

# Old Cranleighan Colts Newsletter 2014/5

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Season 3

Week 4

## Week 4 – Let the games commence...!



Week 4 and we are all well into the season and all running like a well-oiled machine....!! Testament to the admin team and all the meticulous planning at the beginning of the season and both Kelly, Kate & Helen have all done a marvelous job getting the season underway, processing membership, rotas, kit and everything that keeps the OC Colts machine running. We now have in excess of 160 members which has grown year on year and with a long waiting list we are bursting at the seams.

This week both on and off the pitch and we were concentrating on positioning on the pitch, and the importance of the playing and keeping in space and position as we start to gather our fixture list and play other teams from the area. Please note we have moved the U12's to 12noon this week for the fixture against Surbiton and to ensure we have more space on the pitches for everyone and get proper sized games going for the U10's. The fixture list is starting to grow and we hope to have this for you shortly. Watch this space!

**NB - U12's – 12 NOON START – DON'T FORGET...!!**

THIS WEEK...!

This week we have a number of things going on other than our normal training session.

### OC's Under 10's Boys v Oxted v Ashford (Away)

We have an U10 team heading to Woldingham School to play in their first tournament of the season at Oxted Hockey Club. This is a 9.30am – 11am. We will be playing in a friendly tournament against Oxted Colts HC and Ashford Colts HC. The information has already gone out to all involved. Gavin is leading the squad on Sunday with Terry.

For the rest of the U10's there will be training as usual at 10.45 with the whole pitch being available so we can ensure we can concentrate on positions and getting you ready for your games and tournaments which are coming up soon. Watch this space...!



### OC's Under 12's Boys & Girls Squads v Surbiton HC Girls U.12's



U12's Have 2 side visiting from Surbiton Hockey Club and we are going to run a mini tournament from 12Noon until 2pm. We will look to get everyone involved in the games and make sure that everyone starts to experience the games, positioning and all parts of the game situation. It is a friendly, and more about getting the children to play in teams and the 7 a side format. We will be laying on food afterwards for everyone.

NB - Please can you ensure that you let us know if you know you CANNOT be there by emailing [ochcolts@gmail.com](mailto:ochcolts@gmail.com) or by texting 07970655207 just so we can work out who will be there and plan the games.

### Onwards and Upwards

Going forward we are compiling a fixture list for all ages groups so the games and squads can be planned further in advance. Of course we are not making it compulsory for you to turn up, but we would like to try and form clear teams, squads and get the children playing together so hope that you can support us in our quest on a Sunday morning. Of course we know things happen and are planned in the diary, however your support for the children is much appreciated.



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## Player of the Day...!

They are the talk of the town, and the most sought after accessory, well apart from Katie Aston's OC's loom bands...! This week some great performances and a special mention to Lewis Choi, the youngest member of the club winning the Sparrow's Medal which he has not taken off all week, and has shown everyone!! Other great performances across the age groups due to listening, working hard and improving, so the awards do not always go to the best players. If you want your name in the hall of fame, then work hard, get noticed by your coaches, but most of all, have fun and play fairly...!



**Lewis  
Choi**



**Toby  
Tidham**



**Georgia  
Vernon**



**Olivia  
Haynes**



**Willum  
Harbur**

### Coaches Corner - Dean Wheeler (Director of Hockey) – Positions on the Pitch

Last week we tried to run a session to enable the kids to understand and have a clearer picture of what to do when we go to competitions and tournaments or when we play matches against other clubs.

In essence we wanted to have a lot of game time and stop the kids and talk about game play, positional awareness and some rules that are used in matches.

In 7 aside matches we will generally play with a 2-3-2 formation IF we do not have a goalkeeper that would be 2 defenders (left and right) 3 midfielders (left, right and center) and 2 forwards/attackers (left and right).

It's really important that we try and get our kids to understand how they will play in matches and competitions and it's up to us all to reinforce these ideas and rules so they become more aware, if you have any questions regarding this please talk to one of your coaches or me, Gav or Cato. See you all Sunday and Good Luck to those of you who are playing in any games



### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**



**THIS SUNDAY FROM 2pm.** Dust off your lederhosen's and join the umpa lumpa band for a stein or two of beer...!



## **WANTED**

**DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO HELP WITH FIXTURES AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COLTS? CAN YOU HELP ARRANGE FIXTURES FOR THE DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS? POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH CATO**

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