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 **Vamps latest!!** 



PLEASE NOTE!!....due to on-going postal dispute the Newsletter is only going out via e-mail; captains, ensure all your players are aware of fixture/meet times

Crouch End Vampires F.C, FA Charter Standard Award

(Who's the member in the dodgy shirt on the right!?!)



Rumour has it that Sir Trevor Brooking used to present the award, however, he was "unavailable" for the Vamps.....undeterred the club sought out the blessings of Haringey's finest (Councillor Basu) and the AFA's very own Uncle Bob who brought along their newest addition, Samantha Brown. Just in case anyone was under any illusion, and for fear of recrimination, I don't mean in addition to Bob or his family, I mean the AFA! (*steady Pete!!..Ed*)

All was set fare for the presentation at 1:30..the club had been redecorated. Four Life Vice Presidents, current players and older stalwarts were there to welcome Councillor Basu, even the photographer from the Hornsey Journal was ready to capture this monumental event in the clubs history; however, Councillor Basu was fashionably late!

Sam made the first presentation to Life-Vice President Jimmy Lingwood & Dave Williams and 40 minutes later Councillor Basu arrived and made the second! I am not sure if any club has had a "double" presentation??

The champagne corks popped and Peter Ephgrave and Bob Leeds thanked Councillor Basu for attending and he, in turn, congratulated the Vampires on their 126 year history and for achieving Charter Standard Club status. Peter showed our esteemed guest around the Clubhouse to view the Vampire history and also to see the first team in action against HSBC.

Special thanks to all who turned up to be part of this momentous day. (*hear-hear!!..Ed*)
(*The illustrious Councillor Basu listening politely to our somnambulant Peter!!*)



...and finally! Selection issues = PAUL AYERS ON 07508 060586 (new number). CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS, results to Paul Mourtou on 07932 712701. Team Selections & Match reports to riding@supanet.com by Monday noon and ensure the raffle gets done when it is your turn!!!

All Committee Members please note, next meeting is THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER at 7.00 pm!!

Teams for Saturday 26th September 2009.

Captains will be informed by J.Winchester, (07974 193291) if there are any changes. If your team isn't shown it means they have no match! Remember to check if you need to change shirts and speak to John Roberts, (07984 825405) if you foresee a problem!

No game this week for 5's

1st XI v; Kew Association; **HOME** ; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 am; SAL: Ref; tba

Manager - Ina Singh - 020-8361-6870 ;

J.Moriarty, J.Hindi, J.Lawrence, Spencer, J.Ephgrave. A.Gyves , P.Ayers, D.O'Neill, D.Dawson, L.Gregory, Frazer, R.Pidgeon

2nd XI v Old Hamptonians; **AWAY**; Rectory Farm, Dean Road, Hampton, TW12 1AQ KO 2.30 pm; Meet 12.15 pm; M'SEX CUP: Ref; tba

Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302

Vaz; Haritakis; Buli;S.Dawson;Buzac; Knight; M.Harvey; Mackey; S.Lawrence; Charles; S.Ephgrave; Allan

3rd XI v City of London Res; **AWAY** ; Wandsworth Park, Northfields, Wandsworth, SW18 1NN; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 12.15pm; AFA CUP: Ref; tba

Manager – Tim Coulman -- 07960 727446 **~~NO TEAM SENT IN~~**

4th XI v Alexandra Park 5th XI; **HOME** ; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain – Jason Demel -- 07841 016083 **~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~**

G.Donaghey, C.Osinaike, F.Chambers, P.Faherty, D. Harvey, A.Manoli, J. De Mel, S. Wynne, T. Green, B. Walls, L. Bailey

5th XI ; **--NO MATCH; ALL PLAYERS ARE RESERVES--**

Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247

6th XI v Alleyn Old Boys 4th XI; **HOME**; KO 2.30 pm; Meet 1.00 pm; SAL CUP; Ref. John Alexander (unless League provide)

Captain – Dan O'Connell 07958 529489

D.O'Connell, J.Sexton, J.Warwick, A.Dawkins, J.Smith, I, Dobson, D.Thomas, T.Saull, T.Legge, J.Riley, S.Rudd, R.Wilson, J.Mosse, T.Reynolds

