



CFJFC – NEWSLETTER - December 2018



A word from our Chairman:

Here's my Christmas message to the members of Coxheath and Farleigh Junior Football Club, the parents and guardians, the club management committee, the team managers and coaches, the fundraisers, the referees and other volunteers and most of all the players. I would also thank my own family, my daughter and son and two granddaughters for their support. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. In the past 12 months the club has gone from strength to strength. Our managers and coaches have undergone training and development, to improve the quality of delivery which is crucial to maintaining our cherished charter standard club status. The lifeblood of our club is our 'Rising Stars' academy, run by Jodie Crane, which enables us to bring through the younger children so that they enjoy football and progress to our under 8 teams in the Invicta Primary League. We have two under 8 teams competing this current season, managed by Ian Jeffrey and Kaley Sage. You can see both Rising Stars and under 8 matches most Saturday mornings at Coxheath village hall green. The club has several team sponsors, all of whom are invaluable to the club regarding kit sponsorship and provision of continued support. We look forward to continuing to work with them in 2019.

More from me later.

Neil Hadley, Chairman.

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

In 2018 we formally established a fundraising committee, ably run by several mums of our players. Their work has swelled club coffers by running events to raise funds. Some of this money has gone towards purchasing equipment and improving storage facilities for our teams in various locations. My hope is that one day we can raise enough funding to acquire a club house facility, which the club can call home. And now over to our fundraisers.

Hello everyone, we fundraisers have been a little quiet in the first few months of this season but have events coming up soon. The club Christmas party takes place on Saturday 15th December, between 2 and 4 PM at Coxheath village hall. And.....Father Christmas will be in attendance. There will be cakes and drinks available, plus a raffle and music. The rest is up to you. So, come and celebrate Christmas with us. The cost is £10 per family to cover costs. Pay at the door. Make sure you are there. We are currently working on a band night for Saturday 30th March, where you adults, minus the children, can join us for a great night. More details to follow. Other events will follow including a quiz night. If anyone has some spare time to help us, we would love to hear from you. Watch out for club posts on Facebook. Thanks Becky and Lisa.

Secretaries Update:

Martin Colwell (Secretary) – mcolwell1959@aol.com

The club's Charter Standard status for 2019 was renewed by the F.A. recently. The club continues to grow and improve and become a key part of the local community. The expansion of the populations of Coxheath and Farleigh has meant that we need to be better and bigger as a football club for those aged 5 to 18. We have met these challenges head on and will continue to do so. This is done with a commitment to keep membership costs lower than other equivalent clubs in the area. Please feel free to email me if you wish to get involved as a volunteer or have any questions about our club.

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.



Don't forget.....Christmas Party.....Saturday 15th December.

2 to 4 PM, pay on the door. £10 per family.



CHARTER STANDARD
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Managers thoughts

This month it is Ian Jeffrey, manager of the under 8's.

Getting involved in Grassroots football. I've stood on the side of the pitch for many years watching my eldest son play, trying not to 'coach' him but supporting him. When it was the turn of my middle son, I saw the challenges a coach has in handling 7 players on the pitch and a lively subs bench. I spoke to David Turner, our current under 10 manager, just to see if I could offer a bit of a hand. Well....its kind of snowballed from there. Fast forward 18 months and now I manage one of the clubs under 8 teams.

People ask, 'does it take up all of your time'? 'Do you ever get bored'? No. Every weekend is different. I get to spend time with some of the happiest, keen, supportive and excited people....ten kids who form Coxheath and Farleigh JFC under 8's. I spend most weekend mornings in a field and true to typical weather it could be a warm mid-November day or a very wet August day. It all also comes with the bonus of having a hand in coaching my youngest son, who wants to be the next Mo Salah. Well....we all need a retirement plan.

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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

Hi, my name is Violet Sage and I am 7 years old. I play for Coxheath and Farleigh JFC under 8 Colts.

My best thing about playing is winning matches and having a go. My favourite player is Benjy because sometimes he is scared to go on to the pitch, but he always goes for it.

We lost in a final recently. We played our best and were very unlucky, but it was still good where we came in the cup because we have learned a lesson to try harder for the whole game. But we still had fun.

How our teams are doing.

Following on from last season's successes on the pitch, including my own teams (then the under 14's) experience of playing in the challenge cup final at The Gallagher Stadium, all of our teams are progressing well this season in league and cup competitions and I am confident of continued success, whilst maintaining the club ethos of participation for all.

All through the current season I have watched our teams in action. What I have seen has been most gratifying in terms of energy and enthusiasm by the players and those who support them. It is the highest quality I have seen in my time in youth football.

Neil Hadley, Chairman.

The Club Management Committee

At our 2018 AGM there were some changes to the club management committee. Jodie Crane of Rising Stars fame became club treasurer and Karl Brett, a team manager, became assistant welfare officer. They join me, Martin Colwell the club secretary, and Kerry Butler the club welfare officer, in having responsibility for running the club.

Election to the management committee is by vote at a general meeting, usually the AGM. This is done in accordance with the club constitution and rules. You can see these and other important documents on the club website.

Neil Hadley, Chairman.

SAVE THE DATES / FUTURE EVENTS:

Saturday 15th December.....the Christmas Party.

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

Quiz Night.....date to follow.

Summer event.....date to follow.

THANK YOU FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN:

Many thanks to everyone involved in junior football at our club in 2018. Our club is greatly respected in the local community.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families. Have a great time over the festive period and here's to a bigger and better 2019.

Neil Hadley.