Chairman’s Message

It is the evening of Presentation Day and I feel it entirely appropriate to repeat my message of earlier today. The weather has again been kind to us and I feel everyone had an enjoyable time.

I think you would agree we have a Club to be justifiably proud of and again I would like to give my thanks to the hard-working committee and managers who give up so much their time. Special thanks must go to Matt Brown for organising today in such an efficient way and also to the Heyburns for all their hard work mowing and preparing pitches and making Bushey Croft look as outstanding as it did. So much hard work goes on behind the scenes, but on a day like today we see the results of those labours. Without those individuals your Club would not exist and we do always welcome more participation from those willing to help. The Club is prepared to fund the cost of FA approved courses for anyone wishing to get involved on the coaching side, so if you are tempted please let us know. It can be hugely rewarding.

We also welcome you at our AGM in just over three weeks on Monday 25 June, to be held at 8pm in the Bell in Old Oxted. It is your opportunity to give us your ideas and let us know what we might be able to improve.

Sadly we say farewell to Rowena Clements, superb fundraiser, former Chairperson and head chef, who is retiring from her various duties. Her enthusiasm, dedication and commitment make her a legend of the Club and we cannot thank her enough for all the time she has given us over the years. It was therefore with heartfelt gratitude that she was today awarded the Louise Harper Trophy for outstanding service to the Club.

Thank you also to our sponsors, all of whom are represented on the Pitchero website. Your financial assistance with teams has helped us be able to continue to invest in the Club and in addition to all the improvements we have made to the clubhouse over the last few years, you will note that we have been able to improve the storage facilities, purchase new goals and add to the floodlights.

Well done to all those who won awards today, they are justly deserved. But remember that you would not have won them without the support and input of your teammates. A bunch of individuals, no matter how talented, does not make a team so every individual award in its own way becomes a team award. Congratulations to Paul Marks, Manager of the Year, and his U12’s side who won their league.

Have a great summer break and see you next year.

David Parish
Club Chairman
Once again the sun was out for our annual presentation day.

Throughout the day, all of our club’s teams took part in their own football matches at our home ground, with what is quite possibly the most pitches Bushey Croft has ever seen (7 pitches!).

We had inter-age group tournaments, as well as a ‘Lads v Dads’ match for the Under 15s, with all age groups playing a final celebration of this season’s football.

At the end of the afternoon, the annual team awards were presented, before our title winning Under 12s were handed their trophy and winners medals. Read the Under 12s’ report to find out more!

Well done to all of our trophy winners this year, but also to everyone who has played a part in another successful year at Oxted & District JFC.

### Under 6
- Most Improved Player—Aidan Shahid
- Parents’ Player of the Season—Leo De Waal
- Sportsmanship Award—Toby George

### Under 7
- Most Improved Player—Rocco Reynolds
- Parents’ Player of the Season—Alfie Murray
- Sportsmanship Award—Alfie Jaggers

### Under 8
- Most Improved Player—Hari Shah
- Parents’ Player of the Season—Alfie Richards
- Sportsmanship Award—Thomas Barry

### Under 9
- Rockets’ Parents’ Player of the Season—Barney Roberts
- Missiles’ Parents’ Player of the Season—Henry Cleary
- Rockets’ Managers’ Player of the Season—Hayden Flynn
- Missiles’ Managers’ Player of the Season—Harry Gravett
- Most Improved Player—Ethan Holbrook
- Sportsmanship Award—Joe Tidy

### Under 10
- Manager’s Player of the Season—Tom Lyons
- Supporters’ Player of the Season—Brody Cockerill
- Most Improved Player—Lee-Boy Hoadley
- Sportsmanship Award—Harrison Casbolt

### Under 11
- Eagles’ Manager’s Player of the Season—Noah Palmer
- Hawks’ Manager’s Player of the Season—Connor Hodson
- Eagles’ Parents’ Player of the Season—Max Caswell
- Hawks’ Parents’ Player of the Season—Tommy Cleary
- Sportsmanship Award—Joe Farrell

### Under 12
- Manager’s Player of the Season—Alex Tidy
- Most Improved Player—Max Saumarez
- Sportsmanship Award—Thomas Poole

### Under 13
- Manager’s Player of the Season—Owen Prince
- Parents’ Player of the Season—Spencer Hounslow
- Players’ Player of the Season—Ashley Southwood
- Sportsmanship Award—Hamish Walker

### Under 15
- Manager’s Player of the Season—Lucas Humphries
- Players’ Player of the Season—Jack Hughes
- Sportsmanship Award—Sean Blair

### Manager of the Year
- Paul Marks (Under 12s)

### Louisa Harper Cup
- Rowena Clements

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The Under 15 team played a ‘Lads v Dads’ game at Presentation Day this year.

