actor would you choose to play you? **Sir Ben Kingsley**
- If you could go back in time and change one thing, what would it be? **Tricky question but I think it would be that John F Kennedy was not assassinated.**



The 8 most influential books:

- 1) The Bible
- 2) On the Origin of Species - Charles Darwin
- 3) A Brief History of Time— Stephen Hawking
- 4) Relativity—Albert Einstein
- 5) Nineteen Eighty Four— George Orwell
- 6) Principia Mathematica—B Russell & A N Whitehead
- 7) To Kill a Mockingbird— Harper Lee
- 8) The Koran

(source: The Folio Society)

Howzat Howlers!



"Well, Andrew Strauss is certainly an optimist – he's come out wearing sun block".

Australian commentator in the 5th test of the 5-0 series whitewash in 2006-7

"I reckon my mum could have caught that in her pinny!"

Geoff Boycott on a dropped catch

"He could have caught that between the cheeks of his backside"

Geoff Boycott on another dropped catch

"Fun" Fund Raising with Schools

The Lord's Taverners is looking to form partnerships with schools to increase your pupils' awareness of our charitable activities, which could have a positive effect on their education, and for the benefit of the disadvantaged and disabled children that we help.

-Our partnerships with schools are engaging, inclusive and fun by providing:

- Classroom activities sheets for pupils to learn about different aspects of the charity
- Opportunities to interact with disabled and disadvantaged children
- Help and expertise in fundraising initiatives
- Support with marketing materials such as flyers, posters and banners for special events
- PR support with press releases, website articles & social media

Our partner schools could help the Lord's Taverners by:

- Fundraising for us
- Providing facilities for our charitable programmes such as Table Cricket and Boccia,
- Hosting one of our regional fundraising events
- Donating unwanted sports kit to be recycled

For more details, please contact:
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Meet the team:

Focus on one of the East Midlands Branch Committee Members. In this edition, we meet John Kelly, Consultant at Pensions and investment firm Mattioli Woods.....

By way of professional background, John has over 20 years experience working within the financial services sector and has a solid pension background delivering tailored and hands-on advice focusing on the provision of consultancy services and advice to owner-managed businesses & partnerships.

As far as our branch of the Lord's Taverners is concerned, John has been instrumental in helping us raise thousands of pounds over the last couple of years by fronting the now infamous 'John Kelly & the Y Fronts' band.

When our 'Top Teenager' interviewed John recently, (full details of which will appear in the next edition of this newsletter), John reminded him that the mission of the Lord's Taverners' is "To make sport available for all irrespective of background or disability".

On his key role of leading the band of supremely brilliant (and incredibly patient) musicians at both the Y Factor (March 2013) and the L Factor (March 2014), John said that this was probably his most proudest moment so far.

But then (and as a further 'taster' to our next edition,) he also said he thought Daniel Craig should play him if they ever made a movie of his life and that his favourite animal is the Sloth...

On behalf of all of the Committee of this Branch, we'd like to take the opportunity to say a huge thanks to John for his dedication and support over the last few years and to say look out for him fronting the Band again on June 4th at Welford Road for "The Gauntlet" event!



LOOK

Howzat Howlers!

"A 1914 biplane tied up with elastic bands trying vainly to take off"

Frank Keating on Bob Willis's run up

This Summer, don't miss....

On June 4th 2015, "The Gauntlet"—a 'one of a kind' fund raising event will be taking place jointly organised by the Leicestershire Lord's Taverners' and the Leicester Tigers Foundation team.

Being held at the Leicester Tiger's Welford Road ground, the local business & sporting communities will again combine to raise funds not only for the Lord's Taverners' but also for nine local children's charities in Leicester and Leicestershire.

This evening event will involve a series of six fun 'It's a knockout'- style games themed around well known Leicestershire Companies and their famous products, culminating with a grand finale and the presentation of the King Richard III Gauntlet Trophy to the overall victors. Around 20 Corporate teams will compete against each other for supremacy and bragging rights and King Richard III will be our key theme throughout the event. John Kelly and the Y Fronts band will provide fabulous live music to round off what will be a spectacular evening for everyone involved.

