



Fairford RFC Newsletter

January 2022



Happy new year to all our members and we hope you had a lovely festive season. It is good to be back training/playing, burning off those excess calories, enjoying the fresh air with great mates and putting plans together to smash the second half of the season.

This month's issue is well worth a read. It includes an article on how our Junior shirts have been featured in a short video by Reejekt Productions, what one of our Club's hardest working volunteers is doing for an amazing charity and the return to Juniors' training of a very special youngster! We hope you enjoy.



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We will include a copy of this booklet of sponsors in every issue of the newsletter, for the rest of the season; to promote the sponsors' respective businesses and so if you, our members, get the chance to support these businesses, their details are always at hand.

Vixens Tour

The ladies kicked off their 2022 by travelling to the big city 'on tour'. Here's what Vixen Wendy Button had to report:

The vixens mini tour headed to Finchley, London for a friendly touch game. What can only be described as a mud bath, the pitch made for an interesting match. The girls played exceptionally well and the defensive line was out of this world. The bond the girls showed on the pitch was great and we were unlucky with the score being 3-2 to them. The social after with the Finchley lot was an absolute blast and our girls did us proud, comments were made by Finchley about how much fun

was had, so much so that they want to come to us. Everyone joined in and there were a few sore heads the next morning!! So proud of the girls, so much more to come from them, they are getting better and better.

You are a credit to yourselves and the Club, ladies, well done.



Reejekt Productions and FRFC

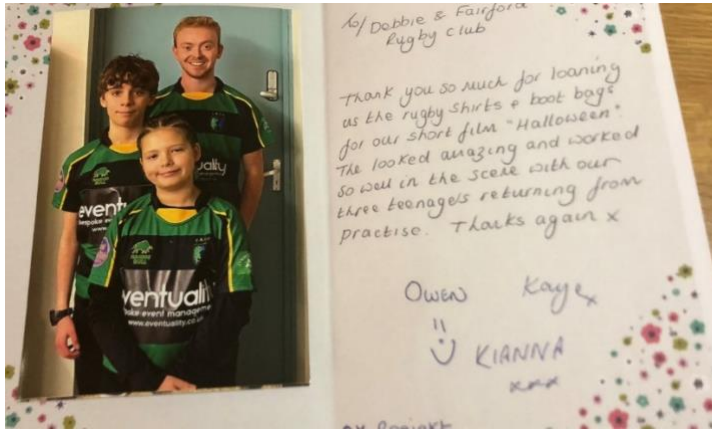
Reejekt Productions is a small family-run company based in Cirencester, which formed in August 2021. It provides opportunities for local actors, young and old and also supports local businesses whenever it can.

The Company got in touch with the Club, via Debbie Rees-Jones, late last year to ask if it could borrow some Junior kit items, to be worn by cast members in the making of a short film, called 'Halloween'. (One of the young cast members used to play junior rugby for us, hence the approach to FRFC).

You can read a little about the short film, which will be produced this year, by following the link below (press ctrl and the link to access):

[Halloween | Reejekt Productions](#)

Great to have our junior section represented in this way and good exposure for our shirt sponsor 'Eventuality'. We recently received a lovely thank you from Reejekt showing what it meant to them too. A lovely collaboration that benefits all concerned.



Lindsey Thurlow – What a lady!



Please see the attached press release from the 'Make a wish' charity, talking about the amazing challenge that Lindsey has taken on to raise valuable funds for the charity.

Lindsey is aiming to cover **1986 miles** in events over a 12 month period (i.e. not including her 'training'). She had a fund raising target of £1986 (you can read about why '1986' in the article), but has already smashed it, bypassing £3000 to date.

She's in the last quarter of the challenge so if you see her about, give her a shout out, to encourage her to keep going. We have no doubt you will achieve your goal, Lindsey; you do so much to support our Club and we are all mightily impressed and in awe of you. You're amazing.

A junior's return to Sunday training

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Chloe Chambers back onto the training field on 23rd January. She threw herself into it with the all too familiar Chamber's smile and was keen to get stuck in with supporting the coaches setting up. From all at the Club, we are so happy to have you back Chloe and we look forward to many years with you growing up in the FRFC family. Your Dad would be proud!



(NB: release of this article and picture has been approved by Chloe's mum, Gemma)

Recruitment

In our last issue, we announced that Gillian Stopka had agreed to become the Club's new Rugby Safe Lead.

