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David Parish
Club Chairman

Chairman’s Message

My apologies for not being up with you on Presentation Day due to an unexpected commitment, the first Day from which I have been absent for many years. I missed the sense of pleasure which comes from looking around Bushey Croft and soaking up the excitement and fun of all players, watching the passion and commitment of the Managers and their Assistants and just enjoying the camaraderie which comes from the whole Club getting together and celebrating not only its achievements, but its very existence.

I believe that we have something special at Oxted and as our teams travel to various opposition in different leagues, that belief is enhanced. We have a strong commitment to morals, discipline, fairness and respect and we have seen examples from others this season when lack of respect can destroy the whole purpose of getting together to play sport. Let’s continue to advertise those standards to others. We will be updating our Code of Behaviour for membership next season and ask that all Members and Spectators commit to upholding those standards for the benefit of all.

Congratulations to the award-winners. Those awards are recognition of your great achievements this season. For those not quite fortunate enough to receive an award, bear in mind the award winners could not have done it without you.

Many congratulations to Matt Brown and Gary Prince and their assistants, who both won Division A in their age groups - fantastic achievements and a true sign of improving standards at the Club. A special note to Graham Timson, who is still waiting to hear whether his U16s have won the league, a frustrating position to be in resulting from a match being abandoned as a result of lack of discipline and aggressive behaviour by an opposition team. Graham is a shining example of someone who has persevered through difficult times, as all managers do, to end up enjoying success.

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Presentation Day 2019

Sunday 2nd June 2019 saw the club’s annual presentation day, with all players at all age groups coming together at Bushey Croft to celebrate another year of football at Oxted & District JFC.

The day started with a visiting Oxted senior XI playing against a Nutfield Vets XI, both teams having junior team coaches playing for them!

Throughout the afternoon there were mini inter-age group tournaments and friendly games, as well as parents v children games.

The day finished off with the presentation of awards, including a few league titles to celebrate! See page 3 for full details.
Secretary’s Report

And so the 2018/19 draws to a close and I would like to start by thanking all the individual team managers and coaches, members of the committee and other volunteers for their hard work and commitment over the past 8 months. They all give up a huge amount of time each week to provide regular football for more than 150 boys and girls.

The aim of the club is to provide football for all ages and abilities and we have been in the fantastic position this season of running 13 teams across age groups ranging from Acorns to Under 16s.

As we look ahead to next season we continue to grow. Through the excellent work of Chris Heyburn and his Acorns team, we will be offering football to even more of the youngest ages who are the foundation of the club and will be fielding an Under 17/18 team for the first time in a number of seasons.

As the club continues to grow we face a number of different pressures in particular ensuring that we provide decent training and playing facilities for all of the age groups. We continue to explore partnerships similar to that we have with St Mary’s School in Oxted to use their Multi-Use Games Area for midweek and Saturday morning training to ensure that we provide decent facilities for all.

It’s always fantastic to be able to celebrate success and congratulations go to the teams who have won trophies this year for their achievements this year (see page 3).

Well done to everyone: players, managers, coaches, volunteers, parents on a fantastic season. Roll on the next one.

#COYO

Chris Lyons
Co-Secretary
2018-2019 Award Winners

Under 6 - Acorns
Most Improved Player – Luke Allen
Parents’ Player – Toby George
Sportsmanship Shield – Bobby Brereton-Davies

Under 7 - Acorns
Most Improved Player – Max Kilby
Parents’ Player – George Fraser
Sportsmanship Shield – Freddie Crooks

Under 8 Hawks
Parents’ Player – Alfie Murray
Sportsmanship Shield – Freddie Seyit

Under 8 Eagles
Parents’ Player – Haydon Davis
Sportsmanship Shield – Alfie Jaggers

Under 9 Hawks
Parents’ Player – Alfie Richards
Most Improved Player – Adam Easton
Sportsmanship Shield – Thomas Shaw
Manager’s Player – Austin Harwood-Bridgen

Under 9 Eagles
Parents’ Player – Callum Hodson
Most Improved Player – Freddy Garrett
Sportsmanship Shield – Isaac Wood
Managers’ Player – Sindey Seyit

