

# Old Cranleighan Colts Newsletter 2014/5

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Season 3

Week 8

## Week 8 – Lest we forget.....We will remember them....!!

Week 8 saw all at The OC's Club pay our respects to the fallen with a poignant and well observed 1 minute silence at 11am. We came together with the OC's Mini Rugby Club with Chairman of the rugby Will Fawcett giving a wonderful introduction as wreaths were laid against the cross of remembrance between the rugby and hockey pitches. Thank you to all who were involved and took part in this important occasion to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War 1.

On the pitch a busy weekend with our U12 girls were hosting Guildford HC in a training game which was really worthwhile, whilst our U10 Boys were away at Wimbledon tournament and the U12 Boys had their first taste of tournament hockey at Cheam HC.

This week we have a similar week of fixtures, busy....busy, and the newsletter is packed full of match reports! Happy reading....!



## THIS WEEK...!

U8's Mixed – Woking HC Tournament (A) 8.45am meet for 9am start.

U10's Boys v Surbiton HC (H) 12.15pm

U11's Girls - Richmond HC Tournament (A) 9am meet for (9.15am start)

U12's Girls – Chertsey HC Tournament (A) 12noon meet (12.15pm start)

## LAST WEEK - U12's Girls v Guildford

Great for the Under 12's Girls to play at home this week against a gutsy but inexperienced Guildford side. Whilst the girls reminded the coaches (at each of the 4 breaks) that they are well acquainted with the proposed tactics of "staying in our positions and playing the ball out wide" the execution of those tactics weren't always the best. We played well though and were deserving of the 4-0 win by the end of the game. Almost more pleasing than winning the game was the attitude of the girls, from the utter disappointment when being rolled off as a substitute and then to the desperation to get back onto the field and play!

Things to note; we need better whistles for the Umpires and we need to work on our positional play during the coaching sessions. The Player of the Day goes to Alice Spalding for being "solid as a rock" at the back and for her good distribution out wide. Well done girls!  
Coach - Chris J



## U12's Boys – Cheam



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The U12 boys were entered into a round robin competition at Cheam against Cheam (obviously) Tulse Hill (TH) x 2 and Spencer x 2. Unlike the girls the boys do not have match play experience however; this did not stop them from making their mark on this day. Don't let the 0-0 score line in their first game fool you, the boys did everything but score. After a short break they entered their 2nd game brimming with confidence and with a little tweak in tactics, they punished TH with an outstanding goal worthy of any goal of the day award. From our 16 yard hit, the ball was played down the right hand line, and then from right to left across the middle of the pitch tearing the TH midfield apart, then a further drive down our right and a sublime hit into the 'D' our goal was scored and they ran out worthy winners. Unfortunately they boys lost their remaining 2 games after being outplayed by teams with greater experience but don't worry lads, more training and game play experience will help you exact your revenge. You all showed great courage, commitment and a team award was given. Many thank to Cheam for our inclusion. - Coach Dan

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## Player of the Day...!

This is getting a little harder to track with all of the games, tournaments and generally outstanding performances on the pitch across both at TD and across at pitches across the area. However we must not get complacent and must keep pushing ourselves to continue to improve and develop. Well done this week to all who have won, and apologies if I have missed anyone or mistaken anyone's identities. Please get in touch if we have missed anyone, however please make sure if you do win the medal that you get your picture taken by Cato or one of the coaches and make sure we get your name so we can make sure that you are included on the Hall of Fame!!



**Freya  
Powell**



**Daisy  
Adair**



**India  
Lynn**



**Darcy  
Harrison**



**Alice  
Spalding**

### Coaches Corner - Dean Wheeler (Director of Hockey) – Winter's on its way...!

As we're approaching the worst part of the year for weather can we all start thinking about coming to hockey in appropriate clothing and making sure our players/kids don't get cold and wet during sessions. As it starts getting colder please start thinking about coming to hockey and warming up in hat and gloves and staying warm during the session. Coaches and helpers try and keep the kids moving and warm and make the drills and practices flowing and moving. Here's to a happy hockey winter!!!!

### Match / Tournament Report – U10's Boys

Last weekend saw two U10 boys teams take part in a mini-tournament at Wimbledon with a good mix of ages and experience in both teams. Whether they were sharks, dolphins or porpoises became a bit confusing but both teams played some great hockey and had a lot of fun

The team skippered by Lloyd seemed (in your author's completely unbiased opinion) to have the best of both their matches against two strong Wimbledon sides. Sadly this wasn't reflected on the score sheet at the end of the day with one match drawn and one lost to a very late winner! We expect great things from our U9s who got their first taste of 'playing up'. Well done to all but particularly to the captain, who led by example, and Ollie Taylor in an impressive debut performance in goal

Over on the other pitch, OCs began with a 2-2 draw against the first string Wimbledon side, and progressed to 2-0 and 4-0 wins against Epsom and Sunbury. Goal of the day was scored by Alex K (whose celebration as always was anything but understated!) after great play in the middle of the pitch between Alexander and Harry. Alex E (yes, we have three!) was a rock at the back as always. Thanks to our debutants who helped with numbers – hope we have tempted you down to join the squads..... - Coaches Gavin & Terry



### PLEASE NOTE

We are mindful that there are lots of games and tournaments now being played, however we are keen to progress the club members at the right pace for your children. Therefore if you feel that you would like your child to participate then please ensure you let us know by filling in your availability, however we also recognize that there are still plenty of people learning the game which we are happy to continue with training that runs alongside the competitive stuff. Keep your eye out for an email from Gavin which will be out shortly!!



## WANTED

**More Keepers wanted for each age group. Let your coach know ASAP if you want to give it a try...!**



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