



Fairford RFC Newsletter

Number Twenty-Six
October 2018



Successful RFU re-Accreditation and Sport England Clubmark

We are delighted to let everyone know that we have successfully achieved our re-accreditation as an England RFU Club. This year we also achieved the Sport England Clubmark Accreditation. A huge thank-you to all on the committee, all our coaches, volunteers and members, without whom this would not have been possible. We continually grow as a club running two senior teams and aiming for 100 junior and mini member for the 2018/19 season. Thank-you all for your support and commitment, we really appreciate it.



Junior and Mini Rugby Sunday Parking, Farmors School Car Park

As our membership grows, we ask that you park responsibly every Sunday, either above the cones on Leafield Road, or in Farmors School Car Park. We

have a new bark path that goes direct from Farmors Car Park direct to the rugby pitches, just follow the Fairford RFC flags and please use it. We always need volunteers on home match days to help with parking; any willing volunteers please speak to Jenny. The first home game is Sunday 21 October against Cirencester RFU.

Dogs on our pitches

Well-behaved dogs are always welcome on our Senior and Junior pitches, and must be kept on a lead at all times. We ask owners to be responsible and clean up after their dogs.

2018/19 Membership Fees

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 and Mini's

The official opening day of the junior and mini season will be Sunday 7 October. As we had to delay the start of the season due to bad weather, we are happy to take membership payment at the end of the season on 7 October for those that wait another week for children to participate before paying. This creates two free sessions before committing. 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).**



2018/19 Season – Junior and Mini Coaches

We are delighted to introduce the Junior and Mini Coaches for this season. It is great to welcome back familiar faces and to say hello to our new volunteer coaches. Our coaches have attended various training sessions over the last month and are ready and eager to go. We have a new coaching coordinator, Khalid Moore (U7 coach) and a big thank-you goes to Jonny Butler (U10 coach) the outgoing coordinator for his work over the last couple of years. Some of our Senior players have also stepped forward to get involved in training the senior squad of the future, thank-you! We always need more coaches, so anyone willing to step forward and get involved please speak to Khalid or Jenny on a Sunday morning.

TAG RUGBY

Under 5 (Reception) – Jonathan Chambers (Beamer) / Paul Curtis

Under 6 (Year One) – Khalid Moore / Mark Garrett / Christine Luff

Under 7 (Year Two) – Kevin Bailey / Rhys Millet

Under 8 (Year Three) – Barney Jenkins / Jake Page-Maskell

CONTACT RUGBY

Under 9 (Year Four) – Matt Amor / George Ellis

Under 10 (Year Five)– Jonny Butler / Jonathon Luff

Under 11/12 (Year Six & Seven) – Luke de Freitas / Dave Jackson

Under 16 (Stowford) (Year 10) – Kenny Robins

(Photo below U5 training 30 September, Beamer, Club Chair, Coaching)



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. Photo from training 30 September below.



Seniors Update



1 September, Fairford hosted Bristol Aeroplane company in the first round of their defence of the GRFU cup. A tough examination was expected but

Fairford's ferocious defence couple with precision in attack led to a spectacular 53-5 win! Man of the match was the returning Harry Johnson, who played his first game for the club for nearly 18 months. Fairford continue their defence on 13th October where they will play either Norton or Westbury-on-Severn at Home. Photos courtesy of Charlotte Fryer-Eccles.



8 September, a Fairford 2nd XV made the short trip over to Cirencester RFC to compete against their 2nd XV. Thirteen changes from the previous week's team showed Fairford are very much building towards a 2nd team in the near future. A Liam Hobbs' inspired performance led the side to a 31-5 victory.

15th September, at the 11th hour the 1st XV's scheduled opening league game of the season was postponed because of an unplayable pitch.

22nd September, another outing for the 2nd XV saw them take on their Stow RFC counterparts in a distinctly autumnal affair. With several players playing either, their first game of the season, for a season and in some cases, the club it was played in a great spirit. 2nd XV skipper Ollie Jenkins led well but unfortunately the team went down 12-0. Special mention to U11/12s coach Dave Jackson who played his first game for the club!

29th September, finally the first league game of the season arrived and Fairford took on title favourites Tewkesbury at Coln House. A fantastic first-half performance left the Badgers 24-0 up at the break courtesy of tries from Laurence Griggs, Tom Cohoon, Eric White and Charlie Bailey. The impressive display continued in a more scrappy second-half but Fairford's defence

stood strong for the full 80 minutes , adding another try and a couple of Ben Cohoon penalties to make the final score 37-0.



Seniors Date Fixtures:

Date	Fixture
06/10/2018	Cainscross (Away)
20/10/2018	Cheltenham Civil Service (Home)
27/10/2018	Westbury-on-Severn (Away)
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)

Primary and Secondary School Programme - September and October 2017

As per the last two seasons, we have offered local primary schools free training sessions with Fairford RFC junior and mini coaches throughout September and October. Participating schools are Meysey Hampton, St Lawrence's (Lechlade), Fairford and Kempsford Primary Schools. We have had such a positive response from pupils, teachers and parents from all the sessions. 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. A MASSIVE thank-you to our volunteer coaches who have given up their time during the working week to support: George Ellis / Will Spurway / Dave Jackson / Barney Jenkins / Nick Baynham / Jim Huish / Kevin Bailey.

Kevin is running a session on 11 October at St Lawrence, Lechlade and we require an additional coach to support. Any volunteers please contact Khalid or Lindsey at: 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!



October Half Term – Roaring Rugby & Fairford RFC Rugby Camp



Fairford RFC Autumn Camp

25/26 October – 9.30 to 3.30

2 Day Rugby Camp

Non-Contact (U7/U8)
Contact (U9/U10)*

- Progressive & Exciting
- Inspirational Videos
- Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum

Beginners welcome as well
as experienced players.

The emphasis is on **FUN** all the way with
the core values of rugby teamwork, respect,
discipline, sportsmanship and enjoyment.

* Children must be 8 years old on the 31st August
2018 or 9 years old on the 31st August 2018 to
play in the contact group.



Book your place online at

roaringrugby.co.uk

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All camps are led by a very experienced qualified and licensed RFU
Level 2 coach with enhanced DBS clearances, Level 3 advanced
safeguarding and valid first aid.



Kit store – Online and in the Cabin

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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



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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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