

Old Cranleighan Colts Newsletter 2014/5

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Season 3

Week 1

Week 1 – A Warm Welcome to All....!

Week 1 – Season 3 and a warm welcome to you all to the OC's Club. Whether you have been here as a founder member, or have arrived at the club for the first time, we would like to thank you for choosing to play your hockey with the OC's. We have lots to catch up on and tell you since the end of last year and many changes (for the good) of course within the Colts Section, which we hope will enhance the whole experience and improve what we are doing for you the membership. However we are trying to ensure we maintain and keep the ethos of the club and section of providing a great, fun, and enjoyable atmosphere for all whether you are 4 or 80, the club's growth is down to its popularity of being Surrey's friendliest club which we hope to continue to keep up. Hopeful to all of the new members you have found this already and we are always free to take advice, guidance and views from you and your children as we want to make this club a better place for all concerned! Enjoy the season...!!-Cato



A Message from the Colts Chairman – Gavin Adair

So we're back with a bang! It was great to see so many smiling faces on Sunday, both on the pitch and on the side lines. Those long lie ins we all looked forward to last March never quite materialise the way we anticipate!

I trust you all had a warm welcome to the club on Sunday. Cato, Kelly, Helen and Kate and the rest of the committee have done a huge amount of work preparing things the new season so a big thank you to all of them for all their hard work to date and the hard work to come.

The main reason for writing is to add my own welcome to season and to the club to new members and existing members alike. I had a few (read 160 plus) distractions on Sunday so didn't say hello to as many of you as I would have liked but I will endeavor to say hello personally in the coming weeks. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns that one of the Committee or our volunteers can't help with or that you'd prefer to discuss with me directly then please do get in touch; my personal email is gsadair@yahoo.co.uk.

There's plenty more in the newsletter but I also just wanted to highlight our plans for the next few weeks. Our early focus is on allocating the kids to appropriate groups that they can train and play with for much of the season. They will also have a dedicated lead coach who can be first point of contact for all things hockey related. We have a good idea already but obviously not all kids were with us this week; we're hoping to have a pretty good idea after this weekend. Once we 'set' the children, we will review half way through the season but even then will only move them by exception and after discussion with parents (and the children!).

Once we have the groups we will issue provisional lists of fixtures and events for the season; whilst these will be subject to change it should allow you to pencil in certain things in your diaries

Last thing from me is to make sure you don't forget the chips and squash available free in the clubhouse after both the sessions. Siblings can join in for a small donation!

Here's to a fun and rewarding season!

- Gavin



Kim Robertson will be about this Sunday for any siblings from 2years + who want to get involved with sport. Running a full multi sports program that is structured and proven to improve hand eye coordination and motor skills, this is a great way for the younger ones to have fun and get active and learn about sport...!

Sessions start from 10.30am and taster sessions available for first timers...!! For more info email

kimplayballuk@mail.com or go to www.thamesditton.playballuk.com



**PARKING IS AT A PREMIUM
PLEASE THINK BEFORE
DRIVING TO THE OC'S ON A
SUNDAY! TRY CYCLING OR
CAR SHARING..!**

WANTED

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sign in desk for both groups
on a Sunday. If you can
spare a hand, please email
Kate & Kelly on
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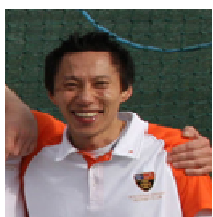
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OCHC Colts Committee...!

We are normally rushing around, trying to sort things out, however a quick introduction to the committee who make things work behind the scenes. If you have any question, concerns or need to discuss anything about how the club is run, how your child is progressing, or just want a chat, please stop us and we will do our best to help! But who are we..?

Gavin Adair - Chairman

Gavin oversees the direction of the section and instigated the formation of the colts section back in 2012. Whilst everyone over the years continued to talk about the colts section, Gavin actually did something about it and took it upon himself to sort it out. Two seasons on we have grown from 3 children attending to 155 attending with a waiting list and a colts section to be envious of. You can't miss him as he is 6ft 6 and is normally either on the pitch or schmoozing with members, parents or anyone who will listen!!



Cato Choi - Vice-Chairman & Coaching Coordinator

I am the one working on many aspects of the colts from sponsorship to coordinating the coaches and writing these newsletters. Having got involved at an early stage with Gavin, making things happen around the colts section, working closely with JJ and the management team to provide an enjoyable experience for all. You'll find me running around on a Sunday morning, normally sorting chips numbers, stick sizing or just chasing Lewis my 3.5 year old son around. Happy to help where I am needed from administration, to coaching and assisting on the pitch.

Kelly Adair - Head of Administration

The glue alongside Kate that holds and galvanizes the section together, Kelly, other than having to organize and administer the Adair household, including Gavin, has the tough task on making the section tick. The consummate organizer and PA to Gav, she has been instrumental in the growth of the section from day one and now has a well-oiled machine, due to the meticulous planning and organization skills. Again part of the team from day 1 she has seen the section grow with all the Adairs now part of the OC family (Alexander, Charlotte & Daisy). Normally seen behind the desk sorting stickers and admin on a Sunday morning. If you see her with her dark glasses, probably nursing a hangover, so don't shout too loudly!!



Dean Wheeler - Director of Hockey

Deano oversees the hockey coaching and the curriculum for the colts section and ensures that the children develop in the right way from a coaching and leadership point of view. He also looks after the development of the coaches alongside Gavin to ensure the sessions are being delivered in the right way, making it fun and enjoyable for everyone including the kids and the coaches. Instrumental in the development of the section from the first session two seasons ago, Deano brings his wealth of knowledge from both schools and club hockey at every different level having coached to a high level both in the UK and abroad. Come rain or shine, he is on the pitch, probably under a baseball hat analyzing what is going on, showing kids and coaches his infamous "Deano Dummy"!!

Kate Tanner – Treasurer & Head of Membership

A new addition to the team this year, and probably the best piece of transfer business done over the years. Kate has made this season possible so far with the organization alongside Kelly of the memberships. Therefore more than just treasurer, but Head of Memberships Kate has the responsibility to organize and ensure that the growth of the club continues. You'll see her busy behind the desk organizing the volunteers and making sure everyone gets on the pitch. That is until the ski season comes where she then disappears off to the slopes as many times as she can..!



Helen Hawes – Head of Kit & Equipment

Without Helen, the club looks a mess! She is the mecca of everything navy and orange, and is responsible for the whole club, not just our colts section but the rest of the club. She coordinates all of the hoodies, tracksuit bottoms, playing shirts, and also equipment for the colts and ensures that all of the kit runs smoothly and everyone has what they needs whether a colt aged 5 to a Vet aged 75. You'll find her normally behind the kit desk taking orders, or running around after her boys, including Nigel who all participate in the rugby on a Sunday mornina! Some sav. she have orange blood...?

Nick Aston – Committee Member & Lead Coach / Head of Sparrows

Another founder member of this all important team. Nick has been instrumental in the development of the colts at OC's and is the leader of our youngest age group. With his fantastic ability to nurture the youngest at the club, making sure that they are set up for hockey, and leave all of them energized and buzzing on a Sunday morning. You'll find him on the astro on a Sunday morning, normally being chased by 15 or so 5 years olds playing "sharks"



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