



Fairford RFC

Quarterly Newsletter

Oct 2019



Fairford Fireworks

Even with the poor weather, everyone enjoyed a very successful fireworks display where the rugby club were present in the booty van. Thanks you to all that attended and all that gave the time to make the display a success.



Up and coming festivities

With Christmas fast approaching, there is a window of opportunity to place an order for Fairford RFC kit and accessories in time for Christmas. If you would like to place an order, please either visit the hut or email dbracewell72@gmail.com. Please ensure that all orders are placed by 17th November to guarantee them in time for Christmas.

Your community needs you!

A group of local people have come together to try to give something back to our community by way of organising a Christmas Hamper appeal. They will be pounding the streets, collecting goods to be put into a hamper and then delivered to local families that, for whatever reasons are struggling over the festive period. If you would like to donate items to be put into the hampers (a list of items are on the leaflet attached), then please deposit them at the hut at rugby on Sunday morning for the attention of Lorna Pugh. Equally, if you know of a family that might benefit from a hamper this Christmas, please email them confidentially on fairfordhampers@gmx.com



Mini and Juniors Fixtures (November, December & January)

Please see dates below for current fixtures for Mini and Juniors between November 2019 and January 2020.

- **Sunday 3rd November** – NO TRAINING
- **Sunday 10th November** – NO TRAINING – Remembrance Sunday
- **Sunday 17th November** – All training at home

- **Sunday 24th November** – All teams – Home playing Cricklade RFC
- **Sunday 1st December** – All training at home
- **Sunday 8th December** – All teams – Away playing Minety RFC
- **Sunday 15th December** – All teams – Away playing Witney RFC
- **Sunday 22nd, 29th December & 5th January** – NO TRAINING
- **Sunday 12th January** – All teams – Away playing Supermarine RFC
- **Sunday 19th & 26th January** – All training at home

Seniors Fixtures (November, December & January)

Please see dates below for current fixtures for Seniors between November 2019 and January 2020. Please note, all kick offs will be 2.30pm.

- **Saturday 2nd November** – Wadworth Level 9 Junior Vase Quarter Finals
- **Saturday 9th November** – Away game with Gordon League RFC
- **Saturday 16th November** – Home game with Old Colstonians RFC
- **Saturday 23rd November** – Away game with North Bristol RFC
- **Saturday 30th November** – Semi Finals
- **Saturday 7th December** – Home game with Old Cryptians RFC
- **Saturday 14th December** – Away game with Old Elizabethans RFC
- **Saturday 21st December** – Finals
- **Saturday 28th December** – NO GAME
- **Saturday 4th January** – Home game with St Brendan's Old Boys RFC
- **Saturday 11th January** – Away game with Cirencester RFC
- **Saturday 18th January** – Home game with Dursley RFC
- **Saturday 25th January** – NO GAME

Women's Rugby Team

We are so excited to now have our very own women's rugby team and for the first few training sessions have been hugely successful.

You do not need to have experience and there is still plenty of time for anyone else to join in, so spread the word! Wednesday 7-9pm Coln House, Fairford. For more information please email ladies@fairfordrfc.co.uk



Raging Bull Sportswear

If you are in need of any Sportswear, please take a look at the Raging Bull online store - <https://www.ragingbullsportswear.com>

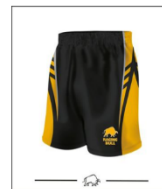
There are also some great gift vouchers available!



Rugby Range



Rugby Shirts



Rugby Shorts



Rugby Socks

Senior Success Against Cirencester

What an unbelievable effort from the boys of Fairford RFC to win a double over local rivals Cirencester RFC – It absolutely had to have a mention in this newsletter!

The 2nd XV managed to take a closely contested game 19-17 and the 1st XV dominated their league game to take a convincing 32-15 win against the visitors!

The support from the local community was great to see and certainly helped the boys in their victory.



