

Rathbones

Look forward

PRESS RELEASE

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Rathbones bowled over by ex-England cricketer's visit to get more girls playing

Ex-international cricketer Lydia Greenway will be in Jersey early next month to share her skills with squads of primary school girls, their teachers and the Island's elite female teams.

Lydia will be guest of honour on Monday 4th June at the Girls Primary School Kwik Cricket Tournament at Grainville, meeting the teams and handing out the prizes; and she will be at a mixed side Kwik Cricket event on Tuesday 5th June.

She will be visiting primary schools to give youngsters some tips and help them with their fielding and batting; and will be passing on some of her coaching tips to Jersey's primary school teachers at a special workshop to be held on the evening of Tuesday 5th June. She will also be joining Jersey's Girls Development of Excellence and Girls Academy squads at their training sessions.

Lydia represented England 225 times across all formats of the game during a career spanning over thirteen years. Having helped England win two World Cups and five Ashes Series, she was named as England's Player of the Year in 2010 and was shortlisted for ICC World Player of the Year. Today she is the player coach of Kent Women's cricket team.

As well as commentating as part of the BBC's Test Match Special team, Lydia runs the 'Cricket for Girls' programme, which offers high quality coaching to females of all ages and abilities.

Lydia will be also the special guest at an exclusive 'Celebration of Women in Sport' dinner hosted by Rathbones, where she will be mingling with some of the females in Jersey who act as inspirational role models and who actively encourage girls to participate in sport.

Delighted to be supporting Lydia's visit, Rathbones Managing Director, Jonathan Giles said: "We're really excited to be helping the Jersey Cricket Board and Lydia Greenway's Cricket for Girls in their bid to make the sport more accessible to females of all ages and abilities.

Lydia is a fantastic role model for all our young cricketers. Her career has led to her meeting the Queen at Buckingham Palace and the Dalai Lama at the foothills of the Himalayas; and we hope her experiences will show the Island's youngsters that sport really can open up some fantastic opportunities."

Lee Meloy, Jersey Cricket Development Manager, added "We're delighted to have the chance to work with Lydia and Cricket for Girls. Her initiative is doing a fantastic job at delivering high level coaching to girls all across the UK. Thanks to the support provided by Rathbones, we are able to provide young girls in Jersey the same opportunity."

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Notes to Editors

DIARY OF EVENTS

– **Monday 4th June - afternoon**

Lydia to attend the annual 8 aside Girls Primary School Kwik cricket tournament at Grainville (Twelve primary schools involved)

– **Monday 4th June – evening**

Special 'invite only' Celebration of Women in Sport dinner, hosted by Rathbones, and attended by local sporting stars including Island Ladies cricket captain, Charlie Miles

– **Tuesday 5th June (am)**

Lydia to deliver coaching sessions in Primary schools.

– **Tuesday 5th June (pm)**

Lydia to attend a mixed Kwik cricket event at Grainville involving twenty schools

– **Tuesday 5th June (6pm)**

Lydia to deliver a workshop with primary school teachers

– **Wednesday 6th June (am)**

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– **Wednesday 6th June (pm)**

Lydia to work with Jersey's Girls Development of Excellence and Girls Academy squads (Island's elite players)

CRICKET FOR GIRLS

Using top quality female coaches, personally selected and trained by ex-England International Lydia Greenway, [Cricket for Girls \("CfG"\)](#) is committed to the development of girls' cricket. Their schools cricket coaching sessions are delivered by experienced and friendly female coaches, many of whom have played high level cricket and are able to share their playing, *and* coaching experience. Their female coaches act as perfect role models for girls growing up.

JERSEY CRICKET BOARD

1996 saw the formation of the Channel Islands Cricket Board which became part of the ECB. The development of cricket that took place during this period saw both Jersey and Guernsey seeking additional competition for its players. This was not available within the ECB and, with their blessing, membership of the ECC was sought and achieved in 2005. The [Jersey Cricket Board](#) was formed in order to facilitate this. Jersey recently became the 33rd country to be granted Associate Membership of the ICC.

Development Programme

Jersey has a good development programme with all coaching carried out by fully-qualified coaches. Children aged 7 - 18 are involved in coaching programmes with winter coaching from December through to early April and elite coaching of selected players in age group squads taking place from January to March. The Coaching in Schools programme is available to all schools in the summer term and there is an annual Summer School which takes place in July/August. The Board also runs community coaching schemes during school and half-term holidays. In addition, the Board also runs coach, scorer and umpire education programmes.

Women's Cricket Integration

Women's cricket in Jersey is growing rapidly and there are currently two women's cricket teams. Jersey also has one female intermediate umpire and four female intermediate coaches.

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