



# CFJFC NEWS

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the Coxheath and Farleigh Junior Football Club newsletter. We are now well into this season and all teams having had a few matches are off to a great start. There are some new players and some that have been with the club a number of seasons and it is the job of the managers to get them playing as a team, improving each member, both as an individual and as part of the team. We will hear from each of the managers within the newsletters, along with Neil, our chairman.

This newsletter is for you, to keep you up to date on what is going on, with your own team, the others in the club, and updates around the behind the scenes action going on.

The club website is now up and running and a big thank you goes to Chris Hadley of MACH Computers who, along with Neil, has put it together. If you have not visited the site yet, firstly, what have you been doing, but secondly, go and have a look. There is more content going on all the time and soon will be your one stop shop for match reports, fixtures, links to other information, and of course, you will be able to read all the newsletters as well. The website can be found at [www.cfjfc.org.uk](http://www.cfjfc.org.uk).

Many of you will have heard how the club is seeking Charter Standard. Martin, our secretary, and Neil are well on the way to that being achieved. We will hear from Martin later around what the Charter Standard means to the club, and to you.

One vital part of the standard, and the club itself, is volunteers. As you know, all of the committee, coaches and assistant coaches give their time for free but the club always needs more people to help out. It may be with recording the scores, setting up the goals, marking the pitch or helping out at a club run event. If you can give any of your time, no matter how little, please speak to your team manager or email Neil at [chairman@cfjfc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@cfjfc.org.uk).

Although our season has only just begun, the committee is looking into next year and the club's presentation evening. Those who have been before know it is an opportunity to reward all the boys, with special awards throughout the teams, along with The Chairman's Award for someone who has gone above and beyond for the club. Previous winners have included our very own secretary, Martin, Paul, an assistant coach who has been with the club for more years than he cares to mention, and Clare, a parent who made tea once or twice. For the record, it was very good tea. Once the date of the presentation evening is known, we will let you know, along with any other dates for your diary.

Please remember, this is your newsletter. If there is anything you would like to see in it (that is related to the club, clearly), then please drop me a line at [newsletter@cfjfc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@cfjfc.org.uk)

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## Team News

### Under 9s

Our team welcomes two new players to the team this season, Dean Aktouche, and our first girl in the club's history to play in a Coxheath shirt, Abbie Gibbs. The team has yet to find the constancy of last season, as we play a higher and tougher league. The losses and only a couple of wins don't truly reflect the effort and performances so far. Losing by the odd goal shows a strong defence with Daniel in goal and Dean as reserve keeper. Dean, Connor and Alfie are now providing a mean defence. Aaron has made the most noticeable improvement, making the centre of midfield his position, ably deputised by Daniel when not in goal. Abbie has amazed everyone with her energy and effort and Ben and Harley give 100% every week. George continues to be our main source of goals and has scored some great strikes.

There is no doubt that with time to gel as a team and confidence to play passing football will undoubtedly see us achieving the results we deserve. It is not such a matter of improvement as a bit of luck.

Finally, many thanks to Sean for his invaluable weekly assistance.

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### Under 11s

The Under 11s welcome new players to the team, in Liam, Finn and Harrison. Unfortunately, the team is without Jake, after he broke his collarbone (in a non football related injury!).

We have had a slow, frustrating start to the season and we wait for our first victory. Apart from a couple of matches where we did not do ourselves justice, the team has been competitive and put great effort in every week. The larger pitches, bigger goals and a full 60 minute game time have caught us out and we have taken time to adjust. The effort is always there but currently we struggle with the physicality of opponents and stamina required. Both of these issues should improve, however, with a larger squad.

Finley and Charlie have been sharing goal keeping duties with defenders Harvey and Ryan, along with Jake before his injury and now deputised by Daniel and new boy Finn. Finley, when out of goal, continues to be the midfield engine room, also scoring some impressive goals, supported by Patrick, Jimmy, Mathew, Harry, Liam and now joined by Harrison. Most improved due to his quiet surge in confidence is Daniel. Ethan again leads the line as the lone striker and has taken a couple of his chances.

Our main area for improvement needs to be strength across all areas, be it defence, to passing the ball with conviction. We are competitive but now need to step up to turn good performances into victories.

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## Under 10s

The team has had an excellent start to the season with the boys putting some amazing performances in. The defence has stayed strong throughout the matches, with a powerful midfield and skilful forwards leading to some excellent results. As Paul Golding has said, "If players continue the way they are now, we are going to be a name other teams are going to have to watch out for."