Under 10 Rockets
Parents’ Player – Joe Yazdabadi
Manager’s Player – Tom Davies

Under 10 Missiles
Parents’ Player – Finlay Kilby
Managers Player – William Long

Under 10 Combined
Most Improved Player – Charlie Tickner
Sportsmanship Shield – Archie Brown

Under 11 Rovers
Parents’ Player – Harrison Casbolt
Players’ Player – Arthur Gaywood
Sportsmanship Shield – Ben Evans
Most Improved Player – Jacob De Winter
Manager’s Player – Deven Yates

Under 11 United
Parents’ Player – Tom Lyons
Players’ Player – Leeboy Hoadley
Sportsmanship Shield – Luis Donovan
Most Improved Player – Jedi Amponsah
Manager’s Player – Josh Dowson-Ling

Under 12 Eagles
Most Improved Player – Harry Thomas
Sportsmanship Shield – Max Caswell
Manager’s Player – Ed Jupp

Under 12 Hawks
Players’ Player – Tommy Cleary
Sportsmanship Shield – Sammy Houlton
Manager’s Player – James O’Hara

Under 13s
Most Improved Player – Leo Kilfiger
Sportsmanship Shield – Jasper Parsons
Manager’s Player – Charlie Parkes

Under 14s
Parents’ Player – Alex O’Connor
Players’ Player – Kieran Barrett
Sportsmanship Shield – Charlie Parkes
Managers’ Player – Thomas Wildman

Manager of the Season:
Matt Brown & Gary Prince

Team Honours

Under 11 United
Crowborough League
Winter Shield Division C Winners

Under 12 Hawks
Crowborough League
Division A Champions
Played 14 games, won 9, drew 4 and lost 1,
unbeaten at HOME all season.

Under 13s
Tandridge League
Shield Trophy Finalists

Under 14s
Crowborough League
Division A Champions
Played 20 games, won 16, drew 2 and lost 2 –
unbeaten at HOME all season, with a final goal
difference of +58
Under the new youth football structure, Under 12 is the first year there can be season long competitive divisions. The Under 12 Hawks had a successful season winning the Crowborough League A division!

The Hawks' continued efforts culminated in beating runners-up Sporting Club Pass & Move to secure the title on a cold and wet early March morning down on the south coast with one match to spare. Unbeaten at that point, they did manage to lose the last match - a dead rubber versus Edenbridge but that took nothing away from the magnificent achievement in securing the Crowborough League title, Oxted & District’s first at that age.

The League has been great for the boys with little between all the teams competing, however the Hawks' sheer grit and determination in matches set them apart from the rest to eventually finish 6 points clear. The results against the teams finishing second and third, 4 wins with 4 clean sheets, were crucial as the team marched to the league title.

With the league title all wrapped up, the Hawks entered the Crowborough Shield U12 Group A and finished second, just missing out on first place after a rare defeat (2-1) at Tonbridge. The boys, however, can now look forward to the Crowborough League Presentation night, Friday 7th June and then taking the summer off before returning for the next challenge as they move up to the Tandridge League at U13s. The standard will be higher and the opposition tougher but the boys should be excited for the challenge, it is the right move as they continue their footballing journey.

The philosophy remains the same at this year group with football for all and once again we will have 2 squads at Under 13, one remaining in the Crowborough League and a higher standard squad in the Tandridge League. This will give us the option of dual registration for those players on the fringe of both squads to further ensure plenty of match time for everyone.

I hope everyone is looking forward to another exciting season next year, away from the matches and training there will be another day out similar to the day we had at Crawley Town, with the above photo taken on that day. All the boys really enjoyed the day out!

In the meantime, enjoy the summer and we will see you all back for pre-season trials and training from early August, enthusiastic as ever.

WELL DONE CHAMPIONS!

Gary Prince
Under 12 Hawks Manager
Oxted Under 14s had a very successful season this year. At the last newsletter we were top of the Division A league table with 5 games remaining. A difficult run in against decent oppositions, however the boys remained focused and worked tirelessly in training sessions.

A massive 6-0 home win against Sevenoaks in March gave the boys even more confidence to push on. They did so with back to back wins against our local rivals Raw Skills and secured the accolade of Division A Crowborough League Champions with a nervous 3-2 win against Chipstead!

