



The Devils challenged the Angels to a game of cricket. "But we have all the players!" exclaimed the Angels. "Yes, but we have all the umpires" said the Devils

Have you ever considered becoming a cricket umpire? Umpiring can be a fun and rewarding pastime and a great way to extend your involvement in your area. If you like being close to the action, there is no better seat in the house!

West Ilsley Cricket Club has had a successful season in 2009 and is looking forward to this year. The ground has been voted as one of the best in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association League (OCA), the club is renowned for its friendly atmosphere and sportsmanship. The youth section is extremely successful and we have a number of qualified coaches.



However, the club is in desperate need for more umpires. For each team in the OCA we need to supply an umpire for each Saturday to officiate in a neutral match. If we cannot supply an actual umpire then we usually supply one of our players which in turn weakens our team selection. If we do not supply an umpire then we get fined both money and points.

We are very lucky that we have three Umpires on our books but two of them are limited in the number of games they can officiate for us.

Although it is normally thought that umpires are ex players that is really only true for one of ours. One of ours started umpiring because his children started playing for the club and the other because he just loved the game and in fact has never played it.

So ex-players, parents or spectators, male or female why not think about it, PLEASE. Talk to us, give it a go. It is very rewarding, training will be given, match and training expenses are paid.

You can umpire on a casual basis or get really involved and go on to officiate in higher level matches. Don't be put off thinking about it if you have not been involved in the game, there is a lot of support, it is great fun, I know.

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