Our Under 10 award winners
As we reach the end of the season I would like to thank all the members of the committee and team managers for their hard work behind the scenes ensuring that 2017/18 has been another successful year for the Club on and off the pitch.

The Club are affiliated to two Leagues: the Crowborough League and the Tandridge Youth league, as well as the Surrey FA. All 3 organisations have significant administration requirements including the attendance of various meetings throughout the Year.

I am pleased to let you know that the Club has retained its status as a FA Charter Standard Club following the annual review process.

The FA Charter Standard accreditation is awarded to clubs rigorously adjudged to be well-run and sustainable and which prioritise child protection, quality coaching and implementation of the FA’s Respect programme.

We have demonstrated that coaches across all age groups are FA qualified, prioritise child welfare and provide opportunities for children of all ages and abilities to play football. We are rightly proud of this accreditation and I would like to thank all of those individuals, particularly Steve Farrell our Child Welfare Officer, for their input in maintaining this highly regarded status.

We have undertaken a number of fund raising initiatives this season which have allowed us to purchase floodlights for midweek training, new 7 a side goals and improve the facilities in and around the Clubhouse including new storage areas for the new equipment. Again I would like to thank all of those people involved in these initiatives, notably Matt Brown, for their outstanding effort during the year.

The affiliation process for next season is underway and we are already looking forward to an exciting 2018/19 season.

Chris Lyons
Co-Club Secretary
EMBRACE THE COUNTRY SCENE THIS SUMMER

Sign up to support our cause and you could win one of two membership packs to the Edenbridge & Oxted Agricultural Show 2018!

- Help us make a difference to our community and support our cause on the Tandridge Together Lottery
- Sign-up for only £1 a week and be included in our two-part prize draw
- You get the chance to win cash prizes up to £25,000 every week
- We get 50p from every £1 ticket (and a further 10p goes to other good causes in the area)
- Join your community in making where we live an even better place

To start supporting, visit:

www.tandridge lottery.co.uk

and search for: Oxted & District

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 30th June to be entered into the first prize draw and before 7th July for the second prize draw.

Terms and conditions apply – see website. The prizes are 2 x Tandridge Together PAs, to the Edenbridge & Oxted Agricultural Show on Sunday 24th and Monday 27th August 2018. The winners will receive two badges which will admit two people to the show on both days, including access to the member's area. There will be two prize draws taking place which will include a joint membership pack to the Edenbridge & Oxted Agricultural Show in each giveaway.
Under 9s

So the season comes to a close and I feel that our first competitive season has been a resounding success. From our tentative start, the boys focused, worked hard and adapted well to playing competitive football.

The results for the teams were as follows:

Missiles
P20 W14 D2 L4 F52 A24

Rockets
P20 W10 D4 L6 F50 A36

Throughout we have endeavoured to play nice passing football and I think we have achieved that aim with consistent improvements across both teams through the year.

We have never been swamped by the opposition or outplayed and even in the few losses we have had, I felt we were unlucky and probably should have won these matches.

We head into next season full of confidence, and both Dave and I are very excited about pushing on from where we are to see what football the boys are capable of playing.

Enjoy the summer and see you next season.

Ronan Cleary
Under 9s Manager
Under 10s

It was a rollercoaster start to the second season in the Crowborough league for the Under 10s.

We had a large influx of new players over the summer break, which saw the squad increase significantly. Therefore we rearranged into a three team set up, resulting in a few mixed results as everyone found their feet and got to know each other pre-Christmas.

Post Christmas, we put out two even level teams as our pair. Both teams found a consistency which brought an unbeaten run of results for Oxted United and only a couple of narrowly fought losses for Oxted Rovers. Oxted Athletic were paired with Tonbridge and despite a tough season turned out some satisfying results against far more established sides, with a number of boys playing in to the paired teams as the season unfolded.

