

Surrey Spotlight #4

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the intro

Chat from the Chair

I reported some time ago that we were approaching the business end of the season. And what an end it was!

We completed a full programme of representative games both for men and women – the latter of whom had far better results and very closely missed out on another trip to Twickenham.

The Mens XV found the going tough - but completing our fixtures with reasonable results represented real progress from the previous season when we could not attract players to a competition which has slipped down the popularity ratings as leagues and RFU organised cups have replaced the County Championship for many. Cold comfort was that one of our losses was to the eventual National Winner - Kent, who beat Lancashire in a surprise (for many) final at Twickenham.

Age Grade results were encouraging - not just the outcome but the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the players, coaches, families and supporters.

We have also hosted two magnificent Awards events –the Senior Awards evening at Esher and the Volunteer Recognition Award Evening at Cobham. Thanks go to both clubs who are willing and generous hosts for many Surrey Events.

In addition to the many winners and volunteers who were recognised we must also thank John Inverdale for his generous support at Esher and many of the Surrey Committee –Ty Lawless, Joanna Gordon, David Doonan and Sue Gardner as well as Jo Fisher and Keith Heal for their tireless efforts to make these evenings function like clockwork and provide a really enjoyable summer's evening for all concerned. We have consciously structured the evenings to be "lower key" -with buffets rather than formal meals to keep the costs down for all attendees –and thankfully we seem to have hit the right note. Please look in this newsletter and on our website for the splendid photographs from our latest recruit John Kilby who was "dragooned" into his role by Joanna Gordon and now provides a wonderful array of souvenirs for all concerned.

As the 22/23 season closes we are facing a major restructuring of the RFU leagues – with a focus on reducing travel and providing playing opportunities in line with player needs. Generally speaking, the response has been positive with many teams relishing new opponents, new venues and fresh challenges.

The Surrey AGM has been set for early September and will be held at the club of our incoming President David Doonan, which is Barnes RFC. David has, in fact, stepped up to the mark throughout the 22/23 season - owing to the unavailability of Gary Ashburn due to health issues - and we know David will be an active, successful President drawing on his vast experience of Surrey clubs.

We await the World Cup warm up matches and the excitement of a Northern Hemisphere World Cup in the early part of next season. So ,without sounding too parochial, I hope everyone can recharge their rugby batteries whilst watching England's cricketers battle for the Ashes. Many of our players and volunteers love both sports equally and it would be terrific to see a winning run of victories for the National teams.

Have a happy and restful summer and I look forward to speaking to many of you next season and to visiting your clubs and teams.

Best Regards
John Pownall



Presenting a Honda Volunteer Recognition Award to Hannah Thompson, Surrey Girls Coach for Sutton & Epsom RFC

game development

Wellbeing

time to change

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

The support of a coach, team mates and others can play an important role in supporting someone who has mental health problems.

Time to Change aims to promote awareness and improve the perception of dealing with mental health illnesses. There is a wealth of information and a number of useful resources available to support this initiative on the RFU website Surrey Rugby have taken a lead initiative in arranging mental health awareness training for clubs, (coaches, staff, volunteers, parents, players etc). This has been well received and will continue to be proactive in support wellbeing amongst the the county's' rugby community. Our chosen partner is Mindset Sport.

Surrey Rugby arranged 6 online drop-in sessions last season to ensure mental health awareness was discussed alongside support mechanisms and online resources available. They also agreed a deal with Mindset Sport to allow discounted mental health courses and fully funded grants that clubs can apply for. Matt - from Mindset Sport - has visited over 10 Surrey clubs since the link began and the partnership will further develop next season.

TOP THREE TIPS FROM MINDSET SPORT

If someone's feeling anxious or worried, you don't need to be an expert on mental health to support them. Think about using these top three tips:

1) Check in

Picking up the phone, sending a quick text (WA), having a video call, starting a group chat or messaging someone on social media lets them know you are there to talk and ready to listen.

2) Listen and reflect

Whether you have a mental health problem or not, this will be a challenging time for all of our mental health and wellbeing. If someone opens up to you, remember that you don't need to fix things or offer advice. Often, just listening, and showing you take them seriously, can help someone to manage.

3) Ask questions

Ask how people are managing, and ask again if you're worried they aren't sharing the full picture. Asking again, with interest, can help someone to open up and explore what they're feeling.

If you would like to arrange a visit from Matt at your club, get in touch with Chair of Game Development Tyrone Lawless via gamedevelopment@surreyrugby.co.uk.