A massive achievement for the boys this year. Not only have they won the league title with two games in hand, overall finishing 8 points clear, even more impressive is the style of football they have been playing. Every single boy has improved this year and is comfortable and confident on the ball. This has allowed us to be patient in our passing build up before unleashing the league’s top 2 goal scorers of Adam Swan and Kieran Barrett!

Having passed through the finish line the boys understandably switched off a bit. We still managed to finish off the season with two draws and maintained our outstanding 13 game unbeaten run since November 2018 and remained unbeaten at Bushey Croft ALL season!

Throughout the course of the season we scored a staggering 84 goals, conceding 20 goals on the road and only 6 goals at home (+58 goal difference). A huge achievement for our defensive unit who remained organised and committed all season and were the foundation of our success. Our midfielders also played superbly all year, always pressurising the opposition but then showing great composure and creativity when on the ball. Finally, special mention to Kieran Barrett, who finished the season as the League’s top goal scorer; scoring 23 goals in total and just pipping Adam Swan of Oxted with 22!

A massive thank you must go to all our wonderful parents. Not only were the team well supported all year, it’s their commitment each week in driving the boys around that has allowed them to stay so strong as a squad. Also, a huge thank you to the Director of Football Simon Wood, who joined the team this season as has played a huge part at training and on match days.

Well done boys. Enjoy the short break and I’ll see you all in August for the 2019/20 fitness pre season training!

Matt Brown
Under 14 Manager
Under 11s United—Champions!

It would be our boys' debut season at 9-side. Offsides, no retreat line, bigger goals, bigger pitches. A massive step up. Could they do it—of course they could.

September found them finding their feet and it took until mid-October before they really got going. A win at Westerham (4-1), was our spring board. The Winter trophy awaited and an unbeaten run which stretched through until the end of the tournament in January and ours lads first taste of success. Winter trophy winners.

This would see us move up for the Spring Trophy. Tougher teams, however only dropping points against Chipstead, who we'd beaten before this season would see us just miss out on this one.

The lads have played some truly wonderful footy along the way. They have a great team spirit and want to do well for each other. They play football the right way with the right attitude.

In training we integrate both groups to build relationships and ensure we have strong foundations for the 2020/2021 & 11-side. We try and focus on technical aspects of the game at a young age, winning is not the most important thing, the important thing is to develop creative and skilled players with good confidence. However, in this group we have been rewarded with success built on their freedom to play.

There is a real talent within this group, it's important to keep them together and build on it next season. A late invitation to Coulson Athletics summer 6-side tournament recently saw them taste success again after a magnificent display against some tough teams winning the final on penalties.

Finally, a big thank you to all parents and supporters for everything you do to help—we couldn't do it with your commitment. It's been a pleasure. #COYO

Dave French
Under 11 Manager

Acorns

What a fantastic season it has been for the Acorns. It has been our first year with our new age range, and we were full before Christmas, with 40 children signed up, enjoying their football with us.

Throughout the year we have seen a great improvement in our players, becoming more confident in their control of the ball, which is always our main focus in our training sessions.

We have a few end of season tournaments to come, having already played 2 Under 7 teams in the Pembury tournament, whilst we still have the Paddock Wood (Under 7 and Under 6) and Jarvis Brook (Under 7) tournaments still to go! All the other age groups may be finishing up, but end of the season is the busiest time for Acorns!

We have 20 year 2s who will be leaving us to form the new Under 8 team next year, whilst 20 players remain in the Acorns. We have also made changes to next year, slightly adjusting training times, and making the training even more accommodating for our youngest group, the Under 5s. We have even decided to expand our numbers up to 50 for next year!

Thanks must go first of all to our fantastic group of parents who support the players (and the coaches!) whatever the weather!

Have a fantastic summer—we are already looking forward to next year!

Chris Heyburn
Acorns Coordinator
Under 8s

We have seen some very steady and continued improvement from the Under 8s in the second half of this season, their first season playing league matches. Apart from the odd ‘blip’, both the Hawks and Eagles teams have posted some great performances.

Results of note are winning three games and drawing one against Raw Skills, scoring 13 goals and only conceding 2! Our highest victory of the season coming away at Tunbridge Wells Youth where we won 13-0. Our last match day of the season saw another romping away win at Tonbridge Junior, where we won all four matches scoring 27 goals and conceding just the 1 goal. Interestingly we seem to have been far more successful away from home!

