



Epsom and Ewell Colts Newsletter

Editor's letter

WELCOME... to the first issue of our Club Newsletter! There is so much going on in the club, we thought a quarterly newsletter would be a good way to keep our Colts family updated on what's happening and it will also give us the opportunity to lift the lid on some of the fantastic people that make our club what it is.

The referee spotlight is my personal favourite in this issue, inspirational!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Inside the Winter issue:



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- **Chelsea Foundation Association – what's next?**
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Headline News!!!

PRIEST HILL HOME GROUND PROJECT LAUNCHES!!!

We've talked about it for a long time and now the development project has officially launched! Through a partnership between our club and Glyn School, the plans comprise a full size FA approved 3G pitch and Pavilion. Now we turn our attention to fundraising...!

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AT COURT REC

A new defibrillator is now situated in the Court Rec changing rooms, whilst we hope to never need it, it's reassuring to have this potentially lifesaving piece of equipment at our ground. (Defibs are already in place at Northey Av and K.U)



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Our New Teams!

Girls Under 8's



Our girls U8s are enjoying playing in SCWGL festivals. They are clearly loving football, congratulations to their new Managers **Anthony Sillett** and **Chris Jeyakumar** who are doing a fantastic job, making it heaps of fun and bringing the girls on in leaps and bounds.

Good luck to our Girls U8s!

Boys Under 8's



This season we have four new boys U8 teams! The boys are playing their first season in the Epsom and Ewell Youth League. A huge **Thank You** to all the new managers, **Amil Shah**, **Dean Kennedy**, **Lee Rowell** and **Steve Howard** for stepping up to support these young boys through their footballing journey. Good luck to all our new boys, we hope you have an enjoyable first season with the Colts!



Our New Teams!



Girls Under 9's

We have three U9 girls' teams entered in the SCWGL this season, which is the most yet in one year group!

We are extremely lucky to have secured several fantastic Dad's as managers/coaches,. A huge **THANK YOU** to **David Roberts, Dan Berry, Dan Accutt, Jamie Skinner, Chris Dalton, Roy Victor** and **Kevin Espinosa**.

Good luck to all our U9s in their first development league season!



Ladies 'Epsom Dynamios'

Inspired by a mums v daughters match, a few women began a weekly drop-in training session. More ladies joined and now our 'Epsom Dynamios' are playing monthly fixtures in the Surrey Flexi-League! (Ironically called the 'super-league!'). Two fixtures in and they are in a very respectable mid-table position.

Having recently secured a fantastic manager in **Phil Wells** (also our girls U13 Manager), the ladies are looking forward to continuing to improve and enjoy the rest of the season.

Well done ladies, you are a great inspiration!

Spotlight on....



Kye Slawson-Powell

Interview by Will Cooper

Q. How did you get into refereeing and what did you have to do to become a referee?

My brother used to play at a little league club and one week they were very short of referees. I was asked to step in and officiate a game and from there I continued to officiate games at that club for 2 years. I then was approached by Will to come and officiate at Epsom and Ewell, which I am still doing to this day. I passed my course last year and it involves a combination of theory and practical learning, you learn the rules of the game and then you put them into action in a gameplay setting.

Q. What qualities do you feel a good youth referee needs to succeed?

A good youth referee needs to be confident. They need to be confident in their abilities and stick by the decisions they make. It's very easy as a young referee to question the decisions you make, as many of them are followed by criticism from one half of the field. But a confident referee will stick by their calls, not allow criticism to sway their judgment, and enable them to officiate in an impartial and consistent manner.

Q. Have there been any moments during your refereeing experiences which made you feel particularly good?

For me, the best moments in refereeing are when both managers approach you at the end of the game and tell you that you have refereed the game very well. It's very difficult as a referee to keep both teams appeased with the calls you make, both sides will inevitably question the calls you make, which can cause some managers to feel unhappy with how the game has been officiated. When both managers approach you at the end of the game, it bears testament to your impartiality and gives you the confidence you need to stick by the decisions you make knowing that you can officiate a game to a high standard.

Q. What are the biggest challenges a young official like yourself faces when refereeing?

The biggest challenge you face as a young official is parents and managers opposing your decisions and being particularly vocal about their disagreement with your calls. As a referee, you usually find yourself totally immersed in the game, and can ignore negative criticism from the sidelines. But every so often you get individuals on the sidelines who make it very difficult for you to officiate the game. What's important to remember is that you have the power as a referee to send parents and managers away from the pitch if they are making you feel uncomfortable or unsafe whilst refereeing, so don't let this put you off becoming a referee.

Q. What advice would you give anyone thinking of taking up refereeing?

I would say to anyone who is a referee or thinking of becoming one to officiate as much as you can. Refereeing is very enjoyable. It teaches you how to communicate, how to lead, and it will boost your confidence. As a young person, there are no jobs quite like it, it allows you to develop as an individual whilst also being very well paid. So if there are any young referees reading this, the season is just starting, request as many games as you can, and use this season to really develop your refereeing skills.



Inspired by Kye...?

