



Fairford RFC Newsletter

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Mini and Juniors Opening Event - Sunday 1 October

Thank-you to everyone who listened to the opening speeches to kick start the season. You will be pleased to know that we have 80 mini and junior members signed up for the 2017/18 season, which is considerable growth from two years ago. We also have a plethora of new coaches this year, who are quickly learning the ropes and names of all the players (not an easy task)! Please remember all our coaches are volunteers who give up their own time to support your child on their rugby journey. If you wish to discuss anything with them they are always open and willing to do so after Sunday training. We pride ourselves on our open community spirit and hope you are enjoying the start to the season.



Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Youth Rugby – 2016/17 Season

Jonathon Chambers (Chair) presented Jenny Cook with the Director's Shield for outstanding contribution to the development of Youth Rugby 2016/17 Season at the opening session. Jenny was unable to make the end of season presentations so appreciated the gesture.



#LoveFairford Poster Competition

Fairford Primary School asked all pupils to enter the #lovefairford poster competition. Each class had a winner. Lucy Bull decided to capture her favourite activity in Fairford, our very own rugby club. Lucy was the winner in her class (year 3). Congratulations Lucy we just love this, in particular the happy smiley faces, it captures our Sunday sessions brilliantly. As a thank-you Lucy was presented with her own, very pink Gloucestershire RFU rugby ball.



Under 6 to Under 10/11 Away at Tetbury RFC Sunday 16 October

Our first away games of the season were away at Tetbury RFC for our Under 6 to Under 10/11's. We have thanked Tetbury RFC for their hospitality and hotdogs! Thanks to all who turned up, fabulous to see fields of green and black striped children! A massive shout out to all our coaches without whom, none of this would be possible and to parents for bringing their children along to play. (Thank-you Kelly Foresheew for some of the photos on the following page).



Our Under 10/11 Team

Introducing our Under 10/11's. For the first time in 4 years this age group has a full team and they put in a sound team performance at their very first game at Tetbury RFC. A huge shout out to Molly Freebury, who until three weeks ago had never played contact rugby, scoring two tries on the day. The team includes (photo L to R) Luke, Oliver, Harry, Thomas, Jack, Thomas, Molly, Harry and Rowan, with their coach Luke.



Training Sessions and Volunteer Support

We have had incredible turnouts for October training sessions, helped by the good weather and the buttie van. We always need volunteers to help set up and take down on a Sunday morning. Anyone willing to support in setting up the pitches, popping cones out on the road to getting kit out of the cabin please come along at 1000hrs to help. Our buttie van volunteers continue to keep everyone well fed and watered and we appreciate all their time and support. We have continued to recruit new coaches since the start of the season. If you wish to volunteer your time to support the club please contact Emma Bishop, volunteer coordinator: emma-bishop@hotmail.co.uk



Home Match v Dursley RFC Sunday 29 October

A fabulous morning hosting Dursley RFC at home for our U7 to U10/11 teams. A great atmosphere and a huge thank-you to all our volunteers from the kit store, to the cake stall, to our awesome coaches and to Chloe and Andrew in the booty van, who worked their socks off. Thank-you! A fantastic community morning of Rugby. We received numerous positive comments and heartfelt thanks from visiting players and their families.





