



Chairman's Corner **New Year update 2015**

I hope that each person involved with the club had a wonderful festive period with family and friends. At the time of writing, 2015 has just arrived. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year filled with good health, fun and success.

Since the close of the season it has been good to see the Clubhouse renewed and renovated, with members from the football club committee showing great drive and tenacity. It is now looking splendid. Re-launch events are planned and I hope that everyone will be able to support the club on those occasions.

The AGM saw Mike Gaynon confirmed as 1stXI captain, with Russ Crowley at the helm for the second team. Club stalwart Steve Jackson takes over as 3rdXI skip. This team is no longer in a league and will play Sunday friendlies instead. We also plan to hold a village sixes tournament.

Nets will begin at King's School on Sunday 25th January from 6-8pm. I do hope that we will see a good turnout at these important pre-season sessions. We always welcome new players and any friend or contact that wishes to come along is more than welcome. The net sessions will cost a weekly £3 [£2 juniors]. I was very grateful to Adam and Jack Gittins for collecting the money last winter and relieved to hear that they are prepared to take on this responsibility again this year.

At January's committee meeting, our longstanding groundsman Brian Wareing announced that he will be unable to do as much work on the ground this year. He will still cut the outfield but we are in the position of seeking a person [or persons] to look after the cricket square and to produce the wickets we will play on. If there is anyone who feels able to get involved with this vital work, I would ask you to get in touch with me. If you want to talk to Brian about what is involved, he would be only to pleased to tell you. Clearly, this is an important position that we need to fill as soon

as possible. We thank Brian for his marvellous efforts in producing so many brilliant pitches over so many years.

Raffle tickets are enclosed with this letter. This is a crucial fundraising activity for the club. Brian Wareing's sterling work on this fundraiser has been highly successful for more than a decade. Once again, thanks Brian- we are very grateful. This year Mark Astbury has offered to take a lead and it is important that we all support Mark in this important endeavour. Please buy some tickets and ask your friends and relatives to do the same.

Fundraising is going to be a priority for this year, and if you wish to get involved in any way, please have a word with Mark Astbury.

The season is now approaching and it is almost time for action: see you at nets!

Best wishes
Mike



NEW YEAR RAFFLE

This year we took the decision to hold a New Year Raffle, rather than try and do one whilst everyone is busy with Christmas.

Funds raised this year will go towards travel for our overseas player (Flights). **Prizes Wanted! For tickets or to donate prizes call Mark on 07778460590 or email: mark@eclipse-creative.com**

The draw will take place on Friday 27th February 2015 during a social evening at the club.

NEW WEBSITE

Watch this space for details of a new website for the club.

 Follow us on Twitter
@ChristletonSwan

A GREAT VENUE...

The refurbished Sports Club is a great venue for special occasions and family celebrations. Please speak to Dave Marks or Val Dandy if you would like to hire it.

JUNIORS

The Junior section coaches have been busy making plans for the coming season. Kevin Tilley and Mark Inchley will be looking after the U9's, with John Morris responsible for the U11's.

Ian Wade will be managing the U13's with Pete Roberts looking after U15's with Andrew Thompson co-ordinating match days.

The coaches will let each age group know when a Sunday night session has been allocated to their age group.

JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY Saturday 25th April - from 4-6pm

Dates for the Diary

SUNDAY 25.1.15
Indoor nets commence at the **KINGS SCHOOL 6-8pm**
Junior Managers will let age groups which nights are allocated to which groups.

FRIDAY 27.2.15
8pm onwards.
Curry & Quiz at Club, plus New Year Raffle Draw.

The Season starts on Saturday 18th April when the first team are away at Oulton Park with the Second team at home to the same opposition.