A Coach's Story

Finding Light in the Darkness: A Coach's Story of Living with Mental Illness

Click here to read rugby Coach Adrian Silvester's emotional and candid account of the impact mental illness has had on his life. He tells Blake Richardson at UK Coaching Team that coaching is his 'safe space' and that his lived experience of crippling anxiety, depression, self-harm, and PTSD has made it easier for him to spot mental health issues in others and offer practical and emotional support and signposting.

game development

Wellbeing

FIRST AID COURSES

Surrey Rugby have 88 free places for First Aid courses from the RFU and can apply GMS vouchers to clubs and individuals to attend the course for free.

We will come back soon with details on the courses.

These are valid from August - December 2023. We believe we will also have as many places for 2024.



EMERGENCY FIRST AID & IMMEDIATE CARE TRAINING

Provides information on First Aid training including the Emergency First Aid in Rugby Union (EFARU) course, and other relevant qualifications that are accepted and recognised for EFAs covering rugby activity.

EFARU COURSE DETAILS FOR 2022-23 SEASON:

Duration: One Day (6.5 hours) or Split Course (2 x 3 hours)

Price: £55 per person

Minimum Learner Age: 16 years old



A club, school, college or university can organise an EFARU course. To do so, visit the EFARU tutor map and follow the process within the EFARU course booking chart. To attend the course, an e-learning pre-course module must be completed. To run a course a minimum of 8 learners is required, with a maximum of 12. Where clubs don't have the minimum numbers, the course can be opened up to other clubs/ members of the public.

Visit the [England Rugby Course Booking Page](#) for available places.

Please contact Tyrone Lawless via gamedevelopment@surreyrugby.co.uk if your club would like to:

- host a course
- apply for free vouchers:
 - up to 3 per club
 - or
 - 6 if you host and self fund the other 6, or open up to other clubs to attend



the game

Surrey U17 Boys



Surrey vs Hertfordshire



Surrey vs Hampshire

The Surrey U17's kicked off the season with our first of monthly Monday training sessions in September, inheriting over 135 players from the previous years U16s.

The core coaching team of Mark Mantel, Paul Evans, Dave Kennedy, Giles Morgan and Nick Atkins were tasked with building the foundations of the game plan throughout the 8 sessions of the season ready for 3 competitive matches against other counties during May 2023.

Attendance at our training sessions was solid throughout the season, averaging around 40 per session and total of 119 players attending at least one session. The commitment and enthusiasm from players was a pleasure to witness.

With a wide base of players to select from for the 3 games we made the decision to give every player available the opportunity to represent their county. This resulted in 71 players getting at least a half over the 3 games.

First up was Hampshire at Chobham RFC. Despite conceding 2 early tries Surrey ended up coming back to win 26-22. Tries were scored by Captain Benjy Biggs (2), Jack Wright and Liam Burke.

Game 2 was Kent at Chobham RFC, a stop-start affair dominated by the set piece. A draw would have been a fair result but after Surrey came from 10 points down to level the scores, Kent snatched the game at the death to win 17-24. Tries came from Robert Heffernan, Matt Perry, Terrence Dzanta. Captain was Will Shanley.

The final game was away to Hertfordshire, a game where Hertfordshire were ruthless with their finishing and Surrey were not, but Surrey's fight and desire to get back into the game was there for all to see. A 31-15 loss for Surrey with tries from Lewis Gover, Frank Chandler, Eliot Stewart. Captain Ollly Glasspool.

Three solid performances, all reflecting the gameplan we had worked on, very much looking forward to the U18's season in 2024.



the game

Surrey U17 Boys

Thank you to the following coaches who helped out at various point during the season, Tommy Burkett, Pendy Patel, Chris Griffin, Trevor Dolen, Dan Line, Chris Hugall and Dave Peters.

Big thank yous go to Jane Milton for providing First Aid throughout the season, Fabs Maffi for reffing expertise and last, but not least, Age Group Manager Jools Goringe.

