



Fairford RFC Newsletter

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U5 to U10 Home Game V Minety RFC Sunday 13 January

Sunday 13 January we hosted Minety RFC for awesome morning of Rugby.
Thank you to our coaches and all our volunteers for making it a great session.
Thanks also to Donna, Andrew, Chloe and Sophie for the photos.





Request for Volunteers – Replacement for Jenny needed!

We are a volunteer led Rugby Club and without the good will and support of all our volunteers, frankly, we would not exist. Jenny Cook has been at the heart of the re-development of our Junior and Mini section for over three years and has taken the decision to step down at the end of the season. We are looking for an individual or individuals to carry on the work that Jenny currently undertakes. Jenny will ensure there is a handover to anyone willing to take on the following:

Membership – to support the start of the season in the collection of membership forms and fees and to welcome visitors and new players to the Junior and Mini's throughout the season.

Newsletter – This is the thirtieth newsletter that Jenny has produced on behalf of the club. We know how much our member's value this monthly update and we truly hope that someone will step forward to take this on. It will fold without a volunteer.

Social Media – Jenny is our Facebook guru, uploading photos after matches, training, events and ensuring you all know where you need to be and when. This page has grown to over 300 followers in the last three years and we would like to see this growth continue.

In addition to the roles above, we also need more volunteers to support Debbie in the Kit Store (Sunday rota) and we are always in need of new coaches. If you are interested in supporting in anyway please contact Jenny at gaslane@hotmail.com or speak to her on a Sunday. Thank-you.



U16 Stowford (Mixed Stow RFC & Fairford RFC Team) v Wooten Bassett. Sunday 13 January.

The combined Stowford side played their first game of 2019 against a Wooten Bassett, side that had beaten them comprehensively in the first game of the season. Even though several players played out of position the boys secured a comfortable win. A Notable performance from try scorer Alex Cohoon who played No.8, despite normally turning out at Fly-half! A huge thank-you to Emma Jackson for the first photos of this season of our U16 Stowford team in action against Wooton Bassett RFC.



Cake Stall – Sunday 13 January

Thank-you to all of those who donated cakes for the cake sale Sunday 13 January. A total of £29.30 was raised for Minis and Juniors. Thank-you to our amazing volunteers who ran the stall. Thank-you to Donna for the photo.



U5 to U11/12 - Changes in Fixtures

Parents, carers and guardians you will be aware that our Fixture List is developed over the summer months and is therefore subject to change. Sometimes these changes are outside of our control. Lindsey and Jenny try their hardest to keep you all updated as best as they can. Please check emails (including your trash) before each Sunday session, or view of Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/frfcjuniors/>. If you don't have access to Facebook the feed is automatically fed to our website: <https://fairfordrfc.co.uk/>.....so there is no excuse not to know what is going on!

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QUIZ NIGHT. Thursday 7 February 2019, 8.30pm. Everyone invited please spread the word.

Fairford Rugby Runners are taking over the Keepers Arms Quiz, Thursday 7 February 2019 at 8.30pm. Entry fee of £2.00 per person, maximum of six per team. Box of Booze for the winners. If you would like to eat, please book a table before 8.00pm. The quiz will have a rugby theme and all profits will be split between the Rugby Club and Make-A-

Wish UK. A huge thank-you to John Gardiner for lending us his pub! Please invite all your friends and family it promises to be a good night.



SOCIAL EVENTS

We have a new Social Secretary Keelan Little. Keep your Eye on Facebook, your email inbox and the newsletter for news on upcoming events.

Night at the dogs - Save the date for 9th Feb!



Join us for a night at the Dogs, after the Seniors home game. The cost will be £15/per person and includes the entry ticket, 2x drinks and a bar snack. £3 of that will go to the club as a sort of mini fundraiser if George can get transport there and back. If not then it will be enough to cover the cost! It is open to all adult members (Seniors, Juniors and Minis). Please email Lindsey at

rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk if you would be coming and if you are bringing a plus one. Promises to be a good night!

Other events (for all members) in the pipeline include- get them on the calendar:

- **23 February** – Beer, Bingo and Curry Night
- **9 March** - Race Night
- **6 April** - Darts Night & BBQ
- **31 May** - End of season Dinner. It would be brilliant this year to have junior / mini parents / carers at this event.
- **8 June** – Fairford Festival Parade and Rugby Taster Session
- **July** – Paintball and Pizza
- **31 August** - Donkey Derby and BBQ

Fairfest 2019 – 16, 17 & 18 August

Fairfest, the annual Fairford RFC Beer and Music Festival will be held 16,17 & 18 August. Please keep this weekend free. All profits made go to the club and local charitable causes. We also need volunteers to support over the weekend, anyone willing to help please speak to George. Thank-you.



Six Nations 2019 – Essential Viewing

The 6 Nations is back! All the Guinness Six Nations games will be shown live at Fairford Cricket Club. Members and guests are invited to come and watch all the games. Annual Social Membership is available for just £10. There will be special food and drink promotions throughout the tournament!