We carried on with solid performances in the Pembury Junior Tournament, although not a competitive tournament at this age group level the boys had a great time, worked their socks off and won plenty of matches. We ran out of steam a little towards the end and something we will learn is that maybe the boys should rest between matches! Our final tournament of the season will be at Paddock Wood on the 22nd June, hopefully we can keep up the winning ways.

Special mention goes out to Bruce for organising and planning the training sessions this season and directing myself, Karl and Mark in what we needed to do! I can safely say that without Bruce’s organisation the boys would not have progressed as well as they have.

I think for all of us this season will live long in the memory, first goals scored, incredible saves, winning matches, losing matches and sportsmanship shown by all. The boys have conducted themselves incredibly well and are a credit to the club, long may it continue. …Come on the Mighty O’s!!

Simon George
Under 8s Manager

Under 9s

With the season over and looking back, I can remember some great games and performances from the Hawks and the Eagles and some great individual moments.

There’s been a few slips along the way, but I could never have asked more than for the players to do their best and keep improving, and that is exactly what I have seen. So well done to all the players.

When we started this season none of the players had ever played a competitive league match, so we were really wondering how they would adapt to it. I hoped they would just get straight into it with no reservations or fear and that is exactly what they did. I think for them beating Raw Skills with the last kick of the game was probably the highlight. I bet they loved school that week. For me it was the goal that won it, it had everything.

All things considered we’ve had a fantastic season and the improvement in the player’s ability across the teams is clear to see. Their technical skills, physicality and desire have really come on, particularly since we returned after Christmas when we changed training to ensure all the players touched the ball more and the sessions took on a more competitive edge.

I would like to say a massive well done again to all the players this season. Keep practising through the summer, left foot, right foot, passing, dribbling and shooting and I hope to see you all again next season for another great year, if not sooner.

Matt Edwards
Under 9s Manager
Under 10s

Post Christmas, the league reshuffles our fixtures so that we are pitted against teams of a similar ability and both the Rockets and the Missiles ended the season strongly, with solid performances and close results in some truly thrilling matches. The Missiles achieved the amazing feat of going all season unbeaten!

Both teams continued to play some excellent football and showed that they could come from behind to win or draw, and also go ahead to hold on for a result, which shows how far they have come this season as footballers.

Throughout this year we have been preparing the boys for the forthcoming season when we switch to 9-a-side, and the league becomes competitive, with published tables. We will have an A team and B team structure and we tried to make it clear to the boys that to be in either team’s starting 9 we needed to see 100% effort in every game this season and we really felt this was there to see in all of the matches. In some games the boys played their best to win, but also drew or conceded defeat, but knew that they had given their all.

We hope all the boys have enjoyed this season and will stay with us into the Under 11s season. The spirit and commitment they have shown makes them a credit to the club and we’ve unfortunately seen how other clubs we’ve played have not always shown the same level of sportsmanship, so special thanks to the boys, and our crowd of loyal supporters, for promoting the right attitude.

A final word to say thank you from all the coaches to our regular ref Dave DeWaal and all those who have helped out in some way on match days; it all means we can concentrate a little more on coaching, and also helps to make a tremendous family atmosphere at the club. See you next season!

Dave Brown
Under 10s Manager

Under 11s Rovers

A season of challenges, rule changes, ‘Everest’ steep learning curves, peaks and troughs: our Rovers squad have shown great mental strength, fantastic team spirit, comradery and played some really pleasing footy along the way.

Rotation on match days ensured a fair amount of football was offered to our squad of 16 boys.

After a fixture mis-match at the start, Rovers settled into the season. The turning point may well have come in November when, despite narrowly losing to Raw Skills, the lads started to believe they can play football. In December they got their reward a win over Jarvis Brook. An amazing result, but nothing less than their football deserved.

Results afterwards were still a bit mixed but our boys were competing. Some great results against T/Wells (5-2), Weald (5-0) and Uckfield (3-1) in February did wonders and, although we didn’t win the Winter trophy, it gave our lads renewed confidence.