Next season sees the next stage in the boys’ football development as they move on to play in two streamed 9-a-side sides, with weekly games in a competitive Crowborough league. The step up now means results are recorded and the off-side rule applies!

The boys have met every challenge put to them so far and I have no doubt that they will thrive as under 11s.

The boys have been a joy to manage this season; it has been a pleasure for me, Chris, Graham and Dave to help the boys on their football journey and I look forward to seeing how next season plays out.

As ever, many thanks to all of the parents and supporters for their help on training and match days and an extra special thank you to this year’s Under 10 sponsors: Hasbridge Construction, who sponsor our home kits; and Bill’s Restaurant, who sponsor our away kits.

Peter Maynard
Under 10s Manager

Under 11s - Hawks

The Under 11 Hawks finally finished the season with a 2-1 away victory, at the ever competitive Pembury. For those with good memories we had started the season also with a 2-1 away win, way back in September at Hailsham.

In between those games there have been a few highs and lows but we have seen more wins than losses. Overall, we recorded 9 wins, 6 draws and 5 defeats from our 20 matches and finished second in the Spring Trophy ‘C’ division. A decent return for the season.

It’s been a pleasure managing the boys this season, I hope they have enjoyed it. As a team we have been impressive especially defensively - just 23 goals conceded - and we have had some very good victories against tough opposition, however we still have room for improvement as we look forward to next season and the switch to Sunday football.

Once again we will be entering two teams in the Crowborough League next season at Under 12. We will be holding ‘open trial’ sessions on the first 3 weekends in August and from that we will determine the 2 squads for the season with the Hawks playing in the higher and stronger division.

The first session will be on Sunday 5th August at 9:30 at Bushey Croft. If players are away, don’t worry as there will be two more sessions before the squads are finalised mid-August, ahead of the matches starting Sunday 9th September.

Gary Prince
Under 11 ‘Hawks’ Manager
Under 11 - Eagles

We had high hopes for the group G Spring Trophy, having nearly won this group in the Autumn Trophy but, with a different mix of teams, we found it surprisingly tough.

Thanks to Michael, Jesse and Matthias trying new positions, which is tough for right footed players but the best options proved to be Theo and Oliver who are left footed.

After losing the first two games, we turned it around in our third game winning 4-0 away at Jarvis Brook. More encouraging was the fact that we were missing most of our defence but the boys standing in did a first class job.

Through this group of games we also started to experiment with options in goal. Oliver proved to be a very useful replacement for Charlie at left back and both Harry Thomas and Theo put in very good performances between the sticks. This gives us options for next season. Unfortunately we lost the last two games but the result of the last game did not tell a fair story. The boys competed well on a very hot day and it was 2-2 with a few minutes to go but, with only one sub and a few injuries being inflicted by a very physical side, we ran out of steam.

Next season we will try the boys in different positions as some of the forced changes in the last few games threw up some surprises. We conceded far too many goals in the Spring Trophy event so will work on the back and may try some different formations. I thought some of the results were harsh on us as the boys showed some spells of really good play. In this event we only scored 6 goals - 4 from Theo, 1 from Noah and 1 direct from the corner spot from Joe. Well done to MOTM winners Jesse, Michael x2, Joe and Theo.

Finally a big thank you to all the boys for the effort and perseverance particularly when things have been going against us.

Steve Farrell
Under 11 ‘Eagles’ Manager

Under 12s

For the Under 12s this season we wanted solid league progression and, despite not starting the season with a dedicated striker, we were targeting promotion from day one. We also had a big squad to rotate which is tough for right footed players but the best options proved to be Theo and Oliver who are left footed.

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Under 11 ‘Eagles’ Manager
Under 13s

The Under 13s enjoyed a very competitive season in Division A of the Crowborough League. Two rare defeats in February and March was enough for our title hopes to slip away. However, the boys showed great resilience, finishing the season strongly with convincing wins against Tonbridge, Heathfield, Tunbridge and Wateringbury. We were title contenders throughout the year and overall finished 3rd in our League (4 points off 1st place) and also reached the Semi Final of the League Cup. With the season concluded, 10 of the 16 man squad entered a 6 a side football festival at Wateringbury. Ox ted boys once again rose to the challenge, topping the group stage of the tournament and progressing to the Cup Semi Final. After a nail biting penalty shoot out, Ox ted progressed to the Final where we faced last years’ rivals; Tunbridge Wells Youth. A very close game between both teams, but Tunbridge just managed to win the game 1-0. A great day out for all the boys and families.

