



Fairford RFC Newsletter

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
EVERYONE AT FAIRFORD RFC**



Christmas Shopping at the Kit Store

The Kit Store will be open at our Leafield Road pitches, Sunday 10 and 17 December for Christmas shopping. 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. We hope that this a very green and black Christmas for all!

Christmas Market

We will be supporting the Fairford Christmas market, Friday 1 December 6.30 to 8.30pm. The Butty Van (which has a growing reputation) will be making an attendance and we will be handing out Fairford RFC balloons to children in the market place. Please come along and show your support to both the club and our community. It is always a brilliant festive evening.



The Buttie Van

The most popular van in the Cotswolds! The Buttie Van and all its willing volunteers are a fabulous asset to our club. We recently supported Fairford Primary School Fireworks evening and raised a whopping £400.00 in profit, to be shared between the club and the School. A massive thank-you to our volunteers Matt and Simon (in photo below) and to George and his team for their hard work on the evening. That's an awful lot of butties!



The Buttie Van is a great way for the club to raise income. Most weekends we take an average £120.00, and for the Dursley (mini's) home game, in October we took £230.00. Approximately 50% of this income is profit. Any monies from the 'profit' is reinvested in the club on items such as maintaining (cutting and marking) pitches, keeping the cabin / portaloo in working order as well as paying for the after-match foods (hotdogs etc) when we host home matches. A massive, massive thank-you to all our Buttie Van Volunteers.

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.



Training Sunday 5 November

A great day of training on Bonfire Night, the Buttie Van even made it after its star turn the night before! It is fantastic to see so many enthusiastic children turn out every Sunday for training. We are always in need of more coaches, in particular for the younger age groups. If anyone wishes to join our fantastic coaching squad please get in touch. We have some coaching training planned for early January 2018.



Under 6 to Under 10/11 – Away at Cricklade RFC Sunday 19 November

Cricklade RFC hosted our U6 to U10/11 the morning of Sunday 19 November. Our U7, U8 and U9's played a series of games building on the skills developed over recent training sessions. A massive thank-you to Cricklade RFC for their warm welcome and for the fabulous hotdogs, which were much needed on a cold morning. We look forward to returning the hospitality when we play at home Sunday 18 March.



Under 6 to Under 9 – Away at Minety RFC Sunday 26 November

An unexpected bonus, we were invited to play at Minety RFC on Sunday 26 November. This wasn't on our schedule at the start of the year, so much welcomed surprise. Our U7, U8 and U9 all played games and our U6's joined in a joint training session. A big thank-you to Minety RFC for hosting us and we look forward to returning the welcome at our Leaffield Road pitches Sunday 5 February. *(thanks to Debbie and Richard Rees Jones for the pics)*

NOTE: An updated mini's and juniors schedule is attached at the end of this newsletter





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.



Seniors Update

Fairford started the month with their first ever meeting vs Kingswood RFC. Despite being 17-10 behind with 10 minutes to go, the Badgers rallied a dramatic comeback to secure a bonus point 32-10 win. Man of the Match - Eifion Thomas

Next up came a return to Home as they hosted a 3rd vs 2nd place game against Norton RFC. It turned out to be a fantastic day out as the club also held a VPs and Sponsors day. Fairford were comfortable throughout and came away 28-10 winners to claim second place. Man of the Match Ben Cohoon

To end the month the Green n' Blacks travelled to Painswick RFC. With the scores level at half-time, the home side edged the second half as Fairford went down 20-15. The end the year with a trip to University Bristol Hospitals and a final home game before the Christmas break against Tetbury on the 9th December. (Photos below from the Norton Game)



Senior Fixtures - 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.

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. **WE HAVE THREE SMALL PAIRS OF BOOTS IF ANYONE NEEDS THEM (you don't need to have anything to swap, we just ask that when you do you pop old boots 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.



Cake Sale – Sunday

Calling all Bakers U6 to U10/11 are playing both Painswick RFC and Cirencester RFC at home, Sunday 10 December. We would like to run a cake stall to raise funds for the club (last time we raised £97.20)! Please can willing bakers bring their wares along for sale to the Cabin on the day. Thank-you.

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/>

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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 added to the next edition (January 2017) please contact Jenny at gaslane@hotmail.com



In partnership Gloucester Rugby, RFU and GRFU are delighted to bring you the following exclusive offer for local rugby clubs in Gloucestershire.

Rugby Club offer

Special Offer for all home matches at Kingsholm for the remaining season up to weekend of 14th April 2018 (Gloucester vs. Harlequins)

£25 per adult ticket and £10 per ticket for under 18's (CAT A & B matches) – see table below*

£20 per adult ticket and £1 per ticket for under 18's (CAT C & AW matches) – see table below*

This offer **excludes** Anglo-Welsh and European Challenge Cup Quarter, Semi and Finals hosted at Kingsholm.

To take up this exclusive offer a minimum of 14 tickets per match must be purchased by the Rugby Club.

Tickets are subject to availability and are available on a first come first served basis.

Tickets are seated in Stowford Press stand. This offer is for a ticket only.

If you would like to add a tour of the stadium pre-match this can be organised for an additional amount per person. Please **email now** if you want further information on tours.

Book now!

To book your Gloucestershire Rugby Club Group package **email now** or call 0871 871 8781 option 2*

Tickets must be **booked at least a week before the match.**

**Calls to this number cost 13p per minute from a BT landline. Calls from other networks may vary.*

***Matches included in offer:**

Category A	Category B	Category C	Category AW
Leicester: 9/10/11 Feb 18	Sale: Sat 30 Dec 17 Wasps: 23/24/25 Feb 18 Newcastle: 2/3/4 March 18 Harlequins: 13/14/15 April 18	London Irish: Sat 2 Dec 17 Zebre: Sat 16 Dec 17 Pau: 18/19/20/21 Jan 18	Ospreys: 26/27/28 Jan 18

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Juniors and Mini's - Updated Schedule

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