



## HISTORY

Curley Park Rangers was established in 1973 when a team of Under 11s entered into the Farnborough & District League (now North East Hants Youth League). The club was a Lightwater club and the name chosen was Curley Park Rangers so named by Mrs Hazel Lucas ,a teacher at Connaught School, and wife of Maurice Lucas who was the manager of our first team. The name Curley was taken from Curley Hill which is the highest point in Lightwater Country Park. There was already a Lightwater Youth team at the under 16 level, but for some reason they did not want to run an under 11 team. Undeterred by this disappointment Maurice, together with other parents, decided to form their own club hence Curley Park Rangers was born. An advertisement for players at Under 11 level was placed in the local press and the response was very positive. Finance, as always, was a problem. However, the Club was greatly assisted by a donation of £90 (a lot of money back then) from a resident of Lightwater. Molly Light was the organiser of a local ladies club which folded leaving £90 in their kitty without a good home so she decided to donate to Curley Park Rangers.

..Originally the Club was a Lightwater club and had 'Lightwater' inserted in the club badge. As the name of the club spread boys joined from Bagshot and Windlesham so we became a Parish club to include all 3 villages and 'Lightwater' was dropped from the club's badge. Now we accept players, both boys and girls, from anywhere in the locality. The word 'Boys' also appeared in our registered name but this too was dropped when we started a girls team. The current badge was designed by Gary Foster. The designer of the original badge is unknown but it was over 40 years ago!

It should be remembered that boy's football was nowhere near the organised structure it is now. There was practically no organised football for boys in the local area. A number of parents volunteered their help and it was decided that Maurice would be the manager. A committee was formed which was Maurice Chairman, Ron Dyer assistant manager, plus John and Audrey Passfield. Audrey became Secretary and Treasurer was a Mr. Panazia The colours chosen were amber and black because Maurice went to see Barnet F.C. play and these were the colours worn by them which Maurice liked and these were the colours registered with the League An original amber and black hooped shirt can be seen in the club house.

As each season passed a new Under 11s was formed until 1980 when we had all age groups represented up to Under 16s. The 2 older groups 17s and 18s came along much later as did the Junior Club.

## **LEAGUES AND COUNTIES.**

These are the various leagues the club has competed in.

Farnborough & District League (Now North East Hants Youth League)	Hampshire
North East Hants Youth League	Hampshire
West Surrey League	Surrey
Bracknell & District Boys League	Berks and Bucks
Reading Under 18 League	Berks and Bucks
Surrey Primary Youth League	Surrey
Surrey County Women & Girls League	Surrey
East Berks Football League	Berks and Bucks
Thames Valley Girls League	Bucks

## **JUNIOR CLUB**

As parents turned up with even younger children it was decided in 1985 to form a junior club a task that was undertaken by Max Thomas and Keith Ross. We were in advance of the F.A. before they introduced small sided matches played on small pitches for teams under the age of 11. Our junior club incorporates the 'Nippers Club' which is for boys and girls under the age of 6 but having achieved their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. We do not accept players under 5 because they cannot be insured.

## **GIRLS FOOTBALL**

In days of yore girls did not play football but now they do. We always had the odd one or two girls playing but they gave up quite early. Now they don't. The problem has always been that at least 14 girls are required to form a team. We have occasionally succeeded. In 1902/03 we had a team of Under 12s who played in the Surrey County Women's and Girls Football League. There was also a team of U15s who in 2006/7 season won the Hampshire County Cup and were runners up the following year. In order to accommodate girls football the word 'boys' was dropped from our name. We are no longer 'Curley Park Rangers (Boys) F.C. Lightwater' .We are plain Curley Park Rangers F.C.

## **PRESENTATION NIGHTS.**

In the mid 70s presentation nights were held at Lightwater Infants school. As we got bigger we moved to Lightwater Country Park and then on to Connaught Middle School. Once our membership exceeded 500 there was not a large enough facility within the parish so now all teams make their own arrangements.

We always tried to have a celebrity to give out the awards and have had Tommy Langley (Chelsea and QPR), Steve Clarke (Scotland and Chelsea) Ken Moncou (Chelsea and Southampton), Dave Clement (England and QPR)

## **SOCCERFEST**

Soccerfest was originally launched as "Skills Day" on the early May bank holiday Monday 1993. It was designed as a fund raising activity based on sponsored skills. It ran for about 2 years after which we introduced small sided football games at each age level and then renamed it Soccerfest. It has been a very popular event ever since.

## **VISITS AND TOURS**

We have been privileged to entertain a number of visiting foreign clubs. Team N'Eastern from Garden City, New York have been here on 2 occasions. We were also visited by Dynamo FC from the Mustang League, California USA..

One of our dads, Marco Tirraro, got talking to a stranger in an Amsterdam café. The stranger turned out to be a Bob Degenars who was involved with a Dutch youth football club named VVA. From that chance meeting came an exchange arrangement which lasted several years

VVA Amsterdam became regular visitors during the 80s, along with Buitenveldert, also from Holland. On our part we visited Holland in 1981, 1983, 1985, 1991 and 1993. It was on a visit to Holland that we won the D.Jun D.Hamersma Toernooi Under 11 Cup which you can see in the clubhouse.