Fundraising will be via various sponsorship arrangements. Each team will be raising sponsorship to take part and there are excellent corporate sponsorship opportunities available. Four prominent local businesses have already signed up to be main supporters of the event and the Committee would like to extend their thanks to the following firms in this respect:



We are also offering some fantastic opportunities for Corporate sponsorship of four of the 'It's a knockout' games so please contact us if you want to know more—two of these opportunities have already been snapped up. Another 'thank you', this time to



Important 'Gauntlet' date for your diary—come and see us on **Friday 17th April** when the Committee will be presenting an overview of the event at the Mercure Leicester Grand Hotel from 1pm to be followed by the first real taste of fun...read on.....

.....do you remember the "Don't You Want Me Baby" L Factor promo video? (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VReEKB9ZSE>). (Of course you do, you might even have been in it!) Well - we are doing another one! This year we are organising a 'marryoke' to that well known Leicester favourite 'Under The Moon of Love'! The filming will take us around the hotspots of Leicester finally ending up at the Leicester Tiger's ground. (So that we can collate numbers for 17th April event, please let us know if you can join us by emailing CHerbert@gateleyuk.com)

For more information on any of the above, please contact Ian Guyler on 0797 3693455, Claire Herbert on 07976183552 or Richard Grudgings on 07807121372. For updates and further details of this fun packed event, please join the Gauntlet LinkedIn page <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Gauntlet-Leicestershire-6951670/about> and visit our dedicated webpage :

thegauntletleicester.com

Local lad aims high in the world of wheelchair basketball

(Assistance provided by the Lord's Taverners' was a grant contribution to a bespoke sports wheelchair)

Local lad and keen Leicester City Football Club supporter, George Bates, grew up in Groby and sadly suffered a sporting injury playing football aged 12 which left him disabled. A talented sportsman, he wanted to continue playing sport and joined the Leicester Cobra's wheelchair basketball team aged 13. He quickly took to the sport and was recently selected to represent Great Britain U23's at the 2013 World Championships in Turkey where the team came fourth.

George is currently hoping to play a key role representing Team GB in the 2015 European Wheelchair Basketball Championships which this year are being held in the UK. The venue is the University of Worcester sports arena and the pool stages of the competition start on 28 August and the draw sees Team GB in the pool against Poland, Spain, Czech republic, France and Germany. The finals will be played on 6 September and the progress of George and the rest of the GB team can be followed at www.gbwb.org.uk George is a big fan of twitter and can be followed at @georgebates94 Anyone wanting to find out more details about the Leicester Cobra's can find details at www.leicestercobras.org.uk



George Bates (3rd left) promoting our 2013 Charity cricket event —more details in next edition

Success for "The L Factor"

Held at the O2 Leicester on 27 March 2014, this hugely successful event raised over £52,000 for two charities.

Our Winners:-



LOOK

Howzat Howlers!

"His throw went absolutely nowhere near where it was going"

Richie Benaud

"That was a tremendous six – the ball was still in the air when it went over the boundary"

Fred Trueman



How much do you know about table cricket? Read on...

In 2013, over 720 young people from 90 schools took part in the Lord's Taverners national table cricket competition. Played on a table tennis table (or similar) with side panels and sliding fielders, a ball launcher, weighted plastic ball and wooden bat, table cricket enables young people with severe physical and learning disabilities to enjoy cricket and represent their school on a competitive basis.

Each year, Grace Road Cricket Ground, home of Leicester County Cricket team, kindly provides the venue for our local schools to take part in a one day table cricket event.

The winners from regional heats held in the county cricket grounds and leisure centres around the country then have the possibility of travelling to meet at Lord's Cricket ground to battle it out for the national title. The 2015 national table cricket finals will be held at Lord's on Friday 26 June 2015.

For more information on this year's table cricket event at Grace Road, please contact Lord's Taverners committee member Paul Elliott at paul.elliott@santander.co.uk



Who are we?? The Leicester Branch of the Lord's Taverners was formed at the end of 2011 when members of the business, sporting and educational communities came together. In conjunction with the East Midlands Region, a committee was formed and has already organised several events raising thousands of pounds in the last few years. The objectives of the branch are to:

- Raise the profile of the Lord's Taverners in Leicestershire
- Identify Leicestershire causes that could benefit from the Lord's Taverners support
- Raise funds so that we can continue to achieve the organisational objectives

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Mini Buses – Did you know...

The Lord's Taverners provide specially adapted transport to special schools catering for young people with learning and physical disabilities. Since 1976, over 1,050 accessible mini-buses have been put on the road in the UK.

