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Season 20/21

Chairman's Update

The ground has been a buzz of excitement every Saturday and Sunday since the season began. The season has got off to a very exciting start and we have seen some terrific results recently. Just as we were hoping the season would continue as long as possible, the Prime Minister has today announced another Coronavirus Lockdown for England from Thursday 9th November. Whilst we await further guidance from the FA, there is an expectation that amateur sports will be unable to continue until at least 2nd December. This is not good news, but please do stay safe. In the meantime, I will take this opportunity to remind everyone of the Covid regulations and procedures at the ground. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us so well to ensure we can get football on every week. This month, my thanks go to all the Covid team reps who have been nothing short of superstars in ensuring we capture data of our Club attendees at every training session and match. Thank you!



We are now capturing Club attendee's information through the NHS Test and Trace app. You can download the APP by going to https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/?utm_campaign=App_Launch_England&utm_medium=paid_social&utm_source=Google&utm_content=PPC&gclid=CjwKCAjw00n8BRAgEiwAincsHDlh2q1cD9za_KfClIViqg8WHe3i1l8DDXYJLfSTHJmG94RyRbpxlRoCGOoQAvD_BwE Each Covid team rep has a copy of the Orpington Rovers FC QR code that you can scan every time you attend. These are also dotted around the ground and at the Club House. Please ensure every time you go to training or attend the ground you 'scan' the QR code. A copy of the Code is here, which is only usable using the NHS App.

I have stepped aside as the Club Covid officer now things are up and running, but Gill Bussy, the Club Safeguarding Officer has taken over from me, however I will continue to support her in the background.

Girls Football on Saturdays has really gone from strength to strength with 40 girls now signed up.

My thanks also to John Dixon (pictured below), who has stepped up to offer his help to the Ground Staff on Thursdays, mixing the paint and marking the pitches. He is already proving to be a great asset to the team. Well done John for giving up some of your free time to help.



This week I sat on a Zoom call, which we will be ever present on, for the Cray Forum, which brings together residents, councillors, businesses, charities and other partners from across the area. I provided an update of the Club and asked for assistance with two main issues;

- Finding extra space so we can grow our football offering
- Consider options for a second permanent site

It was a really engaging discussion and I will now provide the group with an overview of the Club for further consideration. If you or anyone you know can assist with more understanding about how we can achieve a second site, please do let me know.

Paul Barnard
Club Chairman

Equipment Care – match days and training

This is not a very pleasant chapter to write this month and does **not** apply to all our training and matchdays helpers at the ground.

Over the last couple of months, match day and training evening use of football equipment has led to damage to the same.

Each pitch has an allocated wheelie bin, which contains corner flags, goal nets and pegs for the nets etc. Some of these have been damaged or lost or the equipment is disrespected and just thrown across the store house. The training goals have also suffered damage or are not being stored as they should be to make it easy for everyone to access the store.

We have highlighted this to managers and my ask to everyone is simple - this equipment is expensive and used by more than one team. There will come a time when something is damaged or lost and a match will not take place.

If you do assist with the task of helping, I would ask everyone to be considerate and take personal responsibility to help the team who follow you into the store.

Thank you and if you need any advice or assistance then please do speak to your team manager.



Welcome to our communications and PR specialist



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Julia Devonshire to the Committee. Julia has a wealth of experience in PR and Media.

She has already assisted in compiling a piece for the Newshopper announcing Scott Minto's arrival and will be a real asset as we progress in the future.

There is so much more we want to do in the community and we will be working with Julia in the coming months.

Welcome Julia and thank you for stepping up and offering some of your spare time to the Club!

Club sponsorship

My thanks to Andy Boyle (Manager of the u14 Panthers) who has been busy drawing up some sponsorship options for the Club.

He has some excellent ideas which we will be thrashing out this month and once we have the right plan in place will be advertising opportunities.

This will include, but will not be exclusive;

- A refresh of the website sponsorship pages
- Opportunities to advertise at the Ground
- To sponsor a pitch
- To sponsor the Ground
- Opportunity to sponsor this Newsletter, as we refresh how we distribute it



Keeping it in the family

When the Under 8's formed back in the summer, I popped along to watch one of their first training sessions at Tubbenden Park. It was there I spoke to a few parents and I met Marie – the proud mum of Kupa who was at the training session.

She was so happy and engaging about Rovers and explained that her 4 boys had all played for the Club until last season. She said Rovers was such a friendly and well organised Club.

So here they all are – meet Tadi and Taku (the eldest and twins) who played until the end of last season, Tawana who plays for the Under 13's and of course Kupa who looks a very happy lad following in his brothers footsteps.

This is what Rovers is all about



Player of the Month



Congratulations to Sam, who won Player of the Month for October and is pictured here after being presented with his trophy by Harry from Sportacus.

Harry said, "Sam led the team for the entire game even when it wasn't quite working out. He was comfortable on the ball and worked himself into the ground".

Some of you may have seen Harry was there with his young son – great commitment Harry – thank you!



The Social Club

Tombola

A Club 50/50 tombola has been set up by our social secretariat Alice & Alex. Participants pay £2 per person every month, with a winning name being drawn at the Club meeting. Half of the proceeds go to the Club and the winner gets the rest.

Congratulations to Septembers winners - Laura & Stuart Meaden & Octobers winner Barry Ansell .



We've had a great start so far, but it's never too late to join – please email OrpingtonRovers.social@hotmail.com



Committee Members



Chairman – Paul Barnard



Social Secretaries – Alice Kennet & Alex Bolton-Humphrey



Secretary – Ross Crawford



Fixtures Secretary – Karen Barnard



Treasurer – Neil Barnes

Kit Manager –



Membership Secretary – Rinaldo Besate



Head Groundsman – Alan McIlvaney



Club Welfare Officer – Gill Bussy



Club Development Officer – John Christian



Club Sponsorship Officer – Andy Boyle



Communications & PR Specialist – Julie Devonshire