



CFJFC – NEWSLETTER - February 2019



A word from our Chairman:

This month I have decided to tackle a subject that has been brought to my attention on various occasions recently. At Grassroots level the single most important outcome of youth football is the social development of each child. They make for life, development, communication skills, problem solving, team working & leadership skill & here at CFJFC we try to encourage all these, including the progression of the older boys into coaching and refereeing. One area of constant concern is that on match days it is important that coaching is left to the coaches as that is why we have paid for them to attend FA Coaching Courses. Trust in the coaches but more importantly trust your own child and their team mates. The coaches give up lots of time and are the ones entrusted to develop the children in their team and give them opportunities when possible. So please give them the respect of not coaching on match days. You may think that you are being helpful, but cheering, applause and support is far more important to the children. After a game, there is only a couple of things that your child needs to hear depending on their age and that is “you love them“, “you enjoyed watching them play” and “you are proud of them”. They do not need a mini match analysis on the way home – this is for the coaches at the appropriate time. I hope that this has not come across as the Chairman having a “RANT” and not everybody will agree with me, but I do hope some of them are taken on board. **Neil Hadley, Chairman.**

Fundraising in action: (email – fundraising@cfjfc.org.uk)

Hi there, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year. Thank you to all of you that supported us at the Christmas party. We have some exciting stuff coming up in the next couple of months. Hopefully most of you have noticed the flyer for a band night on Saturday 30th March and are busily sorting out childminders. It’s an adult only event where us as parents of Coxheath and Farleigh football club can socially meet. It’s a local band consisting of one of the dads from the under 11s team. The event is from 19.30 – 23.00 and will be advance tickets only!!! Please contact me on 07905300785 or Clare Whitehead on 07742164518 for tickets or any queries. Bring your own food and drink and your dancing feet!! We will be doing a raffle half way through the evening so bring some change. We plan to do our annual award ceremony in June this year but await news and save the date when known. We have spent some of the money raised in the last few weeks. The money you have all kindly given through events last year have gone towards two lock ups, one for the under 11s at new line learning and the second one for the under 12s at the school. We have also completely redone the roof of the main lockup at the Beacons field. These are all necessary and we really appreciate your support at the events which allows us to collect this money. If anyone has any ideas of events for us to stage or even some time to help us as a committee, please approach us using the details above or ask your manager to get in contact. Many thanks

Becky, Clare, Lisa and Kerry (fundraising committee).

Secretaries Update: Martin Colwell – mcolwell1959@aol.com

Please have patience with the need to reschedule fixtures due to the weather. Spring will soon be with us. As we use grass pitches they get flooded or frost gets in to them and we do not have undersoil heating!
Thanks Martin

Teams:

You can find out more about our teams later in this newsletter and on the club website or on our Facebook page. www.cfjfc.org.uk .

Our teams currently play in The Maidstone Invicta League and The Maidstone Boys Primary League.



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Managers thoughts

This month it is David Turner, manager of the under 10's.

Three years ago I came to Coxheath and Farleigh's football academy (now rising stars) as my daughter wanted to play football.

I heard they needed volunteers and the following week spoke to Neil Hadley the Chairman and he got me involved by helping the Under 8's at the time as an assistant to Andy Pellow.

After a couple of games, I had the managers bug and the following season was asked to take an Under 9's team.

The three years I have been here has been a rewarding experience to see the joy on children's faces as they play, in my first full season as manager the team won the spring festival which gave the team great joy.

Rising Stars:

Any boy or girl from the Age 4 to 7 who wants to enjoy the beautiful game or simply have fun, we are at Coxheath Village Hall on a Saturday Morning between 9:00am – 10:30am. There is a £5 Annual Membership fee and it is currently £2.50 per session. Alternatively contact **Jodie Crane** at info@jodiecranepa.co.uk or find us via our website or Facebook page.

A Player has their say:

My name is Will and I am part of the under 15's team. I have been playing for Coxheath and Farleigh Junior football club since I was 8 years old. I used to play up front but slowly moved down the pitch to midfield - one day I could be in goal! I enjoy playing football and play Thursday and Sunday with the team. Since I was 11 years old, I have been keen to develop my skills in football and was keen on coaching and refereeing. Neil my manager helped me and suggested volunteering with the club until I was old enough to referee at 14. So, I helped on Saturdays with the rising stars for a while, then I moved on to helping Karl Brett with his then under 9's team and still help him on a Friday - they are now under 11's! I also helped David Turner for a little while at his matches on a Saturday morning. In August last year I went along to the referee's workshop and went on my mini soccer referee course in October. In December I became Mini soccer referee qualified and in February I am due to do the conversion course. I really enjoy volunteering and helping the younger boys and girls to learn football skills.

I have a few highlights - the cup final last year at the Gallagher stadium with my team was a great experience. Also, when there is a light breeze a few of my corner kicks have resulted in a goal!

I am a loyal club member and I really appreciate being able to volunteer in a sport that I love so much. I want to say a huge thank you to the club for all they have done to support me to achieve my goals.



