



**Crayford Arrows  
Sports Club**

In partnership

**Erith and Belvedere  
Football Club**



## FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

# Parents Evening Opens up Debate for Social Functions

**A** big thank you to all those parents, friends and managers who turned up on Monday 8th February to take part in a debate on where we should go with social functions and fund raising at the club. The meeting was attended by over 35 people and raised some positive ideas for a new way forward.

- The club is holding its own financially but there is very little by way of social activity or fund raising.
- A social group is needed to discuss new ideas
- The clubhouse is seen as very functional but not very inviting with little reason for anyone to gather other than away from the weather!
- Generally people do not like the idea of functions where you 'bring your own drinks'
- An idea is suggested to look at the possibility of opening a bar initially with restricted hours
- A number of parents have come forward to help with the feasibility of the 'bar' project
- A financial budget for the project will be prepared and then parents of teams asked to help with a fund raising activity towards financing the build.
- Parents would more likely help raise funds if there is a target project
- A suggestion was made to allocate maybe two teams at a time to hold a fund raising event through the year to help the project

Although it was agreed that a bar facility might not be the whole solution it could provide a focus within the club to attract parents and friends to stay and chat before and after games. It may also attract better hire potential for the hall as many ask about bar facilities.

Once the project budget has been completed it will be published so that everyone has a chance to comment and offer support in whatever way they can.

It was also agreed to send a monthly Newsletter to all parents who have provided e mail addresses to keep them informed of developments.

### ***Who's Who? Need to speak to us?***

There is a list of club officers and contact numbers on our web site ***crayfordarrows.org.uk*** and in the club house. It is planned to update the list with photos in the near future



**Skye Willis-Barrett wins  
prestigious Bexley award**

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## ***For the 5th year running a member of Crayford Arrows Girls Football wins Bexley Council Sports Award***

***.....Congratulations to Skye Willis- Barrett***

At a ceremony attended by the Mayor of Bexley other local dignitaries' and 1000 guests Skye Willis- Barrett received the Sports Award from Bexley Council for Girls Football in the Community

Skye has played with the Crayford Arrows Girls Football teams for over 3 years. She has been awarded, managers and Players player for 2 of those years. This season is the first season, where Skye has played in goal, she volunteered due to no one else wanting to play at that position.

As expected, she has excelled at this, and is one of the best keepers in the League.

Skye plays a year up also, so all the other girls in her team and the opposition teams, are a year older. She took this as a challenge and again has excelled and learnt a lot from playing with the older girls, as well as learning some new skills.

Crayford Arrows ran a Community project this year, to introduce Girls into Football. Training Sessions were ran on a Saturday morning for any Girls of any age group to participate in Training, learning the skills and ethics needed to be a good footballer, with the potential to join a club and play in a league.

Skye volunteered to attend these training courses, and with the help of the FA coaches at Crayford, trained and demonstrated many key skills/manoeuvres for the girls. She help personal 1-2-1 sessions with the potential budding Goal-keepers, displaying her skills and attitude needed to be at this position.

With the help of Skye and the Coaches, Crayford Arrows were able to select enough Girls for a team in the U12 league.

Skye also plays in 2 Teams for the Girls at Bexley Grammar School, and while at her Primary school was key in helping girls football get off the ground with her Teachers at Upland Primary.

Skye is also a polite and very well-grounded girl, always the first to help an opposition player / applaud them and "gee " the girls up if they have lost a game.

As they say the future is at her feet, Skye winning this award would boost her confidence, but also the confidence of the other girls that play Football with her. Demonstrating that through hard-work and having a great personality - you can achieve.



### TRAINING AREA

#### FENCE

### REPLACEMENT

We have applied to the Football Foundation for a grant of £20,000 to replace the fencing around the training area with a modern structure.

At this stage the application has been received by them and they are considering our request

The addition of new fencing will be the second phase of our refurbishment of the area (following installation of the playing surface) and will be followed by a complete review and if possible replacement of the lighting.

Further updates in the next Newsletter

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE CLUB?

WE WILL DISPLAY A SIGN BOARD ADVERTISE IN OUR TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. CONTACT CHAIRMAN RUSTCW@NTLWORLD.COM



If you would like to help the club in any way by volunteering, joining the social group, help with the bar project or just doing a few jobs from time to time e - mail our chairman Chris Rust on **[rustcw@ntlworld.com](mailto:rustcw@ntlworld.com)**. He will be pleased to discuss this with you

***Enjoy your football***