The next challenge is to encourage the boys to get louder on the pitch. As the players get louder on the pitch, the coaches can get quieter, allowing the boys to play on their own.

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## Under 12s

The under 12s season has been a mixed bag of results, with some matches showing room for improvement, followed by others where the team has played some of the best football I have seen at this age. The team has had an influx of players, with Josh, Alfie, Bradley and Sid joining the established members of the team. Our training sessions, along with coaches Paul, Josh and Martin really have started to pay off, as the team's shape is in place and remains throughout games. We are all looking forward to the next few games, to take what has been learnt in training, and matches, and really start to use it to our advantage.

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## Charter Standard – an update by club secretary, Martin Colwell.

The club is currently working with the Kent Football Association to establish us as a Charter Standard Club for the forthcoming season, 2016-17. When we achieve this, it will allow the club to progress to the highest status possible as a junior football club. It will enable significant opportunities to access funding, free kit and equipment, and improved coaching and match standards. Achieving the Charter Standard is challenging for our club's committee and the managers, however it will enable the club to be sustainable and be a provider of high quality football at the junior level for the local community. We will keep you updated with progress towards the Charter Standard status as the season progresses.

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## A Message from the Chairman

Coxheath and Farleigh JFC is a grass-roots football club, providing football coaching for children in Coxheath and surrounding areas. The club currently has a large number of registered players, with ages ranging from 6 to 12 years of age. As a club, the health, safety and welfare of every child that participates in football at Coxheath is our first and most important priority. This is closely followed by our commitment to providing a happy and inclusive environment for children to learn and develop their football skills under the tutelage of experienced coaches, who are FA qualified and have the appropriate CRB child safety checks and emergency aid qualifications.

We strongly believe that football is a game to be played and enjoyed by everyone, and our success is measured not by the trophies we win, but by the number of children who choose to play for, and remain at Coxheath throughout their childhood. This is notwithstanding children whose natural progression may take them to higher levels of the game.

It is important to me as Chairman that Coxheath and Farleigh Junior Football Club has a strong, distinctive ethos that is shared and adhered to by its coaches, volunteers, players, parents and carers. We are committed to providing a happy and inclusive environment for children to learn and develop

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their football skills and ensure equal opportunities for any child playing football at the club. This includes a commitment that every child will get the amount of game time that the club and its coaches can possibly offer that is applicable to their ability. This is based on our coaches' assessment of the development needs of the child. Children may, however, be expected and asked to play in different areas of the pitch in order to maximise their learning experience, and should remember it is a team game and not all about who scores the goals.

Football is a game that children want to "play" and it is important that they are allowed to enjoy their football and not be negatively criticised for mistakes. Coaches and parents must see mistakes as learning opportunities. Winning games is a product of good development. Good development is not always a product of winning. Winning, however, is not a dirty word. Winning games can produce a positive environment for the players and fill them with confidence and self-belief, but our focus will always remain on the player's development. We place the learning aspect of the game above winning at all times and expect all officials, coaches, players and parents to accept this. I urge everyone to support and encourage, not only Coxheath, but our opponents as well.

Although we have not yet achieved Charter Standard, we are working hard to achieve this, which would mean so much more for the club as a whole and take us to another level. We are committed to providing the highest level of coaching that our volunteers can offer, and all coaches are encouraged to achieve FA Level 1 Standard and, where possible, we will continue to improve our coaching methods to ensure your child receives the best learning experience we can provide.

Have been able to spend a lot of time watching the teams within the club, as well as managing my own Under 12s team, I am very encouraged by what I have seen, including the Academy on Saturday mornings which is the future of the club. I am delighted by the feedback from the parents and the interest shown in becoming part of the TEAM at Coxheath and Farleigh JFC.

In conclusion, I thank our sponsors without whom a lot would not be possible and also all the parents for their loyal support and hope all parents enjoy reading the newsletters and also from the new website, [www.cfjfc.ork.uk](http://www.cfjfc.ork.uk). Please feel free to provide feedback on any aspect. I would personally like to thank all the managers and coaches. You are a credit to the club and I will continue to give you my full support.

Please remember...

These are kids  
This is a game  
The coaches are volunteers  
The referee is human  
**THIS IS NOT THE PREMIER LEAGUE**

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