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Meet a supporter:

I am a true 'footie mum' having been brought up myself in a house of football. I always hoped my kids would have an interest. I have been supporting Coxheath and Farleigh junior football club for the past 8 years. My son Will started playing in the under 8's team and he is now under 15's! Those years have gone by fast and it has been fun to be part of such a family orientated club. Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings and now Sunday afternoons arrive quickly each week and I look forward to catching up with the other parents as we stand and chat in all weathers on the side lines. My husband Paul ran the team for a short period of time until Neil thankfully took over!

Paul is more a cricket/rugby man you see! Paul then took on the role of treasurer for a season. My daughter Sophie has also been dragged out in all weathers, but she hasn't minded as she has made lots of new friends and helped run the tea stall for a while. I help with the fundraising events and this is great when an event is a success and money is raised for the boys and girls of the club. Will has not only played for his own team over the years but also since 11 he has helped with rising stars and the younger teams and has recently qualified as a mini soccer referee. I think it is really important to volunteer and add some value to the community you are part of. This club has been a big part of our lives for many years and as a family we have been pleased to support it and watch it grow.

Lisa Turner

Feedback required.

I would be grateful if all of you reading this newsletter provide the club with feedback regarding what you think of it and any views that you have in regard to the club? We are also looking for new ideas for the newsletter. So, let us have your views please.

Martin Colwell – Secretary.

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SAVE THE DATES / FUTURE EVENTS:

Saturday 30th March.....Band Night.

Sometime in June.....Presentations event

THANK YOU FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN:

Many thanks to everyone involved in junior football at our F.A. Charter Standard club. Our club is greatly respected in the local community and in the Maidstone and district area.

I hope that you all enjoy your time with our club in 2019 and beyond.

Neil Hadley.



GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE IN THE CLUB:

Name: Martin Crane

Role : Under 15's Head Coach

Qualifications : FA Level 3 Coach & UEFA Level B Coach



1 – WHAT IS YOUR ROLE WITHIN THE CLUB & QUALIFICATION?

I am the Under 15 Head Coach and have been with the team since U12's. I initially started with the club when we moved to Maidstone from Berkshire. My son Josh wanted to join a team and I offered my help.

I gained my Level 2 qualification in 2002 and loved developing the game. I was lucky enough to work for Swindon Town FC and Charlton Athletic as well as Arsenal Soccer Schools, but gained most of my youth team experience whilst coaching at Hungerford Town. During this period I progressed to Level 3 under the guidance of former Millwall legend, Alan Walker.

2 – WHAT FOOTBALL TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT & WHY / FAVOURITE PLAYER:

I am a typical southern Manchester United fan. Watching the 1979 FA Cup with my elder brother. He was an Arsenal fan and I wanted the other team to beat them. I have followed Manchester Utd ever since.

My favourite player has to be, and this is a tough one! Steve Coppell as when I was a kid he was a winger like me! More recently it must be either Paul Scholes or Ryan Giggs. I have so many idols and it is impossible for me to choose. It's like choosing your favourite child!

3 – FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL MEMORY:

When I was in my last year of primary school our football team won every game and was the first team to win the league and cup double. I scored in every round of the cup.

4 - WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE CFJFC IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS:

I Would like to see CFJFC with a home! A clubhouse, 4g pitch and teams from under 7 to adults, ladies, vets / walking football. CFJFC at the heart of the community.

5 – MESSI or RONALDO – WHO IS THE BETTER AND WHY?

Messi, unassuming, Mr consistent, doesn't need any publicity and has no ego. Lets his feet do the talking!



LEARNING TO DEAL WITH INJURY – NOT KNOWING IF I WOULD PLAY AGAIN

This article tells the story from a player's perspective of learning how to deal with a serious injury and not know when / if he would play again.

Players Name: Josh Crane

Team: Under15's

I have played for Coxheath & Farleigh JFC since under 12's and have always loved football. When we moved down from Berkshire I didn't have a team so played a season of rugby. My Dad then spoke with the under 12 Manager and the Chairman and I was invited along to training. Since then I have always been a part of the squad and after a brief spell away with Bearsted I came back and was welcomed in to the team.

I play a lot a football and was lucky enough to play for my District, have had trials at Millwall FC and to be part of an under 16 squad at Tonbridge. I was having a very successful season, my school and football teams were in the Cup Finals, and we were pushing to win the leagues. It was at one of these games that my worst nightmare came true, I fell in a divot going into a tackle and snapped my ACL, LCL and ruptured my Meniscus!

It has been a long hard journey with many ups and probably more downs, having to listen to the specialist doctors and consultants, but during the last 9 months CFJFC U15's and the team manager have supported me throughout the entire journey, monitoring my comeback and pacing me slowly.

I still have to take it easy and am slowly coming back into training, and on Sunday 27th January, I was told to warm up and I played the first 10 minutes of football since April 2018 and scored from just outside the box. The goal was great but what really made me happy was my team mates reaction (see picture below). They all ran to celebrate with me, ending up with us all in a heap on the floor. My Manager, and Coach (aka my dad) were also jumping around and celebrating, let alone my mum's reaction.



Thank You – Josh Crane