Overall I’m incredibly proud of all the boys this year. The transition to 11 a side football is a big jump and all of the boys have adjusted well and are understanding the game more and more each week. The commitment shown by training twice a week (rain or shine) is admirable and I’m confident if we continue next season with the same endeavour, silverware is just around the corner.

Thank you to all the parents for your relentless support all season, with particular thanks to Dave Southwood who has been our team linesman all year. Thanks also to Ian Barney for supporting me and the boys this year. After many years of service at the football club, Ian is stepping down as coach. Ian will be sorely missed, although we hope to see him on the side lines soon cheering the boys on.

Enjoy the summer break boys... Fitness pre-season starts late July!

Matt Brown
Under 13s Manager

Under 15s

It’s been a hugely frustrating season from start to finish for the team. The Tandridge League organised the Under 15 age group poorly this season, leaving us with only seven teams in our division, and forcing us to play teams in the division above as well in a ‘paired’ league. Many of these games were unplayed as weekends were lost to waterlogged pitches and opposition lost the appetite to continue as the season drew to a close.

The team can’t be faulted for their effort and application, and were ‘hamstrung’ throughout the season with injuries and illness that left a small squad limited in some matches. A final finishing position of sixth doesn’t reflect on how well the boys performed most Sundays, losing narrowly on numerous occasions, and when playing higher league opposition competing for large parts of the games.

Highlights include: winning our opening fixture of the season 10 - 1 against Bromleains Blues; losing narrowly to Seymour Villa, champions of the division above; outplaying Caterham Pumas, also of the division above, before succumbing to a narrow defeat in the Cup.

The intention is to continue on next season at Under 16 and the majority of the squad are committed to returning. However, for the boys to gain the success that their hard work deserves, there is no doubt that the squad size needs to increase. We are looking for five or six talented new players who will take the team onto the next level.

Finally, a huge thank you to Colin and Chris who have assisted me this season, and to all the parents/siblings who have helped either at training or on match days. As always, this help is much appreciated.

Graham Timson
Under 15s Manager
Focus on a Sponsor

Two brand new Under 9 teams will start next season in two brand new kits, thanks to sponsorship from Kingfisheries Aquariums Ltd and Covéa Insurance Limited who have kindly donated enough to cover a complete strip each for the Eagles and Hawks teams that will be formed out of the ever successful Acorns set-up run by Chris Heyburn and his team.

Both teams will play in a new look red and black kit next season displaying their respective sponsor across the front. See below for our new mitre club kits which will be phased in to replace the current JOMA style.

Kingfisheries Aquarium Ltd (www.kingfisheries-aquarium.co.uk) based in Beckenham, stock a huge range of aquarium and pond product and offer a full design and restoration service as well as fish and aquatic equipment supplies.

So if you’re thinking about a pond or tank or you need anything replaced or updated, please don’t hesitate to give them a call or pay them a visit.

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The players have started playing friendly games and are doing great. There are some tournaments, off season training and games coming up before moving to 7 aside league football next year.

Both teams have capacity for a few additional players so if anyone is interested please ask them to contact Matt Edwards on 07766 562 952.

Matt Edwards
Acorns Coach
Dates for your Diary

Saturday 16th June
Paddock Wood Tournament
(Under 7s AM, Under 8s PM)

Saturday 23rd June
Tunbridge Wells Tournament
(Under 7s, Under 8s and Under 9s, AM)

Saturday 30th June
Jarvis Brook Tournament
(Under 7s, AM)

Sunday 1st July
Jarvis Brook Tournament
(Under 8s, AM)

Oxted & District Junior Football Club

Oxted & District JFC provides junior football for the local community from age 5. Our highly successful Acorns section caters for our youngest players, with five to seven year olds experiencing friendly football in a safe and fun environment.

An FA Charter Standard Development Club, our home ground is Bushey Croft Recreation Ground in Old Oxted, which provides a hub for all of our teams from Acorns to Under 16s, with most teams training and playing there.

On our website you will find fixtures, results and news for all our teams, along with club contact information. Each team has its own team page, which are listed under the ‘Teams’ tab on the menu bar.

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