7th XI v Old Fincs 6th XI; **AWAY**; Southover, Woodside Park, N12 7JE; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.15 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330 **~~NO TEAM SENT IN~~**

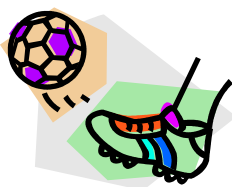
8th XI v EBOG's 6th XI; **HOME**; KO 3.00 pm; Meet 1.30 pm; SAL; Ref. John Bean

Captain – Dan Lauszkin – 07867 756812 **~~NO TEAM SENT IN~~**



CROCK'S CORNER & SUSPENSIONS!!

There may be a couple of suspects lurking!!



Results & Match Reports

Bit of a mixed-bag of results this week, with wins to celebrate for the 2's and 4's, a good draw for the 7's and unlucky the field! Back-to-back wins gives the 2's the honour of "Team of the Week", well done to Laurie's high-flyers!



Special mention must also go to "Vampire of the Week", **Micky Hitch**, who offered to ref when no other b*gger (including yours truly!) would do it! Knowing Micky, I bet he didn't take his pay either~~TOP MAN, AND A TRUE VAMP!!

1st XI ; NO GAME

2nd XI v Old Wilsonians; Won 2-1; Scorers; Charles, Mackey

After a patchy display last week, we rolled out on a warm afternoon to face a strong and well-organised Old Wilsonians. Right from the off, we were clearly the better team, and created a string of chances through good passing and movement, with Christou and Knight out wide frightening the life out of their back four. Passing up one after another opportunity to notch, we eventually scored after half an hour when fine work by Ephgrave in the box left CHARLES with a simple tap-in. 1-0. We then let our guard down and an undeserved equaliser after an almighty scramble in our box was only averted by Christou clearing off the line. Second half saw more of the same, but Wilsons now changing formation they came more into the game. Nonetheless, we fashioned a string of clear chances to bury them. Eventually with 15 minutes to go Ephgrave set a frisky MACKEY free and he lashed the bouncing ball over the keeper from 18 yards. 2-0. We then got punished for failing to take our dozens of chances when they got lucky and got one back, giving us - absurdly - a very nervous last 10 minutes. Overall, good in patches, but not nearly ruthless enough.

3rd XI v Winchmore Hill; Lost 2-3; Scorer; Meek (2)

The 3's were on the road this week to a treble winning Winchmore Hill and after a steady performance last week with a draw against Old Owens the team was ready to up their game and play an attacking 3,5,2. The formation seemed to work as the team tore apart Winchmore Hill for the first 25 minutes with some great attacking football. Unfortunately not making the most of our chances cost us this game as the score ended 3-2. . Great performance all round, let's keep it up!!

Away next week to City of London Reserves and hopefully we can keep up the strong performance and get a result. (from Mark A)

4th XI v Winchmore Hill 5th XI; Won 3-2; Scorers; Manoli (2), Bailey

After last week's 10 man debacle the 4s were eager to get a good result but up against a big Winchmore Hill side with a very tall striker, this was never going to be an easy task! The first half was an even battle with good spells of football being played by both sides. Winchmore Hill probably had the better of the

chances, threatening us constantly with their set pieces but even so, we managed to contain them and kept the ball out of the back of the net for the first 45 minutes (both theirs and ours!) Second half was a different matter and within 5 minutes we were 1-0 down when yours truly was caught ball-watching and failed to pick-up their striker who got on the end of a loose ball in the box! Despite the set-back, we persevered and constantly put pressure on the opposition with some industrious work in midfield by debutant S.Wynne. The effort soon paid off and we equalised when the other new debutant, A.Manoli, made a darting run down the left and then calmly lobbed the keeper who came rushing out into no-mans lands. Things didn't stay equal for long, however, and the opposition took the lead again after their unmarked striker picked-up on a clearance outside the box - and with what seemed like all the time in the world - looped one into the top corner. Again we had to fight back and with the constant running of B.Walls and A.Manoli we soon managed to restore the balance after L.Bailey got his head on the end of a cross after good move down the left. No sooner had we equalised, Winchmore Hill nearly went ahead again if not for a crucial save by G.Donaghey who believe it or not can dive..(hmm!! Ed) With 15 minutes to go, the tired legs of Winchmore's experienced rearguard began to show, and A.Manoli took advantage of this as he easily skipped past them to slot home the winner. Overall, a great competitive game! Fantastic job by the entire team, especially F.Chambers who had his work cut out man-marking the opposition's giant striker. MOM A.Manoli.