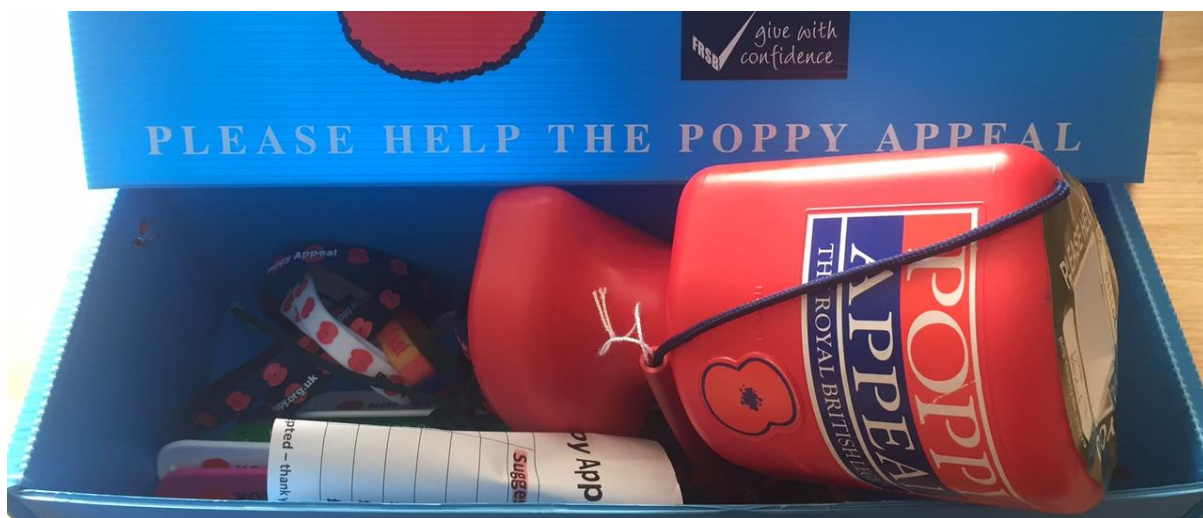
Cake Sale – An incredible £91.75 raised

Sunday 29 October, a whopping £91.75 made this morning on the cake stall. A huge thank-you to everyone who contributed and to the fabulous Charlotte and Lily who charmed everyone into buying their wares. The money will go into the mini and juniors 'pot' to be spent throughout the year. Thank-you.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This Month, Fairford Cricket Club and Fairford Rugby Club will be joining forces with The Royal British Legion to do the door to door Poppy Appeal around Fairford. Please donate generously! Please note there is not mini and junior training on Sunday 12 November due to Remembrance Sunday. We hope to see some of you out at local services.



Secondary School Programme - September and October 2017

Thank-you again to all our coaching volunteers who visited local schools providing rugby sessions for up to 200 local children throughout September and October. We have been receiving letters of thanks from the schools involved, including the following from Mrs Carden, Head at Meysey Hampton Church of England Primary School.



Tuesday 10th October

Dear Fairford Rugby Club,

On behalf of all the children and staff I would like to thank you for giving your time so generously and coming out each Thursday afternoon through September to coach our Y5s and 6s.

The children loved the opportunity of training with qualified rugby coaches and enjoyed the training sessions up on the Meysey field.

They have undoubtedly benefitted from the expert coaching and I hope that many of them will go on and follow up the training with joining the club and training and playing regularly.

Many thanks for your time and support,

Yours sincerely

Kate Carden

Headteacher

Roaring Rugby Camp - Thursday 26 and Friday 27 October

Approximately 20 children joined the Autumn Rugby Camp at our Leafield Road Pitches. One foggy day and one sunny day, feedback was brilliant and all the attendees had lots of fun. Thank-you to Chris and his team at Roaring Rugby for their continued support for our club. Roaring Rugby continue to run afterschool activities within our Primary School catchment area and we recommend their sessions to all. More information can be found at: <https://www.roaringrugby.co.uk/>



Seniors Update

With the start of the Wadworth 6X Gloucester Division 3, we have had three games so far. The first home game saw a good crowd witness a flying start against Westbury on Seven with Eric White's 4 try blitz giving us an enjoyable 41-17 win.

The second game away to Cairncross brought the Badgers down to earth with a poor 19-12 loss. We will play Cairncross three more times this season (one more in the league, one in the Level 11 Cup and the last one in the junior Cup!

On the 20th October, former Wales and British Lion, Andy Powell entertained over 70 people at the Football Club. It was a very successful evening, raising funds for the Belgium Tour and a big thank-you to all who organised and contributed. Photo below of Danny Briggs (Fairford RFC Coach and Andy Powell).



Amazingly, we put a team out for a friendly against a very handy Bristol Saracens side the next day. The result a 26-26 draw. Bringing the month to a close we demolished Gloucester All Blues 95-3 at home which contained 15 well worked tries and 10 conversions. Photos below from this high scoring game.





Senior Fixtures - September to December 2017

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.

4th November	Kingswood	Fairford
11th November	Fairford	Norton
25th November	Painswick	Fairford
9th December	Fairford	Tetbury
16th December	United Bristol Hospitals	Fairford

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 12 pairs of boots exchanged 'feet' in September, helping to save some pennies.

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.



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. We hope you like it as much as we do (feedback appreciated): <http://fairfordrfc.co.uk/>

Fireworks – Fairford Primary School Saturday 4 November

The booty van is coming out to support the annual Fireworks event in Fairford, run by Fairford Primary School. Our volunteers will be there to help feed the masses, the profits of which will be spread equally between the club and the school.



Fairford Firework Show



Saturday 4th November



@ The Park, Fairford



Gates open 5:00pm
Bonfire 5:30pm
Fireworks 6:00pm



Tickets



£5 Adults

£4 Children



Family Ticket (in advance ONLY)

(2 x Adults + 3 Children) £15

Tickets available from Coffee Post, Primary School, 7A, Ridgeway and Lynwoods.

Refreshments available. Catering supplied by Fairford Rugby Club.

Please do not bring your own fireworks or sparklers.

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