



Chairman's Report Easter 2010

As the season comes to an end I want to reflect briefly on the season so far, but also look to the future, as well.

The club has played more competitive basketball this season than before, with the men playing two teams in the Wessex League, the ladies one, and the junior boys and girls in the under14 and under12, playing in the Central Venue League in Aylesbury. With all this basketball we have will struggle to make the books balance and it is vitally important that we all support the fund raising efforts made on behalf of the club, every bit helps and in these economic times we are trying to keep the costs to the minimum. The team captain's or coaches will let you have the details of their season.

Before I give you my thoughts about the future of the club I must once again say a very warm thank you to Caroline Coward, who has kept the web site bang up to date with all the latest information. She has also managed all the registrations and handled all the incoming monies so efficiently it has made for a very smooth running of the club from an admin point a view. Also all the men must be aware of all the hard work Gareth Taylor has put in to running two men's teams and the coaching of the Force team and helping in the junior programme. A special thank you to both of them! So saying that I must also thank Jon Beale for his work with the ladies team, Charlotte Gale for running the junior girls and the under 12 group and finally to Chris Knapman for coaching the under 14 boys. Although I have highlighted the work on the coaching front it should not be forgotten the work that Alison Adamson, secretary to the ladies team and Malcolm Jamieson, treasurer to the club do as well. Thank you to everyone.

Now to the future, I think we need to consolidate on the work we have put in over the past few years and over the next five years look to move on again. I feel that at a senior level we should continue to play local league basketball, the Wessex League offers

a good standard of basketball. I would like to see two ladies teams to go with the two men's teams we have at present.

The junior game is not so clear cut, I feel we are not offering them enough competitive basketball and when we have games for juniors we find that we have a conflict of interests with other sports, so when we play matches we don't reflect the true playing standard within the club. The Bucks Central Venue League is a good starting point, but the games are truncated and with the matches periodically played we cannot compete with all the other sports that play regularly on a Sunday mornings. I feel we should work with the other local clubs around us, South Bucks, Aylesbury Dux, Maidenhead Heat, Bourne End, Aylesbury Hornets, Chiltern Pumas to see if we can set up a local league to be played on a home and away basis for various groups, both boys and girls. This will add pressure on all our resources; we will need to find more coaches, referees, and volunteers. The additional court time will add cost, but I think it will be well worth the effort. We will also need to resurrect the junior committee to help organise and run the junior programme. So if you can, please give some time to help run the club.

Rod Cooke



Chiltern Challengers – End of Season

With the Challengers out of any formal competition, this season has provided the girls with the opportunity to train hard for their school teams and matches. Numbers have increased throughout the season and we regularly have ten girls training with us on a Wednesday evening. A number of new faces have committed to the club and their perseverance has paid off – we now have some up and coming talent to feed in to the ladies teams and hopefully some UK universities as some of our girls leave us this season to head off in to Higher Education.

A couple of friendly matches were arranged between Chiltern basketballs Junior boys team and also Dave Butlers Aylesbury team. With limited court time together throughout the season Challengers put up a good fight in both games and at times we saw some real basketball being played. The girls rose to the occasion and were trying out some of their new offence formations and worked hard to set screens for their team mates. Unfortunately their hard work did not reap the rewards they were hoping for and both games ended in defeat. Challengers did not let this deter them however and even more determined than ever we entered in to the spirit of the clubs fund raising efforts and all had a go at the free throw shoot out. Some girls achieved a whopping 6/10 free throws making us ever more a harder team to beat for next season.

With summer training now in our sights I would like to encourage all the girls to attend the session on a Thursday evening at the Royal Grammar School from 7pm – 8.30pm.

Charlotte Gale
Challengers Coach





U12's Mixed Chiltern Basketball Team

The U12's team at Chiltern is still recruiting new players even this late in to the season. It has been an excellent start up year for the team who have fought hard throughout their games in the tough Central Venue League at Aylesbury College.

We have lost some of our older team players to football on Sundays and thus the team who have played have been some what younger than the opposition. Gareth and I can not fault them in their perseverance and commitment to the games and never once have they let their defeats get the better of them. We always walk off court holding our heads high knowing that we competed at the best of our ability and with good Sportsmanship throughout.

The free throw fund raising competition was welcomed by most of the players and the team have been working hard to collect the monies. There is more to be collected so we will look forward to receiving that after Easter when the team returns for their summer training session on Thursdays 6pm – 7.15pm in the small gym at Wycombe High School.

Charlotte Gale
U12's Coach





CHILTERN UNDER14'S

This has been a great season for the Chiltern under-14s. We've played in the Aylesbury Central Venue League against teams such as Oxford Brookes, Fulbrook, Aylesbury Grammar, Shenley, Herts, South Bucks, and Aylesbury Dux. Our team consisted of Max Dugdale, Asim Naeem, Frank Jordan, Ryan Dowie, Drew Tate, Sam Sheppard, Alan Martin, Connor Underwood, Patrick Ball, Jess Funnell, Jack Walleans, Abbie MacGregor, James Dodds, Suleman Jarral, and Will Knapman. However, one of our key hopes for the season, Saif Jarral, was barred from playing in our team as he was 'too good'... Our top scorer of the season was Asim Naeem, with a total of 62 points towards our score. The under-14 team has come a long way in this season, and we are now a formidable opponent for any team. Our best victory was over Aylesbury Dux on the 17th January this year. The final score was 42-11, with some great contributions to our dominance from all of the team. Overall, I would say that this has been a very good season for our entire team, with some very good victories. Although we did lose occasionally (doesn't everyone?), I think I would be right in saying that we all thoroughly enjoyed playing for Chiltern.

Will Knapman



FASTBREAK AND FORCE - 2010

2010 has been a year of mixed fortunes for both the Fastbreak and Force teams. Both teams have competed well in their respective leagues, with the Fastbreak team looking prime for a promotion position again this year which will see them – hopefully – competing in division one of the Wessex leagues next year. Meanwhile the Force team have caused a great deal of heartache to some of the more established teams in division 3 and the league.

The end of 2009 saw the retirement of the key protagonist for promotion last year for the Fastbreak team in Mike Mefo. Mike has decided to pursue international career ambitions in Australia as a physiotherapist – we wish him well and of course will retain a vest for him should he ever decide to return to the High Wycombe area. Mike, all the very best and thanks for the memories.

For those who follow the news letter, it was reported that Magic had gone AWOL. You need not be concerned, our Polish Power Forward has been located and has turned out for both teams a few times since the start of the new year – shift patterns permitting we may see a little more of him next season.

The Force team competed well against the leaders of the league, Farnborough, in February. With a young team and a bench stretching to 2 players it was reassuring that the team remained within striking distance of the big 'W' right until the 4th quarter. Meanwhile the Fastbreak team have proven to be a defensive powerhouse in the league, conceding the fewest points despite some teams having played fewer games (correct as at 1 Apr 10).

Although having 2 very successful teams that are now well established in the Wessex league it is imperative that the squad is augmented by local High Wycombe talent. With teams competing at 2 levels there is a challenge for everyone, no matter you basketball credentials – please feel free to drop us an email and/or join use for pre-season training which commences on 28 Apr 10 at the Royal Grammar School Wycombe, off Amersham Road.

Gareth Taylor