5th XI v EBOG's 4th XI; Lost 1-3; Scorer; ?

ASK NOT WHAT THE 5TH TEAM CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE 5T TEAM! Second home game of the season and second loss, some people are not pulling their weight, it's always the same old faces doing the all or most of the work. There are 11-12 players every game and yet only 3-4 people putting the nets up & down, taking the Flag-poles, every week its the same old sh*t ;come on lads it's hard enough without us making it harder, so please can we all work together as team!

Right that enough of that back to the game, didn't deserve to lose 3-1, some great play, considering that we have three players missing and Steve Wynne moving to the 4's (well done Trigger and good luck!.. see you when we meet later on in the season), their first goal was a mistake from our keeper, and after hand bags from the manager and the captain normal service was resumed the second can't remember, and the 3rd offside and a Joe Sargent own goal! Lots of good stuff out there, but some players need to ask themselves are they giving 100% more taking and listening needed ,lads but like British Rail we'll get there in the end!

No game next week, take care of yourselves and each other!

NB: lads please do not go without paying your subs as all the money must be handed on saturday night and if short Micky and Brian must make it up out of their own dosh!!

6th XI v Norsemen 6th XI; Lost 0-4;

With a disappointing but good performance last week, the Vs took on a strong Norseman side this week. Missing 2 defenders from 4 and having 4 right wingers really didn't help cause and begun to show in the opening minutes. It wasn't long before Norseman took full advantage and scored 3 goals in a short period. Vamps looked ok with the ball, knocking it around and keeping it for a decent period of time, but as soon as the Vs lost it everything fell apart. Half time and a few adjustments lead to a more encouraging second half. D.Thomas filled in well at right back, and J.Riley again impressed on the left wing. Vamps created a few good chances, but J.Riley was unlucky to see his header bounce off the keepers back. Once again the team we played took most of the changes they had, but Vamps need to be more aggressive in hunting down the ball next week.

7th XI v Old Parkonians 6th XI; Drew 1-1; Scorer; Daniels D.

Having turned down the chance of reffing at the Nou Camp, yours truly decided on a pleasant lunch before trotting off to watch the new 7's at Old Parks only to find myself in borrowed boots and on the field within 7 minutes of arriving, the luckless Jon Clarke in goal looking majestic for fully six minutes

before ripping a calf-muscle, enough time for Vamps to have taken an impressive lead from D Daniels' cool finish after a deft assist from our "muscular" other striker Ginaldo!! (who took over between the sticks). Vamps had the better of the first half and looked balanced (apart from a dodgy right-back!) with Ciaran authoritative and assured at the back, ably assisted by Dan and JJ, and the midfield of Wilf and Gilesy was battling for everything, again well-supported by Tom, Bradley and skipper Huckle, so it was a bit disappointing that we allowed them to nick an equalizer before the half-time break.

With Barry Cork stuck in a melee on the North Circ, all battled on, (Corky eventually arrived with 12 to go and filled the XXL shirt extremely snugly!!) and although Old Parks maybe had the edge it was Daniels that nearly stole it for us with a great individual mesmeric run. Some determined defence kept them out at the death, so a point well-earned and plenty of reason for optimism for Ricky for the long season ahead...but where were all the 8's players to help out today!!??!! Special mention should go to the young ref who controlled the match with a calmness and assuredness belying his years!

MOM: Dan (sorry don't know surname) at centre-back, nowt got past him!!



Editor's Request!!..If any of you either change, or have "dead" e-mail address(es) can you please let me know and I will amend my database accordingly!! I thank you!!