

Croquet in Lincolnshire by Patricia Duke-Cox

Lincoln Castle was the delightful venue on a welcome sunny Sunday in May for local croquet novices to learn more about the game.

Local player and regional coach, Patricia Duke-Cox, led a successful introduction to the laws of the games, the faults that can be committed and an opportunity to establish handicaps along with David Bell of the Leicester Croquet Club during the morning. Emphasis was given to practical experience before players tested themselves with singles games of golf croquet.

The more experienced players from the Richmond Park, Gainsborough Croquet Club performed very well, but novice players from Torksey and Branston U3A also played well and enjoyed the experience. Some of these players will enter a competition for newer players at Nottingham at the end of the month.

In addition some members of the public came to “give it a go” or learn where they can join a local club. In Lincolnshire there are croquet clubs at North Hykeham, Torksey, Branston U3A, Woodhall Spa and Spilsby U3A.