<https://www.thefa.com/get-involved/referee>



Chelsea FC Foundation Association

What have we invested in so far?

Our Association with Chelsea commenced earlier this year and has initially been invested into coaching our youngest players and a virtual cpd session for coaches.

Boys U8s pre-season training

At the beginning of the season, Chelsea Foundation took our new boys U8s for 5 weeks pre-season training, to prepare them for transitioning into the club and becoming a Colts player.

Girls development centre

Our new girls development centre commenced in September at Gibraltar Rec in Ewell. This new Saturday morning session is primarily aimed at girls aged 5 - 8. Our Chelsea Foundation Coaches run the session assisted by some of our budding new coaches from our Girls U16 team. We have around 25 girls coming along to the session and it's great to see so many young girls enjoying themselves playing football.

Thank you to Matt Edwards and Liam Ballard from Chelsea Foundation and to **Ela Balshaw, Imani McGlothan, Lula Hargreaves** and **Macey Daniels**.



Coach development (CPD):

At the beginning of the season, Chelsea Foundation's Chris McGinn, a UEFA A licensed coach, hosted a virtual CPD session for our Managers called Winning v Development, which provided much food for thought.

Two more CPD events will be held in the New Year, **Managers - book your spot early!!!**

What should we do next?

Do you have thoughts on the topic for our next coaching CPD with Chelsea Foundation?

Do you have a view on where our club could benefit from support from the Foundation?

Let us know your thoughts, email info@epsomandewellcolts.co.uk

Coaching Courses Update

Coaches corner

Introduction to Coaching Football (formerly Level 1)

*****Course dates are now available to book for 2022*****

As an FA chartered club, all our managers are required to do this course. **If you are new manager, please do book on as soon as possible.**

The course blends live weekly webinars, e-learning, community support and a range of resources to provide you with the skills to coach players of all ages.

The FA Level 2 - now the UEFA C Licence

The previous Level 2 course is being discontinued and will be replaced by the **UEFA C Licence**, which will launch in 2022. The UEFA C Licence will blend e-learning, mentoring and on-the-pitch development to help you build and shape your own philosophy as a football coach. More updates will become available shortly.

CPD Opportunities for Coaches

FA webinars coming up for Level 1 and level 2 Coaches.....

12.01.22, 19.00: 'Knowing the basics; the essentials of the game'

Aligned to the themes running through BT Playmaker by England Football and Introduction to Coaching Football, discussions will be focused around the essentials of the game, creating the environment and what that looks like on the pitch.

15.03.22, 19.00: 'Understanding the Player and Person through the Four Corner Model'

Join FA Coach Developers Stacey Miles and Chris Welburn as we host a national webinar to explain how The FA's Four Corner Model can help coaches understand the player and the person in a holistic way. The webinar will explain how the Four Corner Model can be applied to all players, regardless of age or ability. We will also explain how all players are unique and that they will have their own individual needs at any point in their development.

21.06.22, 17.30: 'Game, developing the detail'

This webinar will take a look into how we can help develop skilful behaviour within our players, what it looks like across the four corners, what practices might help and how we can shape the practice to encourage more exploration of skilful solutions.

For more information and to register go to:

<https://thebootroom.thefa.com/learning/qualifications/cpd>

Sponsorship Opportunities

Epsom & Ewell Colts FC is the largest football club in Surrey with a strong heritage, successful history and professional structure. The club goes from strength to strength thanks to the hard work and dedication of its players, parents, supporters, committee and team managers:

- Around 60 teams and 80 managers
- About 700+ players
- Very strong girls section
- Partnership with Chelsea FC Foundation coaching team
- 1,500+ parents
- Circa 1,800 matches annually
- Planning to develop new 3G pitch and clubhouse facilities in partnership with Glyn School



Our Partnerships

Our partnerships offer bespoke and creative solutions for local companies to be part of this great club and its future. We can offer a variety of different packages based on the aims of each partner whether they are large or small businesses.

Sponsorship can start from as little as £200 pa for branding away team shirts right up to a Club Partnership arrangement where a brand gets access across all our platforms:

- Club shirt sponsorship (taken until 2026)
- Team shirt sponsorship (also available across entire age groups)
- Website advertising banners
- Newsletter sponsor/adverts
- Pitch side branding (from 2022)
- Digital screen advertising in clubhouse (from 2022)
- Use of our 3G pitch and clubhouse facilities (from 2022)
- Email campaigns to entire database
- Sponsored events, product launches and facilities hire

For more information on the above and other initiatives we could consider please email commercial@epsomandewellcolts.co.uk or call Julian Clogg on 07771 601000

Calling all members / players.....



Are you a budding writer or journalist?

Is there a story you would like to see featured in the next issue?

Would you like to write an article for our next newsletter?

Would you like to do a feature on **your team** in the next issue, ?



Do you have a fantastic Coach / Manager you would like to interview for the next edition?

We'd love to encourage our boys and girls to contribute to this newsletter, so if you would like to write an article or have an idea, we'd love to hear from you.

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