Junior Rugby visited Gloucester

Wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of the junior's trip to Kingsholm at the end of October, even when the opportunity to form the guard of honour was cancelled – apparently, children mixed with rain creates a health and safety issue!

Undaunted, the club kindly arranged for a pre-match Q&A session for the boys with Tod Gleave and Ciaran Knight. There were searching questions from the boys like "what makes you a good player?" and the killer question "who's the best player on the Gloucester team?" which really threw them.

What made the day even better was a sound thrashing of Wasps! A great day all round and many thanks to Dave for organising and to Laura for pulling the coach together.

RFRC OddBalls hats

Get your
FRFC
OddBalls
hat, now
on sale
from the
whilst stock lasts!



hut - £15.00

What is not to love about this brilliant piece of club merchandise?

Opro Partnership

Fairford Rugby Club is now part of the Opro partnership, Members can use a unique code and get 20% off OPRO mouthguards, 10% of all sales will go to the club, and the postage is free!! To order please follow the below instructions.

1. Go to: <https://www.opromouthguards.com>
2. Select Mouthguard of your Choice
3. Select the colour you would like
4. Add this item to your basket
5. View Basket
6. Under the 'Summary' section click 'Apply Promotion Code'
7. Type in the code **FairfordRFC!** and click 'Apply Promotion'
8. Proceed to Checkout
9. Enjoy your new Mouthguard!





Mouthguards

As per the above, you can order a variety of Mouthguards from Opro ranging from £29.99 to £7.99.

They have a huge range of colours, styles & designs with numerous protection levels, including Snap-Fit, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Power-Fit.

Please take a look at our Fairford RFC designed Mouthguard also!

Your Coaching Team ...

Watch this space for information on your coaching teams.

Under 5+6's - Beamer & Daniel Pugh

Under 7 - Johann Bagoban & Khalid Moore

Under 8 - Mark Garrett & Danny O'Brien

Under 9 - Barney Jenkins & Jake Page Maskell

Under 10 - Matt Amor & Simon Whittington

Under 11 – Jonathan Luff & Jonny Butler

Under 12+13's – David Jackson and David James

Volunteering Opportunities

As a volunteer run club, we are always looking to our members, parents, carers and wider community to get involved. A huge thank you to those that responded to the last call out for sponsorship secretary and website coordinator, we have hopefully now filled those positions (names to follow). We currently have one specific role that we are looking to fill. 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 or speak to Jenny on a Sunday (usually found in the cabin).

- **Volunteer Coordinator.** Emma Bishop is standing down as volunteer coordinator at the end of this season. A massive thank you to Emma for all her hard work over the last two seasons, it has been very much appreciated. We are now seeking a new volunteer coordinator, the main task being the coordination of the Buttie Van rota, as well as volunteers for events etc. The majority of this work is coordinated by email, so a great opportunity for someone who wants to get involved, but coaching does not appeal. Please get in touch.

Sponsors

Just a moment to say Thank you to all of our Sponsors:



Social Media

In case you want to follow us on various Social Medias, here are our details:

Facebook Page: Fairford Rugby Football Club & Fairford Junior Rugby Club

Twitter Page: Follow @FairfordRFC

Website

We have a website for the club (seniors, juniors and 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 updated through the new website. <http://fairfordrfc.co.uk/>

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 & 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 10:30am to 12:00pm.

The Boot & Kit Exchange – we need your old books and Fairford RFC Kit keep swapping!!

With the rate at which children's feet grow, it can sometimes be a costly exercise to keep them in boots that fit. - **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 books/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 (THEY MUST BE CLEAN!) to the cabin on a Sunday and put into a box until a new owner comes along.

Your Feedback

If you are receiving this newsletter but no longer wish to, please email Lindsey at rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk. If you have feedback on the Newsletter or content that you would like to add to the next edition (February 2020) please contact Jenny at Lorna at revivecommercialservices@gmail.com

Exciting opportunity for Sponsors

If you want to get involved with Fairford RFC and would like to become one of our sponsors, please contact Lindsey at rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk, we would really appreciate it!