Video footage of the games are available to view by clicking on the links here:

[1st MATCH vs HAMPSHIRE](#) [2nd MATCH vs KENT](#)
[3rd MATCH vs HERTFORDSHIRE](#)

Nick Atkins
Lead Coach Surrey U17 Boys



Surrey vs Kent

PLAYERS

Chester Altea
Temi Asanbe
Haakon Atkins
Thomas Baldwin
Benjy Biggs
Barney Bowen
Kyle Bradbury
Liam Burke
James Burton
Oli Catt
Frankie Chandler
Sam Craddock
Adam Dean
Max Delamain
Patrick Dumbili
Josh Dvali
Terrence Dzanta
Matthew Earle
Eli Stewart
Tom Elms
George Evans
Zach Ferguson
Dan Frewin
Oliver Glasspool
Samson Goldschmied
Lewis Gover
Jacob Griffin
Ben Hamilton
Robert Heffernan
Riley Hendy
Jack Hoad
William Jeffs

PLAYERS

Jay Kynaston
Reece Larsen
Sam Lenihan
Omar Leon
Matt Lount
Oliver Mantel
Rhys McCarthy
Benjamin Mitchell
Bertie Moore
Angus Munro
Tobi Ogunyemi
Matt Perry
Mika Rarawa
Max Robinson
Wilfred Saywell
Will Shanley
Ben Sherry
William Simpson
Zachary Smith
Duncan Stott
Max Towers
Josh Tredwell
Nathan Vvong
Oliver Walliker
Finn Walsh
Fred Webbell
Oliver Wilcox
Ben Woodfine
Otis Woodley
Jack Wright
Matthew Young

CLUB RESPRESENTED

Battersea Ironsides RFC
Chobham RFC
Cobham RFC
Dorking RFC
Epsom College
Esher RFC
Farnham RUFC
Fullbrook School
Gordon's School
Guildford RFC
King's College School
London Irish Amateur RFC
Old Reigatian RFC
Old Rustlishians RFC
Old Whitgiftian RFC
Old Wimbledonians RFC
Reeds School
Reeds Weybridge RFC
Richmond RFC
Rosslyn Park RFC
Royal Alexandra and Albert School
Salesian School
St Edmunds School
Streatham-Croydon RFC
Sutton & Epsom RFC
Teddington RFC
The Ashcombe School
The Winston Churchill School
Trinity School
Wallington County Grammar
Warlingham RFC

MANAGEMENT TEAM

MANAGER: Jools Goringe
LEAD COACH: Nick Atkins
COACH: Mark Mantel
COACH: Paul Evans
COACH: Dave Kennedy
COACH: Giles Morgan
MEDIC: Jane Milton



the perks

Rewarding Volunteers

It is a pleasure to be able to reward our volunteers and our players with tickets to games when we can. This quarter saw attendees at the Red Roses game and the Barbarians vs World XV.

Jacko Jackson - 1st XV Women's Coach - went to the Red Roses Game in April alongside a group of Young Match Officials.

John Pownall, Terry Long and Tyrone Lawless went to the Babaas vs World XV in May as did eight Surrey volunteers from Competitions and other Young Match Officials. Several Surrey Medics and players representing Surrey Women also went along including Rachel Gold (Farnham RUFC), Spencer Hastings (Guildford RFC) and Bree Hill (Beckenham RFC).

Surrey Medic Jane Milton was treated to two tickets to see the Harlequins Big Game in May.



Rachel Gold & Spencer Hastings



Captain Bree Hill with guests Benji & Chloe Graves



Jane Milton - Surrey Medic



Young Female Match Officials at the Red Roses



the perks

Rewarding Volunteers

Honda Nominees 2022-23

This quarter was our last opportunity to celebrate the 2022-23 cohort of Honda Volunteer Nominees. David Hoade and Richard Lamberth were invited with a guest along to the Barbarians vs World XV game. Maxine Thompson got two tickets to the Red Roses game and Andy Edge (Camberley RFC) received an exclusive tour of Hampton Court Palace and a delicious afternoon tea, courtesy of Surrey Rugby Partner [Top Tasting Tours](#).



Maxine Thompson (right) & guest



David Hoade & son



Andy Edge with his high tea!

the development

Women's & Girls' Healthcare

The RFU Keep Your Boots On initiative has launched a new range of RugbySafe toolkits aimed at women and girls' healthcare. You can download all the information, and read more, by clicking [HERE](#)



1. Menstrual Health

A toolkit providing information for rugby athletes, coaches and support staff about the menstrual cycle and its potential influence on training.



2. Breast Health

Provides information on breast health considerations when participating in rugby activities. This toolkit includes a sports bra fitting guide to help athletes make the correct choice of bra for them.



3. Pelvic Health

Information on pelvic health, how it can be impacted by exercise and tips on how to maintain it.



the people

Mark Griffiths



MARK GRIFFITHS

Mark was a man impossible to miss.

