



# Fairford RFC Newsletter

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## 2018/19 Season Welcome – Chair, Jonathan ‘Beamer’ Chambers

Thank you for signing up to become a member of Fairford Rugby Club and welcome to the new season. Last season our senior team won two trophies (first time ever) and we had over eighty children playing rugby on the youth and mini side on a regular basis. Building on last year's success, we hope to create another successful season across our community club.

Support in the shape of more volunteers helping and the continued sponsorship of the Cullimore Group means we continue to build on our solid foundations. The heartbeat of the club continues to be the great work of our committee, volunteers and coaches. Without this, the club would cease to exist let alone be successful.

There is no resting on our laurels, we have to continue to build up funds and increase our number of volunteers to spread the workload. So please do get involved in whatever capacity you want, whether it's coaching the children (no experience necessary!), washing the kit, cooking bacon butties, Sunday kit store duties, helping with the accounts or running our website - there is always a job that needs doing. Please get involved and I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks as we kick-start the new season.

Photo from Fairford Festival Parade – June 2018



## 2018/19 Membership Fees and Season Start Dates

### Junior and Mini's

Our Junior and Mini's 2017/18 Season will start on **Sunday 23 September 2017**, this allows time for coaches to develop their coaching skills before the season commences. We have a fun packed schedule of training, home and away matches throughout the season,

The first and second 18/19 training sessions (23 and 30 September) will be free and we encourage you to bring all your friends and family to give it a go.

Please, please, please spread the word.

The official opening day of the junior and mini season will be Sunday 7 October. If you sign up for membership before or on the 7 October, you will receive a free Fairford RFC branded Rugby Ball. Sign up is on a Sunday only.

**The 2018/19 season Membership is £80 first child and £30 for additional child(ren).** We hope you agree that this value for money.



### Senior Update, Membership Fees and Start of Season

FRFC Seniors hope to pick up where they left off from last year's successful double cup-winning campaign. The team will continue to be led by coaches Danny Briggs and Kenny Robins who will lead training on Thursdays at 1845hrs at Coln House School, Horcott Road.

As well as continuing with the 1st XV, we hope to introduce a number of 2nd XV matches across free weekends. These are great opportunities for current players to get more game time, in addition to young, new and returning players. The club are delighted to appoint Ollie Jenkins as 2nd XV captain for the season, whilst Ben Goodey continues his role as 1st XV skipper.

We've sought to make senior membership payments easier this season, with **2018/19 members paying £60, Students paying £40 but also a one off match**



**subs payment of £30 for the whole season. Social Membership remains at £5 per person.** This is all available online at [fairfordrfc.co.uk](https://fairfordrfc.co.uk):  
<https://fairfordrfc.co.uk/product-category/membership/> You cannot play unless you have paid, so please do so ASAP!

Don't they scrub up well?! (End of 2017/18 Season Dinner and Awards)



### Seniors Update

28 August, the Badgers kicked off their pre-season campaign with an impressive 48-29 victory against RAF Brize Norton. Then the season gets underway on 1st September defending the GRFU Cup against Bristol Aeroplane Company. Upcoming fixtures can be seen below.

### Seniors Date Fixtures:

**01/09/2018 Bristol Aeroplanes (Cup) (Home)**

**08/09/2018 Ciren 2s (Away) (2nd XV game)**

**15/09/2018 Tetbury (Away)**

**22/09/2018 Widden OBS 3s (2xv game) (Home)**

**29/09/2018 Tewkesbury (Home)**

**06/10/2018 Cainscross (Away)**

### STOWFORD – Under 16's (Joint Fairford RFC and Stow RFC team)



Fairford U16s look to continue their partnership with Stow RFC forming their 'Stowford' team. We will continue to have shared training sessions at both clubs as well as both sides hosting 'home' fixtures. This should give the boys plenty of opportunity to play rugby. We really value this relationship with Stow and look forward to a successful season as a joint team.