6 NATIONS FIXTURES 2019				
DATE	TIME	HOME	SCORE	AWAY
FRI 1 FEB	20:00	FRANCE	/	WALES
SAT 2 FEB	14:15	SCOTLAND	/	ITALY
SAT 2 FEB	16:45	IRELAND	/	ENGLAND
SAT 9 FEB	14:15	SCOTLAND	/	IRELAND
SAT 9 FEB	16:45	ITALY	/	WALES
SUN 10 FEB	15:00	ENGLAND	/	FRANCE
SAT 23 FEB	14:15	FRANCE	/	SCOTLAND
SAT 23 FEB	16:45	WALES	/	ENGLAND
SUN 24 FEB	15:00	ITALY	/	IRELAND
SAT 9 MAR	14:15	SCOTLAND	/	WALES
SAT 9 MAR	16:45	ENGLAND	/	ITALY
SUN 10 MAR	15:00	IRELAND	/	FRANCE
SAT 16 MAR	12:30	ITALY	/	FRANCE
SAT 16 MAR	14:45	WALES	/	IRELAND
SAT 16 MAR	17:00	ENGLAND	/	SCOTLAND

RAFFLE PRIZES - Fairford Rugby Runners for Make-A-Wish UK

Twelve members of Fairford Rugby Club are running the London Landmarks Half Marathon, Sunday 24 March to raise money for Make-A-Wish UK. Make-A-Wish UK change lives through granting one wish at a time, each unique to a child.

Throughout January and February, we will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for make a wish. There are some amazing prizes to be won, at only £1.00 a ticket, £5.00 a book and will be drawn Sunday 10 March 2019.

RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Prize

Signed Gloucester RFC Framed Shirt from 2017/18 European Cup Campaign

2nd Prize(s)

3x Pairs Gloucester RFC v Bath RFC tickets (13 April 2019)

2x Pairs of Gloucester RFC v Wasps RFC tickets (23 March 2019)

3rd Prize – Whittards Wicker Hamper (worth over £100)

Plus

Sunday Lunch for four, Keepers Arms, Quenington
Bottle of Glenfiddich Whisk
Bottle of Champagne
Big River Brew Co.
Basket of Delicious Home Made Preserves and Gin
Bag of Airbus goodies



A huge thank-you to Moreton Cullimore, Gallaghers, Whittards, John Gardner, Laith Clark, Lindsey Thurlow, Jenny Cook and Natalie Curtis, all of whom have donated to the raffle.

Please, please sponsor us. More money means more wishes. This is our group Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/FairfordRugbyRunners>
Please click on any of the runners individual pages to donate (all donations to individual runners go towards the £5K target). Alternatively you can sponsor Lindsey Thurlow directly through her Just Giving Page. Thank-you for your support: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lindseyswishes>

Seniors Update

Fixtures			Results					Table			
Wadworth 6X Gloucestershire 2 North											
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Cheltenham Civil Service	12	10	0	2	379	149	230	9	1	51
2	Tewkesbury	12	10	0	2	413	144	269	8	0	50
3	Fairford	12	9	0	3	366	160	206	7	1	46
4	Painswick	12	9	0	3	372	254	118	6	0	42
5	Minchinhampton	12	6	0	6	188	258	-70	4	2	32
6	Westbury-on-Severn	12	5	0	7	149	218	-69	2	2	25
7	Norton	12	5	0	7	120	192	-72	0	1	25
8	Cainscross	12	3	0	9	152	265	-113	2	1	6
9	Tetbury	12	2	0	10	82	273	-191	2	0	-14
10	Gloucester All Blues	13	1	0	12	34	342	-308	1	0	-25

Seniors Fixtures:

(written by Kenny Robins):

Tewkesbury RFC – Saturday 5 January. The seniors returned to action after the Christmas break to face Tewkesbury who were chasing them in the league. A lack of game time over the festive period showed and the boys went down to a 36-5 loss.

Fairford were due to play Cainscross, Saturday 19 January but unfortunately, the Stroud-based side were unable to field a side so Fairford collected a bonus-point win by default.

Cheltenham Civil Service RFC – Saturday 26 January - On the road again 1st placed Fairford went away to 2nd placed Cheltenham Civil Service. Fairford made an incredible start, skipper Ben Goodey scoring within 5 minutes. A good comeback from Cheltenham ensured they went into the break with a 15-7 lead. The badgers rebutted with another score and a penalty to go up 17-15. However, a late flourish from the home side snatched them a win and Fairford suffered another loss of 29-17.

Date	Fixture
02/02/2019	Cainwick (Away) 2nd xv
09/02/2019	Westbury-on-Severn (Home)
16/02/2019	Gloucester All Blues (Home)

02/03/2019	Minchinhampton (Away)
09/03/2019	Norton (Home)
16/03/2019	2S GAME tbc
23/03/2019	Painswick (Away)
06/04/2019	Tetbury (Home)

Kit store – Online and in the Cabin – WE CAN NOW TAKE CARDS!

JUNIORS 2018/19

We continue to store a healthy stock of Junior and Mini's Fairford RFC branded kit that can be purchased and we now take cards! The Cabin is open on Sundays when we are training / playing at home.

We need more volunteers to share the Sunday kit store rota, if you are interested please speak to Debbie 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



JUNIORS 2018/19

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| • 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 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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