

HARTFIELD STOOLBALL CLUB – SIGN UP TO TRY!



Hartfield Ladies Stoolball Club is on a recruitment drive looking for female players of all ages from 13+, of any ability, who are able to commit to at least one evening a week. Matches are played every Monday and Wednesday evening (excluding Bank Holidays) from May through to August, starting at 6.30 to 8.30pm.

We are currently running FREE indoor training / taster sessions on Sunday 22nd & 29th April 4-5pm at Freedom Leisure Crowborough and Wednesday 18th, 25th April and 2nd May 6.15-7.30pm, Hartfield Village Croft, TN7 4AD.

Hartfield Ladies Stoolball has been playing in the village for many years and competes in a league against local villages, many of our team coming from Crowborough and surrounding villages. Other teams in the North Division league also looking for players are: Maresfield, Ashdown, Bluebells and Copthorne.

Recently we have also played mixed indoor stoolball through the winter at Crowborough Leisure Centre and we also play occasional friendlies and tournaments.

Stoolball has been played for over 500 years, and perhaps much longer. Baseball, and probably cricket too, developed from our ancient sport. Stoolball has a long and fascinating history. Nobody knows for sure how and when it started. The earliest record in 1450 is to a game being played regularly, and it may already have been around for a long time. A team is comprised of 11 players. The match is usually 15 overs per innings with rules similar to cricket. We play with short handled wooden bats and square wickets on a post at head height.

It's a great form of exercise, is fun and great stress buster! It is also great to get outdoors in the fresh air on summer evenings.

We are also looking for umpires – full training provided (and free tea and cake!)

UMPIRE - SITUATION VACANT

Do you know stoolball - it's a bit like cricket

Well, we need someone to stand at our wicket,

To wave their arms for no balls and wides,

Fours, even sixes (not us, other sides!)

If you like, you can wear a white jacket -

We can't afford to pay you a packet

Just cake and tea after the match

With eleven lasses who are quite a catch!

We really need someone to keep us in line

And be our umpire, come rain or shine,

So if you've eight pennies (for counting the balls)

And a sense of humour, just give us a call!

Please message us through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HartfieldStoolballClub/> for further details or call Sue on 07837 362601.