



THE RANGER

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RANGERS FC



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Welcome to the first Ranger of the 2013-14 season, CRFC's quarterly newsletter. It's always great to get back to football after the summer break. Batteries re-charged and enthusiasm reinvigorated!

Our focus on player technique is being reinforced at the youngest age groups with Gerry, Jordan and Conor running great weekly sessions for our U6 and U7 age groups. We've already seen a noticeable improvement in ability among the players.

CRFC's philosophy is to play attractive passing football so the introduction of **retreat lines** in matches up to U10, allowing teams to build from the back, is something we fully support.

We also believe **respect "barriers"**, usually simply a line of cones two meters back from the touchline, offer great benefits to both players and spectators.

Coaches appreciate parental help laying these down before home games. It gives the players space to play down the flanks and allows every spectator a decent view of the game.

Ultimately we all want our children to enjoy their football and adult behaviour on the touchline is the biggest factor in making sure that happens.

By providing a simple two metre space between touchline and spectators we help create a friendly, safe environment.

The Watford Friendly League has requested that each team provide a "match delegate" for every match. This will usually be a parent whose responsibility is to make sure parents from their team act appropriately on the touchline.

**As with any grassroots organisation the club is entirely reliant upon the support of volunteers.**

That could be as match delegate, coaching your own team, helping with the admin or putting yourself forward as a member of the club committee.

Without volunteers there would be no Cassiobury Rangers for our children to play for, so if you can spare a little time and are willing to help please speak to your team manager.

## U15 PUMAS TOP THE HATTERS!

LUTON TOWN ACADEMY 3  
CASSIOBURY RANGERS PUMAS 3



Our U15 Pumas were delighted to accept an invitation from Luton Town Academy to play a friendly at their state of the art Barnfield Academy facility.

The Pumas are enjoying their best ever start to a season with 10 straight victories under their belt so far. They are forging quite a reputation in the region and did the club proud once again with a fine display of attractive and flowing football.

Playing academy rules of 4 x 20 minute quarters the Pumas drew the first period 1-1, lost the second 2-0, before showing their character by winning both the 3rd and 4th periods 1-0.

Manager Steve Schmid extended the clubs thanks to all the coaching staff at Luton Town FC for their wonderful hospitality on what was a great evening for both parents and players.

## PLAYERS WANTED

We have spaces available in our U8's (Y3) squad and are looking for eager Y1 & 2 players who would like to try regular football for the first time. Any player joining for the half season in the new-year will pay reduced subscriptions.

**DIARY DATE – 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014**  
**MANAGERS MEETING**  
**PARMITERS 7.30PM**

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## YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Cassiobury Rangers FC relies on volunteers giving their valuable time to making sure our children have the opportunity to play the game they love.

Without the individual efforts of mums and dads there would be no coaches, referees, training, matches or kit.

After many years service Lynette Walker is stepping down as club Membership Secretary at the end of this season. The committee and managers all want to thank Lynette for the great job she has done.

The membership secretary helps co-ordinate the registration of players with the Watford Friendly and West Herts Youth Leagues.

We are looking for a mum or dad who is prepared to take on this administrative role within the club.

Full support will be given and Lynette has kindly offered to work with the in-coming Membership Secretary to guarantee a smooth transition.

We need to find Lynette's replacement in plenty of time so we can guarantee competitive football for everyone next season.

If you are willing and able to help, please contact your team manager.

DIARY DATE – 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014  
CRFC PRESENTATION DAY  
WEST HERTS SPORTS CLUB

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