



# Fairford RFC Newsletter

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## Sunday 14 January - U7 to U10/11 Home Games v Stow RFC

We hosted Stow RFC Sunday 14 January 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. 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

Fantastic news, Chris Andrew and his brilliant team at Roaring Rugby are running 2x two-day rugby camps with the club February half term and the Easter holidays. The camps are run out of Fairford Cricket Club, using our Leafield Road pitches. They are open to children of Primary School Age.

- February Half Term: Monday 12 to Tuesday 13 February
- Easter Holidays: Thursday 12 to Friday 13 April

Places are limited and these camps are popular, so booking early is advised. Booking can be completed through the Roaring Rugby website:

<https://www.roaringrugby.co.uk/>

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## Cake Stall – Sunday 14 January



Thank-you to all of you who baked and brought along goodies to the home match v Stow RFC. The cupcakes with the mini edible rugby balls were epic! A whopping **£82.10** was made on the day, that will go into the minis and juniors kit and equipment pot. Thank-you to Charlotte and Lily for manning the cake stall with great smiles and chat.



## Training Sunday 7 and 28 January 2018

Our mini's and juniors have been out training and honing their skills and rugby values throughout January. A big thank-you for the consistent big turnout in the cold and damp weather, the positivity and camaraderie has been outstanding, and of course the buttie van helps (big shout out to our buttie van volunteers)! Below are some photos from our January training sessions:





## 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 (the bossy one), 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.

## 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](mailto: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

13 January we hosted Caincross RFC in a crucial league cup semi-final double header. After a cagey first 10 minutes, the green army blew their opposition away to run away 62-7 winners. Congratulations to try scorers Cam McNulty, Keelan Little, James Wrona, Liam Hobbs, Eric White, Michael Bowman and Man of the Match Laurence Giggs. (photos below from the 'Standard')



Fairford seniors continued their 100% record with a comfortable win away at Gloucester All Blues 54-3. In torrid conditions and poor footing, Fairford's

superior handling saw them maintain 2nd position in Gloucester 3. There was a debut appearance and try for Ben Taylor, as well as a return for fan favourite Mike Wrona, who scored a hat trick on return and played with his brother James for the first time. Both Wrona's represented the club at Junior Level.

## 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.

13/01/17	Cainscross (H)
20/01/17	
27/01/17	Gloucester All Blues (A)
03/02/17	Kingswood (H)
10/02/17	
17/02/17	Norton (A)
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)

**24 February – Gloucestershire RFU Level 11 Cup Final.** Seniors are playing away at Painswick RFC. We are planning to put on a 52-seater coach and hope you will all come along and cheer the team on. Look out for posts on Facebook, Twitter and email for detailed information nearer the time.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>) so we are hoping to generate a huge turn-out to cheer our team to victory!

## 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.



## 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](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.

## 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



## 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.





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:gaslane@hotmail.com)

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