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Fairford RFC Newsletter

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Message from Honorary President – Scott Cohoon



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone involved in Fairford RFC. We have all had a great start to our 2018/19 rugby campaign. The Seniors 1st XV travel to Westbury on Severn this weekend un-beaten so far this season and sitting at the top Gloucester 2 North. A phenomenal start to their season, with the ultimate aim to continue the success of last year and gain promotion to the next tier. The positive attitude from everybody involved in the Senior set up has made this possible, working as a team from top to bottom.

Although I am yet to attend a Junior game or training session I also hear many positive things from the Junior camp. It is fantastic news that we have in the region of 100 members attending on a Sunday. Despite being adversely affected by the weather, the junior volunteers have managed to increase numbers from last year and create a fantastic and fun environment for youngsters to learn the game.

None of the above come easily and it is thanks to every volunteer involved in the whole club, from butty van volunteer to grass cutter, kit washer to line marker, administrative assistant to bar attendant, fixture secretaries, Membership co-ordinators, club treasurer, kit store assistants, match food providers, coaching staff and of course our players who turn up week in week out to play this wonderful game that they love.

Without any one cog in this FRFC machine, the whole thing could so easily come tumbling down. We as a Senior club have come close to disappearing in very recent years, and another well-established local club seem to be in real danger of folding as we speak. Supporting each and every volunteer within our club; working as a team always; understanding that nobody is perfect, and accepting that sometimes decisions have to be made by your committee for the good of the Club, and the welfare of our Junior members will ensure that FRFC goes from strength to strength for years to come.

I finish this letter with enormous thanks and encouragement to each and every person that wears that FRFC badge with pride in whatever role you fill, and ask you all to work together as a team and respect each other for all the effort that is made by everyone to make every FRFC rugby weekend pleasurable. Here's to a great rugby season. Scott Cohoon, Hon-President

2018/19 Membership Fees

PLEASE ENSURE ALL OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP IS PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Senior Membership Fees

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/product-category/membership/> You cannot play unless you have paid, so please do so ASAP!

Junior Membership

The 2018/19 season Membership is £80 first child and £30 for additional child(ren). This can be paid with at the Cabin on a Sunday – Jenny will take all membership payments and ensure you receive your Fairford RFC Rugby Ball.

U7 to U11/12 Away at Cirencester RFC Sunday 21 October 2018

The sun was out for our first mini and junior away games of the season at Cirencester RFC. Some great rugby from all our players and teams despite a somewhat delayed start to our season. This was a three-way session with Marlborough RFC. A big thank-you to all our coaches for ensuring some great rugby was played and for parents to committing their time during half term. A huge thank-you to Cirencester for their warm welcome and hospitality. Photos of the morning follow – thank-you to Martyn Cox for his contributions.





U6 to U11/12 Away at Tetbury RFC – Sunday 28 October 2018

Another sunny but much colder morning at Tetbury RFC. An annual fixture in our mini and junior calendar our visits to Tetbury are always enjoyable and we appreciate their welcome and hospitality. A big thank-you to coach Matthew Amor for the giant rugby ball that is making a weekly appearance with our U9's team and creating lots of amusement for all those watching! For some reason it creates a lot of shouting amongst the players! See pictures below:



Fairford Rugby Runners – London Landmarks Half Marathon 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. As a community club, we have fundraised monies for charities over the years and this year we hope to raise the bar even higher by raising £5K. Make-A-Wish UK change lives through granting one wish at a time, each unique to a child. The running team meet on a Thursday evening at 1930hrs for a group run, in between their own individual training sessions. Anyone is very welcome to join the weekly group run session, which is now hitting the 5 to 8 mile distance, speak to Jenny who will add you to the WhatsApp Fairford Rugby Runners Group as the location can vary depending on distance. Those running on the 24 March include:

1. Natalie Curtis
2. Jenny Cook
3. Katy Dawson
4. Davina Hedges
5. Charlotte Paget
6. Milly Paget
7. Ellie Rhys-Burgess
8. Laura Hubbard-Miles
9. Neil Jarrett
10. Jim Huish
11. Nick Whitlam
12. Lindsey Thurlow



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). Thank-you.

Lindsey Thurlow has set herself her own personal £5K challenge for Make-A-Wish running two half marathons, four full marathons and the London to Brighton Ultra Marathon. You can sponsor Lindsey here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lindseyswishes>

Seniors Update

(Written by Kenny Robins – photos from the Cheltenham Civil Service Game)

Fairford seniors have continued their fine start to the season, making it 5 bonus point wins from 5 opening games. This leaves them top of Gloucester 2 North on 25 points.



6th October Cainscross RFC 22-45 Fairford RFC Fairford went away to perennial bogey side Cainscross on a wet and windy day that looked like it good have been another day for ruing missed chances. However, the badgers rolled up their sleeves and put in an impressive away performance, despite several changes to the match day squad. Try scorers from Kenny Robins, Charlie Bailey, Ben Cohoon, Ben Taylor, Skipper Ben Goodey as well as the returning Jake Denness. Charlie Bailey with the MOTM award.

13th October Tetbury 5 - 81 Fairford RFC The Green Army travelled en-masse to Tetbury for the rescheduling of their league game with the visitors aiming to put in a strong performance. A strong performance was certainly what followed as Fairford put on an attacking masterclass to blow away their opposition. Perhaps more impressive was the thoroughness of the second-half performance. Not only did they match the 5 tries scored in the 1st half, they surpassed it with 8! Too many try scorers to name them all but special mention to James Wrona and Eric White for both scoring hat-tricks! Also credit to MOTM Ollie Jenkins.

20th October Fairford RFC 53-15 Cheltenham Civil Service Fairford returned home for a top of the table clash as 1st played 2nd with both teams 4 wins from 4. A strong examination was expected but Fairford were too stubborn in defence and sterling in attack. Special mention to MOTM James Wrona on scoring his 2nd hat-trick in as many games!



28th October Westbury-on-Severn 12-54 Fairford RFC Despite bangs and bruises and depleted squad Fairford travelled over in good spirits to another potential tricky ground at Westbury. Wind, cold and rain of biblical proportions should have deterred the visitors from playing expansive rugby but they carried on in buccaneer fashion. Veteran Chris Tanner led from the front and Skipper Eric White scored another hat-trick to take his haul for the season to 8. A robust and adaptable performance where several injuries led to player playing in unfamiliar positions. MOTM Kenny Robins.

Seniors Fixtures:

Date	Fixture
03/11/2018	Gloucester All Blues (Away)
17/11/2018	Minchinhampton (Home)

01/12/2018	Norton (Away)
08/12/2018	Cainwick (Home) 2nd xv
15/12/2018	Painswick (Home)
05/01/2019	Tewkesbury (Away)
19/01/2019	Cainscross (Home)
26/01/2019	Cheltenham Civil Service (Away)
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

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. 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



JUNIORS 2018/19

- 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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