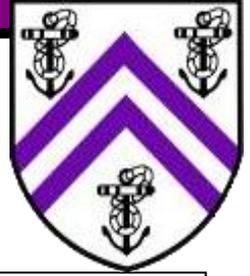


Gillingham Anchorians Hockey Juniors



Youth Section Newsletter

March 2014



“To all our Junior players and parents, thank you for making my first season running this section such a pleasure,” says **Nigel McDonald, Junior Training Co-ordinator**.

“With a talented and friendly group of people like yourselves, it makes coaching you all an absolute pleasure. The Juniors are the most important part of a club because you are the future and at the moment or future is looking bright.

“The highlight for me has been seeing you all play so well in the matches we held recently. As relatively inexperienced players you did us all proud and we are already planning more for next season.

“I’d like to thank all those who’ve helped out at the training sessions this year including Mel Young, Dixie, Truffs, Sarah Hopkins, Joel Divers, Chloe Bendle and Luc Debont plus a big thanks to all the parents, it was great to see so many of you up at Holcs!

“We will have some sessions going over the summer and are aiming to get even more tournaments against other clubs lined up for all the age groups next year in what will be Anchs’ 60th season. Until then, enjoy your summer and keep your eyes on the website and your emails for club events through the off season.”

NEWS IN BRIEF

Well done to the hockey kids who raised **£280** during their **Sports Relief challenge** - a mile-long hockey-style obstacle course around the pitch. Please pass on any sponsorship money to Nigel or Gemma Smith or pay it in direct to <http://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/gahcjuniors>



Coming Soon



We’ll soon be launching the new junior section of the website and are looking for your help to design a special logo. Competition details to follow.

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday training continues during the Easter holidays but **Thursday afternoon sessions** finish on the 3rd of April, starting again on the 24th April. The final date for both sessions will be announced soon and we plan to finish for the summer with a six-a-side tournament.

However, don’t hang up your sticks too soon! The summer will see a number of events including Sunday **family days** where all ages and abilities can play together. More details to follow.

There will be a number of events next season during our **60th anniversary year** to find the funds for the much-needed new pitch. If you think you can help in any way or would like to attend, head to the website for info.

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The under-8s in action at Holcs

Supported by a vocal band of travelling parents and grandparents, this team triumphed over rivals at Holcombe Park in their first ever tournament with huge 5-0 and 6-0 wins – super strikers of the future!

Winning streak for the under-10s

Similar success for this eager bunch who won 4-0 and drew 0-0 at Holcs but registered two wins against visitors Burnt Ash a few weeks later, notching up 5-0 and 4-0 victories.



Promising start for under-12s

The year 6 and 7 juniors took part in their first ever competitive tournament against Burnt Ash and showed off some real flair and skill despite losing their first game 0-4, reviving with renewed spirit to register a 2-all draw in their second match.



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