Not least because he stood at an impressive six feet eight inches. We'd often spot him ducking under doorways or executing a complicated extraction process to get out of his car. But it wasn't only for his stature that he was unmissable. His broad smile, warmth and wit were an engaging and essential part of social situations. His natural way with those of any age made him a brilliant father, leader, manager and relentless people-person at work. Outside of work, as a dedicated volunteer at London Irish Amateur RFC, he used his own passion for rugby to inspire the Juniors he helped fall in love with the glorious game too.

Mark was a man impossible to miss in so many way - but we miss him now.

Mark sadly passed away last year, and those of us lucky enough to work with him wanted to commemorate him in the right way. The stories he told of his time at Irish were hilarious, captivating, inspiring – and infused with his passion for the sport and the people. He thought that volunteering and refereeing gave him back so much more than he gave. We decided to approach the club about an annual award in his name. And so began the easiest fund-raising effort I've ever experienced, to honour our colleague and friend.

The award is aptly named the Mark Griffiths Memorial Trophy and is given to the volunteer of the season at London Irish Amateur RFC. In its inaugural year it went to Simon Platt, who has been coaching at the club for 8 years but this year moved to Girls' Rugby. He made a huge impact by retaining and attracting players and by leading the team that organised the first International Rugby Tournament at the club, with nearly 700 girls taking part.



SIMON PLATT, BART O'CONNELL (London Irish Amateur RFC President), ZOE GRIFFITHS and BARNEY GRIFFITHS

Seeing Mark's wife Zoe and son Barney (now also training as a Referee) present this award for the first time was incredibly moving. We thank Irish and Gerry Gallagher in particular for helping us make it happen – and of course Zoe and Barney for presenting it with such grace to a well-deserving servant of the sport.

Mark Watt



the game

Surrey Women

More photos on our [website](#)

Like the Men's senior team, the Women's senior team started the season with a change of Lead Coach. With thanks to Nick Harris moving to the role of Technical Advisor, we welcomed Jake Cottrell to the lead role, heading up a coaching team of Ali Davis, Stuart Jackson, alongside the medical team of Hannah Thompson and Rebecca Gregory.

The trials were a success, with players from 15 separate clubs in Surrey attending. The diverse nature of women's county rugby was shown in players from around the world, hailing from New Zealand, South Africa, the United States and throughout the UK. This season, Rosie Peet of Farnham RFC



moved from the Under 18's to the Senior squad and was a welcome addition to the group. Training sessions were well attended, averaging 23 players for each session.



The Gill Burns Cup started at home to Gloucestershire at the start of May. A dominant set-piece laid the foundation for a 31-7 victory to get the season off to a winning start. An early try from Vicky Boothman, got Surrey off to a perfect start. Gloucestershire fought their way level with a try midway through the first half, but that was the end of their scoring for the afternoon. Surrey retook the lead a few minutes

later, with Sophie Storey finishing from close range, to give the hosts a 14-7 lead at the break. It took until midway through the second half for Surrey to extend their lead, with Becky Smart getting her first of the afternoon. The full-back went on to complete her hat-trick with two late tries, to go with three conversions, giving her a 21-point haul for the day.

As always, the hospitality shown by Esher RFC to allow these games to take place was exemplary, with their bacon baps highly recommended.

Surrey hosted again the following week, this time to Berkshire, and came away with a similarly hard-fought victory, 29-5. Midway through the first half, with no score on the board, there was a lengthy delay, following a serious leg injury that resulted in the player being taken away on a stretcher, and





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Surrey Women

ultimately in an ambulance. After a stoppage of approximately half an hour, both teams took time to get going again after the restart. Surrey took the lead with a try in the corner from Rosie Peet and extended their lead before the interval with another try from Sophie Storey to give the hosts a twelve-point lead at the break. The second half started as the first ended, with Storey getting on the end of a flowing move to grab her second. Berkshire rallied, and deservedly got a try back midway through the half. But their hopes for a heroic comeback were dashed when their winger was shown a red card for a high tackle after much deliberation between the referee and her assistant. With another Berkshire player already off the field for a yellow-card, Surrey made their numbers count in the final quarter. Further tries from Smart and Storey for her hat-trick completed the scoring, to set up a winner-takes-all encounter away to Buckinghamshire.



The game at Beaconsfield RFC was one-step-too-far for the team alas. Bucks were incredibly tough opposition, in the same mould as their coaches, England legends Rocky Clark and Sarah McKenna. Surrey battled hard in the first half to stay in the game, with the game finally running away from them in the second half, ending 48-12, Boothman and Spencer Hastings with the tries for Surrey. A physical encounter, with Laura Marsh enduring a trip to the hospital for a cut lip. Bucks ultimately went on to lose the final at Twickenham to Lancashire.