## **PITCHES**

As the size of the club increased it brought about the problem of pitches

Thanks to the Windlesham Parish Council our first ground was the Recreational Field behind All Saints Church, Lightwater. As the need for pitches increased we obtained permission from the M.O.D to use an army pitch at Deepcut. This pitch we used for many years, indeed, up until the time the M.O.D. decided to build houses on it. The biggest step forward was when we obtained permission to use Connaught School field which is the biggest field in the parish. Other pitches we have used are St Lawrence school field at Chobham, Bagshot F.C. ground at College Ride, Briars Road, Lightwater and Lightwater Country Park. Since we now considered we are a Windlesham Parish club (indeed, our rules at the time restricted membership to the 3 villages) we applied to play

at Windlesahm Field since a third of our membership came from Windlesham. However, our application was refused. With club membership in 2013 standing at 500 we currently use Connaught, Briars Road, Recreational Field, Lightwater and Lightwater Country Park, Kings School and Collingwood both in Camberley

## **FINANCE**

As previously stated we started with a donation from a Molly Light. The subscription then (1973) was £4 for league players and £2 for non-league players. We have travelled a long way since then. In the early days our biggest 'earner' was the legendry monthly Junior Discos which we held at All Saints Church Hall. The hall was always packed out with youngsters queueing to get in. We also held Adult Discos. These were held about twice a year and like the junior discos were very popular. Sadly these things only have a certain shelf life but they lasted for many years. Other sources of income is the canteen at Connaught run by manager Sharron Simpkins. The sale of football kit handled by Ken Johnson at Soccerfest. There was also the 100 Club. Of course, the major financial contribution comes from sponsorship. At one time our football kit had to last for years and each team inherited the kit each season from the team above. It was the old mothers maxim 'don't worry he will grow into it!'

We also received a substantial grant from the Football Association for the installation of the floodlights at Connaught school. Lastly, and most importantly, we receive an annual grant from Windlesham Parish Council. This is for the upkeep of Connaught field. Under the heading of Finance must come sponsorship. Fortunately we have had the benefit of sponsorship from many companies both large and small. Indeed there are so many that there is not room to mention them all. We are grateful to all those companies that have sponsored various teams though out the decades. The Football Association have also got their sponsors the main one as far as junior clubs are concerned are Macdonalds who have supported Grass Roots football ; They have benefited the club in recent times.

## MISCELLANEA

Curley Park Rangers featured strongly in the F. A's publication Boot Room in 1981

Curley Park Rangers provided the ball-boys for an F.A. Cup Final at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.

Famous dads whose sons played for CPR

Bobby Campbell.            Manager of both Chelsea and Fulham.

Nick Faldo,                 Golfer

Steve Wicks.               Chelsea and QPR

Gerry Francis              England Captain, QPR

Tommy Langley.            Chelsea and QPR

Gary Linekar Leicester City, Everton, Barcelona, Tottenham Hostspur, England

Denis Kirkland.            TV Producer of the Benny Hill Show.

Darren Barnard             Chelsea and Wales

Celebrities who played for CPR

Ian Ward.                    Surrey and England Cricketer. Sky cricket presenter

Craig Logan                 BROS

# AWARDS TO CURLEY PARK RANGERS

## F.A.CHARTER STANDARD CLUB AWARD

Presented at Woking F.C. ground 18/10/2002

There are numerous requirements to receive this award which include:

To be formerly constituted. Have a Welfare Officer

Enhanced CRB check. One F.A. Coach Level 1 for each team

1 F.A. Emergency Aid Officer safeguarding children. First aider with every team.

It also entitles us to display the F.A. 3 Lion Shield on our stationery

Curley Park Rangers was one of 3 clubs to be first to receive this award in Surrey

## F. A. CHARTER STANDARD COMMUNITY CLUB AWARD.

### REGIONAL AWARD.

Presented at Wembley Stadium 2010

On the occasion of the Community Shield match Chelsea v. Manchester United

Same criteria as above plus Child Protection policy. Code of conduct for team officials, players, managers, parents and spectators.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR 2010

SURREY COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR 2011

## EUROPEAN UNION F.A. (EUFA) GRASSROOTS CLUB

### SILVER AWARD.

Presented by UEFA at Wembley Stadium 2011

On the occasion of the England v Wales European Nations Cup match

## SURREY F.A. FAIRPLAY AWARD

Presented by Surrey F.A. for season 2006/07

## MAURICE LUCAS AWARD

Manager of the first CPR Team from 1973 to 1980

Chairman from 1973 to 1980

Life President 1980-2015

This is the clubs top award. The trophy was presented by Maurice in 1981 when he retired as manager and chairman and is awarded to a person who has served the club exceptionally well for a number of years. This almost always goes to adult volunteers who serve the club in an administrative way or to coaches etc. It has only once been presented to a player who was Steve Logan in 1983

