



Newsletter

May 2011

A few words from Paul, our Manager.....

Welcome back to Mini League after our Easter/Spring break. We have lots going on over the coming weeks and I'm sure that everyone, especially the players, is looking forward to this term and all that we have planned.

Over the past months we have further developed the structure of Mini League, to support the development of skills, an understanding of the game and, most of all, have fun.

None of this would be possible without all those who give their time **free-of-charge**, particularly the coaches.

Mark and Kevin continue to lead the Year 2 team coaching and are well supported by Steve, Pat, Neil, Trevor and Noel.

Year 1 and Reception coaching is currently (very ably) led by Paul Dunlop, with Darren helping out when he can. But Paul will move up to coach the Year 2's next season, when the current Year 2's move up to Under 8's.

So, if we are to continue a successful Mini League programme, further input is needed from **YOU**, the parents & guardians.

You can help by:

- Arriving early to help mark out the pitches, set up the goals, etc.
- Being a Goalie during the training part of the session
- Managing a team during the Matches.

We are also continuing with our preparations for the Year 2's joining the South Bucks Under 8 League in September. An important aspect of this is based around the Code of Conduct and Fair Play rules. There are more details about this below, but please follow the guidelines as these will be compulsory next season.

Thanks for your continued support.

Paul Wise



Warm Weather

Now that we are enjoying some warm and sunny weather, please follow these guidelines for all training sessions, tournaments and fun days:

- Ensure your child has plenty of water to drink;
- Make sure you have applied sufficient sun screen to their arms, legs, faces, etc.
- Encourage them to wear a cap.

In addition, please remember the following points to help Mini League sessions run smoothly:

- Arrive on time – training sessions start promptly at 10:30;
- All players **must** wear shin pads at all times;
- Remember that parents are required to stay at the training session for the duration.



Season Awards



We will be running an Awards Ceremony on Friday 15th July, from 6:30 pm, in the Chess Suite at Chesham United FC. Awards will be presented for The Most Improved Player of the Year; The Coaches' Player of the Year and The Players' Player of the Year. There will be an award, in each category, for the two age groups – Reception/Year 1 and Year 2.

Players will be able to vote for their Player of the Year in their age group.

The awards will be followed by a disco and Paul will be arranging party food for the kids on the basis of each parent bringing items for the food table.

We know from experience how important is to recognise the players' achievements, so please join us and help to make the evening a success.



2 Weeks to go!

Sainsbury's

We are continuing to collect the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to enable us to obtain free equipment for next year and beyond. As we go to press, thanks to you, we have collected a massive 468 which is already enough to choose some much-needed kit, so please:

Keep them coming!

BBQ & Games

Don't forget our Barbecue and Games outing to Wendover Woods on Saturday 14th May.

Paul will supply the charcoal, etc. so all you need to bring are yourselves, your drinks, something to sit on and something for the BBQ – Oh! And don't forget the kids!

Start time is 11:00 am and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

If you are planning on joining us, but haven't already let Paul know, please do so as soon as possible.

Year 2's Round Robin

We are planning to run a mini tournament for the Year 2's in the coming weeks.

This will take place on a Sunday morning at Waterside School, which will be the venue for the Under 8 team next year.

This will give us an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with the facilities and the location. More details will follow as soon as we have confirmation from the school.

Sponsorship

A HUGE 'Thank You' to parent Pat Fahy of Sonaa Digital Communications, who has agreed to become a sponsor of our Under 8 team next season.

Code of Conduct & Fair Play

In order to comply with the above schemes, it is important that we begin to follow these rules this season so that, when it is critical to the success of the team next year, it is already our normal way of doing things.

- During the matches all parents who are **not** coaching and/or managing must be approximately 5 yards back from the edge of the pitch: This is to enable match officials to do their job and allow the players sufficient space to take throw-ins, etc.
- **Only** coaches are allowed to 'Coach'. Not only does this prevent contradicting the coaches' instructions, it makes it easier for the players to concentrate.

Also, under the Fair Play scheme, points will be deducted for the following 'offences' whether by players, managers or supporters:

- Losing control of temper
- Arguing with the referee / questioning the referees decision
- Criticising players performances (from their own team or the opposition)
- Shouting abuse
- Encouraging unfair play
- Failure to show respect to the opposition i.e. not apologising after 'putting in a hard tackle'

Thank you for your co-operation in adhering to these standards.

Stuart

Diary Dates

Sat 14 th May; 11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Barbecue No.3 Wendover Woods	Barbecue and Games
Sat 28 th May; Noon - Late	The Chess Suite, CUFC	Chesham Charity Beer Festival
Tuesday 31st May	Sainsbury's Stores	Last date to collect Active Kids vouchers
Sat 18 th June; Time:TBC	RAF Halton, Nr Wendover	Under 8's Tournament
Fri 15 th July; 6:30 – 8:30pm	The Chess Suite, CUFC	2011 Players' Awards
Sun 3 rd July; 10:30 – Noon	Chesham United	Fun Day
Sun 17 th July; 10:30 am	Chesham United	Last Mini League of the year.

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