

Chairman's Message – The New Season 2021/22



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Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club



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Dear Managers, Player and Parents/Guardians

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To start it falls upon me as Club Chairman to welcome you once again, (both existing and to all those new club members) to Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club for the new season ahead. This season marks a special time for me personally as I celebrate my **21st Year** with Coxheath & Farleigh JFC having initially started as a parent and assistant on the touchline, so , I know what's it's all about, and have seen many changes and also experienced the "up's and down's", but I think can safely say the pass 18 months will be the most significant with the Covid 19 Pandemic, which has impacted on us all.

The past few weeks have been exceptionally busy preparing for the start of the season in one capacity or another and this could not have been achieved without the hard works and effort of my fellow committee members, team managers and especially Mark Sunnucks (Registration Secretary) who once again has worked tirelessly in getting all the players registered with the respective leagues, evenings and weekends and therefore I would like to start by expressing my gratitude and appreciation to Mark.

Well, what can I say, as a result of the above it's been a while since we have been able to get excited about grassroots football resuming here at Coxheath & Farleigh JFC. In the interim we have had to make do with watching an amazing win from England against the old rivals Germany, at The Euro's before the heartache and disappointment of losing to Italy in the final. Whilst my own team Chelsea FC went into win The Champion League.

I am sure we have all enjoyed some wonderful sporting events this year including The Olympic in Tokyo and only this week, British teenager Emma Raducanu reached the US Open final as her meteoric rise continued.

So now back to the bottom step where it all begins with Grassroots Football and here at Coxheath we have a proud tradition of providing grassroots football to boys and girls from the surrounding areas at competitive costs, from the Age of 4 upwards. We may not have the financial backing of some larger clubs or first class facilities, with lucrative sponsorship deals but we are still here after 47 years so we must be doing something right.

There is no escaping the fact that financially it has been a difficult 12-18 months for everyone and a lot of hard work will be required going forward, however once again we have a balanced budget for this season, and we will be looking for further ways to generate income over the next 12 months with organized events (**Fund Raising**), Covid permitting.

This is why more than ever sponsorship, whether perimeter boards, match days, team kit etc is just so vital for a small club like us and as Chairman, with the support of the Committee we are always investigating and or launching new initiatives to ensure the future of the club is maintained. Historically all our Managers, Teams and parents have contributed with organizing events etc.

Please keep it up as we truly appreciate your help and we are now looking to get more parents involved with the club at the younger ages and are always pleased to hear from anyone wanting to get involved and take that 1st step. Those interested should contact either myself or club secretary (see details below) in the first instance.

So as we enter the new season 2021/22 hopefully with the chance to play all year round albeit slightly conscious of potential further Covid outbreaks in mind, once again we have various teams across the respective age levels competing in the various leagues and I am confident we will continue to provide competitive match day action for those involved, whether in league or cup competitions.

One thing is guaranteed there will be high and lows , success and disappointment but ultimately it's all about enjoyment and if we can achieve that from both existing members and those new to the club the Coxheath & Farleigh would have achieved some of their goals for the coming season.

Whilst I am congratulating people it is only right that this extends to many other people within the club who work tirelessly behind the scenes, each season and at training and on match days, and they are as equally as important as the committee, and my extreme gratitude therefore extends to the following people:

Contacts With Club:

Club Committee - Neil Hadley (Chairman), Martin Colwell (Secretary) , Child Welfare Office (Kerry Butler), Assistant Child Welfare Office (Karl Brett), Treasurer (TBC)

Fund Raising Committee - Becky Brett/Lisa Turner & Clare Whitehead (Fund Raising Committee)

Team Managers - Ian Jeffrey (Rising Stars), Mark Sunnucks (Registration Office, Website & Social Media), Jodie & Martin Crane (U8's Managers), Paul Dew (U9's Manager) Ian Jeffrey (U10's Manager), David Turner (U13's

Manager), Karl Brett (U14's Manager), Andy Smith (U15's Manager), Myself (U18's Manager) and all the respective coaching teams.

On that note I would like to wish all teams within Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club, whether managers, coaches, players, or parents all the very best for the season ahead and hope that you enjoy your experience and that you fulfill your expectations for the season ahead, hopefully with some more silverware for the club, although ultimately, it's all about taking part, having fun and enjoyment.

I hope to be able to get round and watch as many teams play once again this season, work permitting, as possible and will mix amongst the parents on the touchline, so please feel free to say "hello"

As always I would however stress that we are very much a family orientated football club, and therefore in order that we can continue to take the club forward, like all grassroots football clubs we need the **support of all parents** with ideas, volunteer roles, assistance especially on match days with setting up and finally new ideas to further expand the club and generate continued income

Therefore if you think you can offer a few hours of your time and want to become involved please email either myself at neilhadley1@btinternet.com or the Club Secretary Martin Colwell at mcolwell1959@aol.com

Thank You & Enjoy

Neil Hadley - Club Chairman

