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Fairford RFC Newsletter

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Sunday 4 February - U7 to U10/11 Home v Minety RFC

We hosted Minety RFC Sunday 4 February for an excellent morning of mini's rugby with a friendly and fun atmosphere. Our U7 to U10/11 teams played some incredible rugby and should be proud of their efforts. The U9's team displayed some excellent skills and fluid play, their first year of playing contact rugby is really coming together. A big shout out our U10's team who played a mixed team with Minety U11's, some tough rugby but they held their ground. Thank-you to all that came along and helped set up and tidy up at the end of the morning. A huge thank-you to all our coaches for their time and commitment. Photos below from the morning.





Roaring Rugby Camps at Fairford RFC

Chris Andrew and his Roaring Rugby team ran a February Half Term rugby camp (U6 to U11) in partnership with our junior club Monday 12 to Tuesday 13 February. As always, it was a sell out with all having a fantastic time (see photos below). Roaring Rugby will be running another camp (with the club) in the Easter Holidays, Thursday 12 to Friday 13 April. Places are limited and these camps are popular, so booking early is advised (flyer at the end of newsletter). Booking can be completed through the Roaring Rugby website: <https://www.roaringrugby.co.uk/>



Cake Stall – Sunday 4, 11, 18 February – THANK YOU!



Thank-you to all of you who baked and brought along goodies to all three of our home games in February. An epic **£116.21** was raised over three weekends.

4 February - £45.60

11 February - £25.71

18 February - £44.90

Thank-you to Charlotte and Lily for manning the cake stall each week and encouraging lots of cake eating!

Sunday 11 February U6 to U10/11 Home v Supermarines RFC

A bitterly cold morning for U6 to U10/11 home games v Supermarines RFC. Thanks to all who braved the freezing temperatures to come and play and support on the first weekend of half term. Thanks also to Donna Bull for the photos and to all our coaches and volunteers for their ongoing support.





The Buttie Van is going Green



The Buttie Van is going green.....no it's not going mouldy! Compostable cups are on the way and we will soon have a green compost bin. Please look out for them and please use them. We want to reduce our carbon footprint therefore we need 100% commitment from you all. Please try and walk / cycle / run to club training and matches and avoid unnecessary parking on Leafield Road on Sundays and Horcott Road on Saturdays and Thursday evenings.

Race Night – you are all invited to come and have a flutter! 10 March 8pm, Cricket Cub

You are all invited to participate in a Fairford RFC Race Night, 10 March, 8pm at the Cricket Club.

We hope you will come along and have a flutter whilst raising funds for the club.

Hope to see you all there. Any questions please contact Charlie Bailey, social secretary.

RACE NIGHT



U6 to U10/11 Sunday 18 February – Home v Tetbury RFC

Sunday 18 February. A fab morning of Rugby v Tetbury RFC at home - great atmosphere and lots of fun. Good to see the teams really starting to gel and play some incredible games of mini rugby. A massive thank-you to all our coaches and volunteers that make our club great. A massive shout out to Molly Freebury (U10/11) for her three tries. Photos from the morning follow.





We need you any budding coaches out there?



We are in the process of planning for next season (2018/19). We are in need of new coaches, in particular for our younger age groups (U5/6/7). If anyone is interested in getting involved (or having a trial period) please speak to Jenny Cook, Emma Bishop (volunteer coordinator) or one of our coaching team on a Sunday. We ask that all our coaches complete a DBS check and all training etc is paid for by the club. The club is

voluntary run organisation and we rely on the goodwill of all our volunteers. Thank-you to all who have come forward and volunteered in February, we very much appreciate it.

Volunteering Opportunities

As a volunteer run club, we are always looking to our members, parents, carers and wider community to get involved. We currently have three roles that we are looking to fill (in addition to coaches above). We hope there is someone out there who is willing to help. If you are interested in any of the positions below please email Lindsey at: rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk or speak to Jenny or Emma on a Sunday (usually found in the cabin).

- **Qualified Accountant.** We are looking for a qualified accountant who would be willing (on a volunteer basis) to audit and sign off our annual accounts. In previous years we have paid for this service, but hoping to find someone to facilitate this work on a pro-bono basis. Do you know anyone that can help?
- **Website content coordinator.** Anyone fancy helping out with our website? It is already up and running and full of great content, information, photos and videos: <http://fairfordrfc.co.uk/>. The role would include uploading content two or three times a month and being creative in how it is presented. May be there is a younger member of our club that would be interested? (We can provide training to individuals on how to do this).
- **Sponsorship Secretary.** The committee are looking for a volunteer to manage our very friendly sponsors and be proactive in developing and following up new sponsorship leads (seniors and juniors). We estimate you would need to commit up to 1.5 to 2 days a month. We are happy for this post to be a volunteer share if two volunteers wish to develop our sponsorship packages and manage our sponsors together. We believe there are many opportunities out there that we have yet to tap into.

Seniors Update



On 3 February Fairford took on Kingswood RFC and put on an impressive 47-0 win in tough weather conditions. The home side put in a complete

performance with Second-row Ollie Jenkins claiming Man of the Match with an abrasive outing. Try scorers Jonty Gallardo, Skipper Ben Goodey, Ben Taylor, Laurence Griggs, Ben Cohoon and Keelan Little made light work of the Bristol opposition. Photo above from the game.

After a week off, Fairford travelled away to Norton RFC in a 2nd v 3rd encounter. With a slightly depleted side the visitors were second best and came out with a 34-10 score line. There were impressive performances for Tom and Ben Cohoon and Keelan Little, as well as a try for Charlie Bailey. Photos from the Norton match follow.



The 24 February, GRFU Level 11 Cup Match will be reported on in the next newsletter.