Well, now more good news. Lorna Pugh (who many of you already know as she and husband Dan have been involved as volunteers with Juniors' coaching for some years) has now kindly agreed, in addition, to take on some aspects of Club admin, from Lindsey Thurlow.

In particular, Lorna will get involved in:

- Communications - manage all our social media outlets (we have been considering streamlining the various pages for a while now to make sure content is consistent, appropriate and easier to manage – Lorna is going to look at creating a single platform for creating all comms for release across the various outlets, to achieve those aims)
- SPOND groups – these are used to manage availability for matches, attendance at training etc; Lorna is going to review these to make sure they are fit for purpose
- Safeguarding – Lorna will own this for the Club going forward.



'Spotlight'

Name	Donna Smith-Ducker
Which Team/section	Vixens
Preferred Position(s)	Wing
How long at Club	3 months
How did you get involved?	When I signed up my son, I saw Vixens were looking for new players and thought I'd give it a go
Best memory	Scoring my first try against Finchley Park
Worst memory	Not joining the Vixens sooner
Fun Fact	I'm a country girl at heart and can drive a tractor



Name	Jake Page- Maskell
Which Team/section	Seniors Men
Preferred Position(s)	Quote from Jake: 'Can't have a preferred position in this line of work'
How long at Club	7 years – 'feeling old now'
Best memory	The final whistle on cup wins – immense feeling
Worst memory	Being stepped by a prop
Fun Fact	Every try that I've scored this season has been off a kick (most of them dodgy and possibly offside)



FRFC 'Housekeeping' Content

Dates for your diary

Date	What/Where	Time
22/1/22	Seniors game – CHOP – Old Centralians	14.30
23/1/22	Juniors game – U14s – Leafied Rd pitches	10.30
29/1/22	Seniors game – Away – Smiths Rugby	14.30
30/1/22	Vixens game – Away – Supermarine	TBC
12/2/22	Seniors game – CHOP – Berry Hill	14.30
13/2/22	Juniors U5s-U15s – Away – Minety/Wootton Bassett	10.30
13/2/22	Vixens game – Home – Thornbury Ladies	14.00
19/2/22	Seniors game – Away – Brockworth	14.30

Committee Meetings

Remember, any Club member is very welcome to attend the monthly committee meetings and take part in discussions or just to observe. Speak to any committee member to find out when the next meeting is planned.

If you plan to raise/discuss something specific, could you please send an email to president@fairfordrfc.co.uk, as time is often shorter than we need to get through the agenda. We can then make sure your matter gets on the agenda of a future meeting (depending on its urgency) and you might be lucky that we can address your questions immediately anyway.

FRFC Kit

As always, remember to go to the Raging Bull link below for all your 'kit' needs. There are sections for Seniors, Vixens and Juniors.

https://www.ragingbullsportswear.com/product-category/rugby-union-club-stores/fairford-rfc/?fbclid=IwAR0QxAVizwzyW_GWZE6sfyZWwhoepayP8RlzQs9wGyJ4_0OwHsK3FxyvUOUg

If you want to check availability on 'in stock' kit or if you have any queries, email volunteer kit co-ordinator Debbie Rees-Jones on dbracewell72@googlemail.com.

NB: Just a reminder of our desire to become a cash-free Club. So, please can you be ready to use cards/applepay when purchasing at the cabin.

More Volunteers Needed

As mentioned above, we have recently been very lucky to be offered support with back office duties, by two of our lovely members. But we can never have too much help in

ensuring the success and development of the Club.

If you can help on the field with coaching, off field with admin or catering or can help us push forward our Clubhouse planning, we would be very happy to hear from you.

If you are interested in getting involved with Fairford RFC, in any capacity, please drop an email to rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk in the first instance. Thank you.

Keeping in touch via Social Media

Please find below the FRFC Social Media handles to use, depending on Club Section you want to have a look at:

<https://www.facebook.com/fairfordrfc> Seniors facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/frfcjuniors> Juniors facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2421378531> closed senior group

<https://www.facebook.com/FairfordWRFC> ladies facebook page

fairford_rfc Fairford rfc Instagram page

fairfordseniors. Fairford seniors Instagram page

fairfordvixens. Fairford ladies Instagram page

@FairfordRFC. Fairford RFC Twitter account

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