



Fairford RFC Newsletter

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September 2017



Start of the New Season – Sunday 10 September

We can't wait, our Junior and Mini's 2017/18 Season will start on Sunday 10 September 2017. The first three 2017/18 season training sessions will be free and we encourage you to bring all your friends and family to give it a go. We start from Reception age, upwards. Please, please, please spread the word:

- Sunday 10 September
- Sunday 17 September
- Sunday 24 September

The official opening day of our season will be Sunday 1 October. If you sign up for membership before or on the 1 October, you will receive a free Fairford RFC branded Boot and Kit Bag.

2017/18 season Membership £70 first child and £30 for additional child(ren).

We hope you agree that this value for money. A membership form is attached to the email with the newsletter, payment can only be taken in cash / by cheque. Thank-you to all of you who have already paid.



New Website

We have been working hard behind the scenes on a new 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. We hope you like it as much as we do (feedback appreciated): <http://fairfordrfc.co.uk/> If you haven't yet seen the video of the end of season event and more importantly the 'Fairford Hakka', you can view it here: <https://youtu.be/3-2urpZaKqg> We hope you enjoy it. (Hakka is at the very end of the video)

Roaring Rugby Summer Camp – Thursday 10 & Friday 11 August

Yet another sellout Roaring Rugby camp held in partnership with Fairford RFC. 30 children of primary school age attended for both tag and contact rugby fun. It was great to see so many of our members attending, honing their skills ready for the new season. The camp also generated new interest so we're hoping to see some new faces join our membership over the coming weeks.



An Evening with Andy Powell – Friday 20 October



TICKETS are now on sale for an evening with former Wales international and after dinner speaker, Andy Powell. The event is a fundraiser for the club's 2018 Belgium Tour and will be held at Fairford Town FC, Friday 20 October (7pm for 7.45pm start). Individual tickets are priced at £25 and will include a two-course meal with a relaxed dress code in place. Bookings can also be made for a table of eight for £200. There will be a talk from the 23-cap Welshman, as well as the opportunity for a Q&A, an auction and Golden Ticket Raffle. **To book tickets for this event please email Chris Tanner at: cmt115@hotmail.com**

Primary and Secondary School Programme - September and October 2017

We have offered all local primary schools free training sessions with Fairford RFC junior and mini coaches throughout September and October 2017. This year we have focussed on primary school years 5 and 6, in an attempt to tempt new players to join our under 10 and 11 teams. Those participating (some having accepted our invitation of up to three sessions) are Southrop, Meysey Hampton, St Lawrence's (Lechlade), Fairford and Cirencester Primary Schools. Working with Gloucestershire RFU, the club has instigated a three-way relationship with Farmors Academy to develop a rugby programme for our under 12 team / Year 7. We hope that all these programmes will spread the values of rugby amongst our community and continue to attract healthy interest and membership to the club.



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Coaches Training Sessions – Sunday 20 & Sunday 27 August

Dave Bull very kindly ran additional training sessions for our coaches on both contact and tag rugby in preparation for the new season. Thank-you to all our members who turned out to support and get involved. We have a strong coaching team ready for September, all of whom are DBS (Safeguarding) checked. Our Safeguarding policy can be found on our website and we take this issue seriously as a club. If you have any questions please just ask.



Seniors Update

Senior training has gone very well throughout the summer with a number of new players coming on board. Danny Briggs has returned to join the coaching team of Kenny Robins and Harry Johnson. Last season's head coach, Kurt Eyre, has temporarily left the pastures of Fairford for a spell in Geneva, and we all wish him well.



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

Senior Fixtures - September to December 2017

30th September	Fairford	Westbury-on-Severn
7th October	Cainscross	Fairford
28th October	Fairford	Gloucester All Blues
4th November	Kingswood	Fairford
11th November	Fairford	Norton
25th November	Painswick	Fairford
9th December	Fairford	Tetbury
16th December	United Bristol Hospitals	Fairford

The Boot Exchange – we need your old boots!

Parents and Carers have requested that we run a 'boot exchange' and we are very happy to oblige. Young feet grow very quickly and new boots are expensive. If you have any unwanted studded boots that you are happy to exchange or pass on, please bring them (MUST BE CLEAN) to the cabin on a Sunday where they will be labelled by size and put into a box until a new owner comes along. We are hoping that everyone will participate and are expecting a mass exchange at the start of the new season! If you have boots that need a new home, please add them to our collection so we can get swapping.



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