In other news, we would like to congratulate Centre Eric White on being part of the Gloucestershire U20's county squad. He fully deserves his spot. He played the full 80 minutes as the GRFU lost to Cornwall 15-24. Photo below of Eric (centre of photo).



Senior Fixtures 2018

Games will be played at Coln House School as the club have secured a lease from Gloucestershire County Council for the upcoming season. Fixtures for the rest of the season are below, please follow our updates on Facebook and Twitter.

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| 24/02/17 | GRFU CUP FINAL – Level 11 |
| 03/03/17 | Painswick (H) |
| 10/03/17 | Tetbury (A) |
| 17/03/17 | SUPER SATURDAY |
| 24/03/17 | United Bristol Hospitals (H) |
| 31/03/17 | |
| 07/04/17 | Westbury-on-Severn (A) |

Vice-Presidents (VP) Day – 24 March. This will be Fairford's last home game of the season versus Bristol United Hospitals RFC. They are currently top of the league (we are 2nd) so we are hoping to generate a huge turn-out to cheer our team to victory!

Fairford Festival 31 May to 3 June

The annual community run Fairford Festival takes place this year from 31 May to 3 June:

<http://www.fairfordfestival.org.uk/> Each year the club (juniors and seniors) join the community parade. Last year the buttie van even put in an appearance and the club won 2nd place (after Dr Who and the daleks)! Please keep Saturday 2 June free to join in the parade and promote our amazing club. The afternoon of 2 June is a sports taster session run by all clubs in the local area.

Dave Bull has kindly agreed to run the junior's rugby taster session and we hope all our members will come along and get involved. The Saturday is always a fabulous day with food, drink, music and activities, as is the whole weekend.



FAIRFEST – 18, 19 & 20 August 2018



A 'must attend' date for all to write on the 2018 calendar. Next year's Fairfest, Fairford's very own Beer, Food and music festival, run by Fairford RFC will be held 18, 19 and 20 August. This event can only happen with the support of all our members and we ask that you consider volunteering for the

event. Please hold the dates in the diary, the more volunteers we have the more profit we generate to invest in the club for the future. Thank-you.

Six Nations 2018 – Essential Community Viewing



All six nations games will be shown live at the Cricket Club. All Fairford RFC members are invited (including parents of juniors / mini's). The schedule of matches can be found at:

https://www.sixnationsrugby.com/en/matchcentre/fixtures_and_results.php

Please come along and cheer on your team with a drink (or two)! Children are very welcome.

Fundraising for the Club

We are always looking for ways to fundraise for the club to ensure we remain financially sustainable. We have signed up to the 'easy fundraising' initiative

where monies are raised at no additional cost to you whilst you shop at major high street brands. Please follow this link to get you started: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fairfordrfc/?q=fairford&cat=cause-autosuggest> We hope that you will participate and encourage friends and family to do so also.

Touch Rugby – Thursdays 8pm Coln House School Pitches

For all retired players/ wannabe players/ parents/ coaches/ supporters, there is now a friendly 'touch-rugby' session on Thursdays at 8pm under the floodlights at Coln House. Come along and say hello and keep fit. All standards welcome and we already have a good turnout of all ages and abilities. Come and join us and we look forward to seeing you on a Thursday evening



The Boot & Kit Exchange – we need your old boots and Fairford RFC Kit.....keep swapping!

Thank-you to all of you that have been using the boot exchange around 25 pairs of boots exchanged 'feet' since the start of the season, helping to save some pennies. **WE HAVE A GROWING COLLECTION OF SMALL PAIRS OF BOOTS IF ANYONE NEEDS THEM (you don't need to have anything to swap, we just ask that when you do, pop them in the box)**

Parents and Carers have requested that we also run a Fairford RFC kit exchange and we are very happy to oblige. Young people grow very quickly and new boots / kit are expensive. If you have any unwanted studded boots and Fairford RFC kit (only our branded kit please) that you are happy to exchange or pass on, please bring them (MUST BE CLEAN) to the cabin on a Sunday and put into a box until a new owner comes along.



Kit Store

The Kit Store is open Sunday mornings when our mini's and juniors are training or playing at home. We have a great selection of Fairford RFC branded clothing for both children and adults ranging from Beanies, Caps, Socks, Shorts to Padded Jackets. Debbie, Jenny, Emma and Katie will be around to

help you with your purchases. A link to all our branded merchandise and price list can be found on our website: <http://fairfordrfc.co.uk/kit-store/> and can be purchased or ordered on a Sunday morning 1030 to 1200hrs.

Website

We have a website for the club, (seniors, juniors, mini) that brings all our information and social media into one hub. For those who do not have Facebook / Twitter access you will be able to follow all updates through the new website. <http://fairfordrfc.co.uk/>

Your Feedback

If you are receiving this newsletter but no longer wish to please email Lindsey at rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk. If you have feedback on the Newsletter or content that you would like to add to the next edition (March 2017) please contact Jenny at gaslane@hotmail.com

Sponsors

Thank-you to our sponsors:





Fairford RFC 12th - 13th April

All are from 9.30 to 3.30 inclusive

2 Day Rugby Camp

Non-Contact (Age 5-8)

Contact (Age 8-9)*

- Games & Activities
- Skill Development
- Mini Tournaments

Beginners welcome as well as experienced players.

The emphasis is on **FUN** all the way with the core values of rugby teamwork, respect, discipline, sportsmanship and enjoyment.

* Children must be 8 years old on the 31st August 2017 or 9 years old on the 31st August 2017 to play in the contact group.



£50
for 2 days
or £30 a day

Book your place online at

roaringrugby.co.uk

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All camps are led by a qualified and licensed RFU Level 2 coach with enhanced DBS clearances.