### Winners

1980/81 R. Dyer	90/91 K. Johnson	00/01 P. Newbury	10/11 N. Rush
81/82 A. Passfield	91/92 K. Ross	01/02 M. Quartermain	11/12 S. Goggin
82/83 S. Logan	92/93 B. Rough	02/03 M. Ryan	12/13 A. Somerville
83/84 E. Tucker	93/94 T. Friday	03/04 N. Cockrell	13/14 J. Somerville
84/85 R. Law	94/95 P. Rush	04/05 I. Taylor	14/15 G. Johnson
85/86 M. Marks	95/96 B. Seaman	05/06 M. Kelly	
86/87 M. Clarke	96/97 P. Dyer	06/07 T. C. Law	
87/88 K. Ballard	97/98 P. Philpott	07/08 Not awarded	
88/89 M. Thomas	98/99 P. Davies	08/09 R. Simpkins	
89/90 S. Simpkins	99/00 A. Parsons	09/10 Not awarded	

## RON DYER SHIELD

Chairman 1983-89

Team manager 76/77, 77/78\*, 78/78\* \*2 Teams

Presented annually to the team of the year.

### Manager

1988/89U17Ron Dyer

89/90U/12Gary Lovett

90/91U/14Ken Carroll

91/92U/10A. Trevor Friday B. Brian Seaman

92/93U/14 GirlsJ. Jarvis

93/94U/15Phil.Rush

94/95U/11Paul Davies

95/96U/13Keith Jaycock

96/97U/12AKevin Ford

97/98U/16Steve Powell

98/99U/16Roy Thorn

99/00U/13Mick Brodrick

00/01U/13Mark Quartermain

01/02U/11 HawksRichard Brooks

02/03U/14BDavid Setty

03/04U/12 WaspsSam Goggin



04/05U/15Lynn Simkin  
 05/06U/15 GirlsKevin Smith  
 06/07U/14Nick Rich  
 07/08U11 AthleticAndy Foster  
 08/09U/17AMark Kelly  
 09/10U/14Garri Fanelli  
 10/11U16Paul Blair  
 11/12U16Garri Fanelli  
 12/13U/18Sam Goggin  
 13/14 U/14 Jaguars Baijv Nakarja  
 14/15U/18 Panthers Steve Barnett

## JAMES KITSON AWARD

Presented to a player who has suffered some kind of illness or accident and shown courage and determination. Nominations are made by managers, coaches or any parent. James Kitson died in December 1983 whilst in the Under 13 age group after suffering from Leukemia. The trophy was presented to the club by his parents John and Joan Kitson and was originally dedicated to the Under 13 age group. It has since been changed to include the whole of the club.

1983/84J.Parker	98/99B. Meister13/14 S.Grundy
84/85M.Hampstead	99/00M. Champion14/15 D. Shaw
85/86L. Grosch	00/01J. Prinsell
86/87A. Thomas	01/02T. Cooper-Smith
87/88S. Kelly	02/03D. Ryan
88/89P.Harris	03/04A. White
89/90L. Carroll	04/05C. Hoos
90/91B. Angold	05/06P. Lawson

91/92A. Brown	06/07T. Halton
92/93S. Gambie	07/08C.Pyle
93/94 No Team	08/09B. & F. Maddock (2)
94/95J.Cummings	09/10Not awarded
95/96T. Cash	10/11M. Samperson
96/97T. Issacs	11/12M.Heydon
97/98S. Gower	12/13E. Pritchard

## TREVOR FRIDAY SHIELD

Trevor was a team manager from 1991/92 to 1998/99 and headed the Junior Club for 2 years

Presented to the Junior Club player of the year

1989/90 Terence Friday

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1991/92 Not awarded

1992/93 Neil Davies

1993/94 Adam Haskins

1994/95 Matthew J Oones

1995/96 David Moffitt

1996/97 Richard Greenberg

1997/98 Ian Hester

1998/99 Callum Kennedy

1999/00 Jamie Whitwell

2000/01 Not awarded

2001/02 Roddy Oughtonj

2002/03 Alex Simpson

2003/04 Max Anderson

2004/05Not awarded

2005/06 Jake Sheppard

2006/07Not awarded

2007/08 Harry Purcell

2008/09 Andrew Butters

2009/10Not awarded

2010/11 Zachary Brett

2011/12 Joe Waight

2012/13Jack Burrell

2013/14 Katie Wright

2014/15Stephen Larkin-Savil

## TERRY LAW SHIELD

Terry managed a team from 91/92 to 1998/99

Was a committee member for 30 years and Secretary for 27 years

Presented to the Junior Club team of the year

08/09U/10Storm

09/10U/9Jaguars

10/11U/9Kestrels

11/12U/10Wolves

12/13U/10Trojans

13/14 U/10 Spartans

14/15U/11Spartans