

OUFC Newsletter

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// WELCOME //

Welcome to the sixth OUFC club newsletter. We are finally at the end of this extremely strange season, one that has made us realise just how much we love football and how it's missed when we can't play, support or coach.

Despite the season ending, the committee is at its busiest, working hard behind the scenes to interview candidates for the vacant reserve team manager role, maintaining and repairing the pitches for the start of next season, preparing a budget, applying for grants, looking to improve security at the pavilion, overseeing a change in kit supplier, developing our girls section, and much more...

As we can't have a whole club awards event this season, the club is spending more money on better trophies and keepsakes so each team can celebrate independently.

I'm so proud to chair this club. We have achieved so much this season both on and off the pitch so I'd like to thank everyone who supports OUFC and has made a contribution this year. It's very much appreciated!

- Stuart Cunningham, Chairman

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TREASURER NEEDED

We are looking to replace Simon as soon as possible to enable a period of transition; if you are interested in volunteering your time to be part of a great group of people and help move the Club forward then please get in touch.

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER NEEDED

We are also looking to take on a club welfare officer to look after safeguarding matters including on-boarding new staff, applying FA and County FA standards, and dealing with welfare issues as they arise. This is a varied and important role that ensures that the club places child welfare first. More information on the welfare officer's role is here:

www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/welfare-officers
Please get in touch if you are interested.

RESERVE TEAM MANAGER NEEDED

Great news for the club as our Reserves have been accepted into Kent County Football League in which they will be competing in Division Three West. As Josh Holland has stepped down from managing the Reserves, we are currently looking for a new manager.

The club recently purchased a Veo Camera to help aid coaches and players watch and analyse matches back. This is invaluable as instant feedback to develop players and coaches alike.

Our growth as a club continues with a total of 23 teams submitted for next season in various leagues.

Awards Day cancelled - In light of the government's recent extension of Covid restrictions that affect large group gatherings it is with enormous disappointment that we have been left with no option but to cancel this year's end of season event.

22 boys from the coaching school (three teams) will be signing up to Under 8's next season, with 6 adults also stepping in to coach and manage.

The club have recently added a young all girls team - the u7 Wildcats!

Calendar

7th July - Club AGM (via Zoom)

// TEAMS IN FOCUS //

Under 15 Eagles

Congratulations to our under 15s Eagles who won the Ashford and District Youth Football League, U15 Atlantic Division. They finished their season unbeaten with a Goal Difference of +23! Well done to all involved!



Under 13 Jaguars

Well done to our under 13s Jaguars who came runners up in the Crowborough & District Junior Football League, U13 Shield North Group B. Just missing out having lost only one game, they finished with a goal difference of +10! Great effort!

Under 13 Lions

Well done to our under 13s Lions who were unbeaten and on top of Crowborough & District Junior Football League A Division at Christmas when football was suspended. They managed to finish runners up in the U13 Shield North Group A at end of season. They only lost 1 game all season! (P17, W16, L1, GS 74) Fantastic, Well done!

Under 8 Foxes

Congratulations to our under 8s Foxes who won the Dunton Green Cup!



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