



Welcome to the "Ranger" CRFC's quarterly newsletter updating members of news and achievements through the season. We're all looking forward to getting back to training and playing matches after the summer break.



Firstly a special mention for **Joe Salinger** who stepped down as Chairman this summer. Joe steered the club through a period of change and was a steady influence throughout his chairmanship. The Committee and Managers thank him for all his hard work.

As always it's been a busy couple of months behind the scenes getting everything ready for the big kick off.

Thanks to **Jim Mortimer** (CRFC Seniors manager and club kit-man) for organising the necessary shirts, shorts and socks for those that needed it.

After pitch fees, kit is our biggest expense and players have the disturbing habit of growing out of it! If you have any Cassiobury kit that's tucked away at the back of a wardrobe please return it. If the club can't use it we pass it to a charity that sends kits to less fortunate teams abroad.

Thank you to **Derek Allaway** who has maintained our website for the past few seasons. Unfortunately this is his last season with us so we are looking for a willing volunteer who knows their way around a website.

Thanks to **Alison** (Facilities Manager) and **Pete** (Groundsman) at Parmiters for getting the grounds in great shape and finding space for another 9 a side pitch.

**At Cassiobury Rangers** we focus on player development first and foremost. This takes patience and hard work and the experience of training, playing and being part of a squad brings its own rewards.

Looking forward there are a lot of changes planned for grassroots football. The FA are piloting rolling substitutes for U18 and adult football so managers can give all players pitch time. This clearly makes sense in the amateur game.

The 2013/14 season will see 5 a side football for U6 & 7's and optional "retreat lines". The club supports any initiative that gives players more touches of the ball and raises standards.

**CLUB AWARDS;** congratulations to **Manager of the Year 2011/12 Les Harland**. Les has managed his team brilliantly for 4 seasons and is very popular with players and parents. We're looking forward to seeing his U16 team compete in the Coaches Challenge match next May!

Also a massive thank you to **Lynette Walker, Club Person of the Year 2011/12**. As membership secretary Lynette does a sterling job for the club, making sure players are registered and club subscriptions managed effectively.

We are also delighted to announce the **Imagine Coaching Scholarship**. This will enable us to put 3 U18's though an FA Level 1 coaching course. The U18 players taking part will spend a full season coaching U6 - U11 age groups on Saturday mornings



**Mike Cole, Director of Imagine Estate Agents**, is a firm believer in community initiatives and has kindly sponsored the programme.

We find the younger players really look up to the older players who help with coaching. In turn the older players come to appreciate the responsibility that comes with mentoring and how they can a positive influence on the youngsters.

Finally, a big thank you to all the local business's that support the club. Without their help we would be unable to provide our children with the opportunities to play and enjoy the game they love.

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**PITCHSIDE:** 2011/12 was another successful season for the club. The **U13 Pumas** won the **Challenge Cup** with a stunning 7- 0 victory over Aldenham Scorpions scoring 28 goals without reply along the way.



The **U9 Clarets** reached the **Spring Cup Final** and went on tour to **Camber Sands** winning the **Play-Off Final** and **Fair Play** trophies over a memorable weekend.



The **U9 Blues** won the Northwood Plate at the Northwood 6 a side Tournament overcoming a strong Northwood side to win 3-2.



The **U10 Tigers** made it a double success for Cassiobury at the Northwood Tournament and added the Sun Postal Tournament to their role of honours.



Congratulations to the **U12 Clarets** on finishing 2nd in the highly competitive Green division. Winning 12 and drawing 2 of their 18 games in the process.



## GOALKEEPER TRAINING

We have secured the services of goalkeeping coach **Reece Kirk**. Places must be booked in advance of each session and are limited so will be offered on a first come first served basis. Sessions will run between **7-8pm on the first Tuesday of the month** on the astro turf at Parmiters. All the managers whose keepers attended last season saw a marked improvement in performance.

We all know the best way to win a game of football is to keep a clean sheet so take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to improve between the sticks!