So along the way, we’ve played football the right way and it’s paid off. We train together as a squad (both Rovers & United) building relationships, developing our boys social side, integrating so they see each other as team mates and not opponents. We will need a strong squad for the following season at 11-a-side, so it’s important to keep them all together. Develop the boy first, the player second. “If you’re not touching the bottom of a swimming pool, then that’s a good place to be”.

Finally, thanks to all the parents and supporters, without you we couldn’t have had the season we did. It’s been a pleasure. #COYO

Dave French
Under 12 Eagles

It was an encouraging finish to the league for the Eagles. Our last three games were against teams above us and we won one, drew one and narrowly lost one. The most encouraging aspect was that through the season we have conceded less and less. In four game spells we went from conceding 30 to 18 to 8. The team have also started to show good possession and composure on the ball.

Rather than finish the season in mid March, we decided to take on some teams from the division above and try 11 a side through a series of friendlies. At 9 a side we did ourselves a lot of credit by winning two but losing one against upper tier opposition.

More encouraging was our two 11 a side games. First up were Uckfield who beat us 10-0 in our last match in the league but we managed to run away 12-4 winners. Next up were Pembury who beat us 4-1 in our last league meeting but we ran out 9-4 winners. We did pull in a couple of players from the Hawks for both games but it was still encouraging to see that the boys adapted very well to the bigger pitch and 11 a side formation.

We have a couple of 6 a side tournaments to play and then a bit of a break before we start again. We hope to see all of the boys back as there were some really encouraging signs towards the end of the season that the boys are really getting the teamwork going and all can be proud of their own progression through the season.

Steve Farrell
Under 12 Eagles Manager

Under 13s

The Tandridge B league has provided a good level of football for the Under13 boys and results have been mixed as they should be.

At times perhaps the whole squad – including me - has been gripped by expectation and of course, we can't win all the time and have had to try to come to terms with some results gone awry. Couple that with adolescent frustration and it's fair to say it has been an interesting time!

Injuries – something else more experienced coaches did warn me about. Broken collar bone, broken hand, growing pains, hamstrings, knees, back pain, concussion - I don’t think a week has gone past without some injury nightmare - thankfully nothing too serious and it has been great to see those boys bounce back. But after all that, I do hope - because it is the point that they have enjoyed playing football with each other this year and I’m looking forward as always to next season!

Just to make things interesting, we hope to be running two teams next year with some dual registrations. We will have a Saturday team in the Epsom and Ewell Premier League and I am moving the Sunday team to the Crowborough League.

We have a lot of work and re-building of the 2 teams to do in the coming months and although I am looking forward to a break, I’m looking forward to seeing both teams continue to develop next season, with more football for all the boys.

My thanks to all the boys for their contribution to the squad this year and my congratulations to the deserving winners of the awards (see page 3).

Paul Marks
Under 13s Manager
Under 16s

It seems an age since the team first met for preseason training back in August. At that point we were uncertain if we would have enough boys to go forward, but over the subsequent weeks 8 new recruits arrived giving us a squad of 18.

Whilst expectations at the start of the season were high, they were tempered with the realisation that with so many new faces it might take a while for the boys to gel into a competitive team. As I write this however, we are waiting on a decision by the League (regarding an abandoned match in April) which could confirm the Under 16s as division champions.

Back in September we actually started with a defeat. However, this setback was followed by an 11 game winning run in the league, including a memorable 5 - 0 away win at ‘top of the table' Beckenham and come from behind victories against Shirley, The Warren, Elmstead and Bromleains.

Our unbeaten run ended at 12 games with a narrow defeat to Beckenham, but we quickly got over that disappointment with a 12 - 1 victory over Shirley at the start of another lengthy unbeaten run.

We needed a point from our last game of the season to confirm the title, but unfortu-nately lost to close rivals Beckenham. Now we await news from the League to see if we will be awarded points from the abandoned game.

Whatever happens it's been a great season for the team with some outstanding individual and team performances. Including cup competitions, we played 25 games, winning 17, drawing 3 and losing 5; scoring 75 goals in the process. The boys can be proud of their efforts.

As always a massive ‘Thank You' to Colin and Chris for their help and also thanks to all the parents for their support and commitment.

Graham Timson
Under 16s Manager
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