## STOWFORD U16's Schedule

**02/09/2018 Training**

**09/09/2018 RWB (Home)**

**16/09/2018 Shipston (Away)**

**23/09/2018 Cheltenham Sarries (Away)**

**30/09/2018 Stroud (Home)**

**07/10/2018 Supermarine (Home)**

We will ensure that U16 members are aware of future dates as they develop.

## 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 2017. Participating schools are Meysey Hampton, St Lawrence's (Lechlade), Fairford and Kempford Primary Schools. 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. We have flyers advertising our junior and Mini rugby membership; if anyone would like flyers to distribute in their school or community please get in touch, (note participating schools will receive book bag flyers). Email Lindsey and Jenny: [rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk](mailto:rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk)

## Juniors and Minis Kit and Boot Exchange.....we need your old boots and Fairford RFC Kit.

We will continue to run our boot and Fairford RFC kit exchange. Young feet grow very quickly and new boots are expensive. If you have any unwanted studded boots or Fairford RFC kits 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 of Fairford RFC branded kit at the start of the new season! Please add them to our collection so we can get swapping. If you cannot swap, we always have the kit store!



## Volunteer Coaches – We Need You!



We are looking for new coaches across all age groups and teams (Mini's, Junior's and Seniors) to join our current fantastic team. If anyone is interested in taking their first step in coaching (minis, youth or seniors) we are running a Rugby Ready course, in Fairford, for current and

new coaches (in conjunction with Gloucestershire RFU). The course will run Sunday 16 September 0930 – 1230hrs with the bonus of a post course BBQ for all attendees. If you are interested in coming along and getting involved, or are an existing coach who has yet to sign up the training session please contact Beamer or Lindsey. Email: [rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk](mailto:rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk)

## Kit store – Online and in the Cabin

### JUNIORS 2018/19

We continue to store a healthy stock of Junior and Mini's Fairford RFC branded kit that can be purchased (cash or cheque only) from the Cabin. The Cabin is open on Sundays when we are training / playing at home, Debbie and Jenny will be on hand to help. We need more volunteers to share the Sunday kit store rota, if you are interested please speak to Debbie / Jenny on a Sunday. This year we also have a small stock of mouth guards (due to frequent requests). You can also order on line: [www.ragingbullsportswear.com/fairford-rfc-juniors](http://www.ragingbullsportswear.com/fairford-rfc-juniors)



- Playing Shirt £30 **THESE ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THE CABIN**
- Champion T Shirt £16
- Champion Polo Shirt £20
- Champion Hoodie £25
- Champion Training Top £30
- Champion Tracksuit £42
- Poly Twill Shorts £11
- Arena Track Pants £18 (microfibre)
- Quantum Track Pants £18 (water repellent)
- Reversible jacket £34 (waterproof, windproof, fleece lined)
- Socks £8
- SnapBack Cap £8.50
- Beanie Hat £8.50 (green & white stripe or black)
- Iphone case £6.50
- Gym Sack £5.50
- Boot Bag £10
- Junior Opra Silver Mouth guard - up to age 10 -£11
- Senior Opra Silver Mouth guard – over age 10 - £11



## SENIORS 2018/19

Seniors kit must be ordered on-line: [www.ragingbullsportswear.com/fairford-rfc-seniors](http://www.ragingbullsportswear.com/fairford-rfc-seniors) We have a limited range of 'sample' Fairford RFC branded RFC Seniors kit that are available for viewing / purchasing on a Sunday morning.

- Champion T Shirt £20
- Champion Polo Shirt £25
- Champion Hoodie £33
- Champion Training Top £35
- Champion Tracksuit £55
- Vest £12
- Poly Twill Game Shorts £13
- Poly Twill Pro Shorts £23
- Sports Shorts KK981 £23 (polyester)
- Campus Short £20 (80% cotton, 20% polyester)
- Arena Track Pants £30 (microfibre)
- Quantum Track Pants £24 (water repellent)
- Reversible jacket £45 (waterproof, windproof, fleece lined),
- Soft Shell Jacket £35
- Quilted Jacket £50
- Beanie Hat £8.50 (green & white stripe or black)
- Kit Bag £30

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