



WELCOME to the second in our new Newsheet – called Sporting Voice – “*what’s happening, what’s hot and what’s not*” in Sport at secondary and Sixth form!



The main LENT TERM field sport for boys is football, and no more important team exists than that of the 1st XI. Our captain this year is Andy Goddard, whose profile is shown opposite, and whose love of all sports has been one

of the key motivating factors in his academic life here at Claires Court. Shame he can’t score Goals for us...

The first team’s season has got off to a great start, with 2 good wins – the latest being against Halliford on Wednesday. Yes your right, Andy did not get on the score sheet, but Year 13’s touch-line reported, Graham Pearce describes the action: in the 6-3 victory

Scorers: Cooke 2, Cahill 2, Banks 1, Green 1. Claires Court broke the deadlock with a goal from Green. The ball was collected by Goddard in the defence, passed through to midfield where Green made a run into the space and finding the ball at his feet kicked it into GOAL! That’s the first person to get his hair cut this season! Minutes later the equalizer came. Morrison came out confidently and if it wasn’t for a sticky pitch the goal would have been avoided. Claires Court did well to keep their heads high until a darting run down the right from Stephens and a brilliant cross. The ball was handled by the Halliford defence and Cahill scored with the resulting penalty kick. Halliford answered with 2 goals in quick succession. Then just before half time Cooke broke free of his man, danced round the defence and found the space, 3-3. Half time talk was upbeat. Cahill opened the second half score sheet with a fantastic goal coming from a left-side break and although Halliford replied with breaks from all directions strong defence and goal keeping meant nothing went past. O’Reilly made an amazing run down the left and crossed the ball to Cooke who neatly netted the ball. Despite Halliford pushing hard for the remainder of the match a final goal was scored when the ball fell nicely at the back post and Banks nailed it home.

DoB: 03/04/1991
Place of Birth: High Wycombe
Height: 1.80m
Position: Left Back
Sporting Honours: Represented Chesham Football Club, Chesham Cricket Club 1stXI and Berkshire Cricket Club U17
Favourite Team: Man Utd
Favourite Player: Ole Gunnar Solskjaer
‘A’ Levels Studying: PE, Psychology, Media Studies.
Career Ambitions: Hopefully to study Sport Development at Glamorgan University.
Aims for the season: To stay unbeaten and to finally score for a Claires Court football team

Many Thanks to all those people who attended last Friday’s Burns’ Night Supper. It was well supported by all year groups who all enjoyed a wonderful evening on the Bard of Scotland’s 250th Birthday. I would also like to thank the pupils in Years 11 and 12 who helped out with the setting up and waiting duties, and also to Messrs Spanswick, Turner and Hill who ran the bar. Here’s to the next year and thank you once again. Pip Bowen



New Sports coming in...What’s this Real Tennis thing?

Real Tennis left Claires Court in 1999, when the Holyport club found it difficult to make available the court for our afternoon games session. Now under new ownership, and with their Pro Andy Chinneck keen to introduce some young blood to the game, we are back. Y11’s Robert Goodall already is a tournament winner in 2009, taking the club’s New Year’s day ‘Hangover doubles’ title! Doug Holden (Y11) is an experienced player too, playing with his father in Leamington Spa. The Club has open sessions for family’s interested in learning to play – contact Richard or Andy on 01628

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Golf has been most hit by the weather, though our PGA Pro Paul Harrison has relished the opportunity to capture the 18 regular players at the range at Bird’s Hill and shake down their technique, seen here with Max Kistler working on the left-hander’s chipping stroke. The next GOLF COACHING CLINIC with Paul takes place on Thursday 19 February at Hedsor Golf Club. 10:00 a.m. until 15:30 p.m. FMI, ask Paul on 07825 173311 or pwharri@aol.com.



Next bulletin – reports from the Girls’ section and including news from the corss country championships.

Let’s hope the weather stays fine for the football!

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