The season didn't therefore end with a trip to HQ. However, the emergence of a wider talent pool, along with the progression of Rosie Peet from the Under 18's -proving the developmental pathway is already bearing fruit - give reason to be optimistic about future seasons. To be part of the journey next season, register your interest at <https://surreyrugby.co.uk/surrey-teams/men-women/womens-1st-xv>

Jacqui McGreal
Women's Manager
Surrey Senior County Women





the game

Surrey Women

PLAYERS

Annie Boby
Vicky Boothman
Rachael Gold
Georgina Gregg-Smith
Victoria Harbridge
Hannah Hasim
Spencer Hastings
Bree Hill
Willow Ingleton
Abi Jackson
Rebecca Johnson
Jess Luxmore
Laura Marsh
Harri McCormack
Jess Nelson
Rosie Peet
Dettie Rees
Emily Senior
Becky Smart
Zoe Smith
Charlotte Soper
Sydney Sopher
Sophie Storey
Courtney Trodd
Rosie Tugwell
Kit Weale
Jade Wharemate

CLUBS REPRESENTED

Battersea Ironsides RFC
Beckenham RFC
Becs Belles
Camberley RFC
Farnham RFUC
Guildford RFC
Henley RFC
Sutton & Epsom RFC
Wimbledon RFC

MANAGEMENT TEAM

MANAGER: Jacqui McGreal
LEAD COACH: Jake Cottrell
COACH: Alastair Davis
COACH: Stuart Jackson
TECHNICAL ADVISOR: Nick Harris
MEDIC: Hannah Thompson
MEDIC: Rebecca Gregory



the game

Mixed Ability Rugby



One of our first training sessions

The team that was to become The Surrey Chargers was started in late 2016 after Mike O' Regan, our current Manager, read an inspiring article in Rugby World about Mixed Ability Rugby and the ethos of having players both with and without physical and or learning difficulties playing alongside each other in the same team on the same pitch.

Contact was made with Mark Goodwin at IMAS (International Mixed Ability Sport,) The RFU and Chobham RFC and in October 2016 our first training sessions started and our first match was arranged.



Some early matches

With the early support from The Harlequins Foundation, the ongoing support from Chobham RFC, where we are based, the help from both parents and carers and a dedicated team of coaches, the Chargers have gone from strength to strength with the icing on the cake being invited to play at Twickenham for the 2018 Premiership final and more recently an invite to play at IMART 2022 in Cork (International Mixed Ability Rugby Tournament).

Two of our players , Daniel Walker and Mike O'Regan have been asked to play for the prestigious Mixed Ability Invitational Rugby team (the MARIs) with Daniel being asked to captain the side against The Swansea Gladiators in Cardiff last year.



Surrey Chargers and Mixed Ability Rugby at HQ for the 2018 Premiership Final



Imart 2022 Cork Ireland - playing rugby/making friends/having fun!



the game

Surrey Chargers

As well as our own development as individuals and as a team, we have recently helped several other clubs start their own Mixed Ability Teams notably our friends at Berkshire Brigands and Medway Cannons. Let's hope that we can continue to grow as a team and as a sport so that ANYONE who wants to give this great game of ours a go has the opportunity to at least give it a try.

TRAINING AND COACHING

Training takes place during the season every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.00 at Chobham Rugby Football Club unless we have a match. Sessions are based around core skills, fitness, team games and FUN!

Our aim as coaches is to try and develop each individual to their full potential both as a member of the team and in the wider community. We train the same as any other rugby team and with the same core values of : TEAMWORK; RESPECT; ENJOYMENT; DISCIPLINE and SPORTSMANSHIP, as any other team



To sum up. We are a team, as inclusive as we can possibly be, playing a game of full contact, semi contact and touch rugby all in one game, so if you have ever fancied giving this great game a go, of being part of a team and possibly something quite unique, no matter what difficulties, learning or physical you may or may not have come and talk to us, we have a game for you.

COACHING TEAM



Richard
Lamberth



Tom
Knox



Karl
Sharkev



Mat
Inman



George
Vandenberg



Kai
Fisher



the game

Surrey Chargers

No article about The Surrey Chargers would be complete without mention of our friend and fellow Charger Ian Flapper White. Much of who we are today is of a direct result of Ian's passion and dedication to the group and his love of rugby. Sadly we lost Ian to cancer in 2020, but his legacy lives on and he will always be remembered by all those whose lives he touched, especially when it rains!



Ian Flapper White in action

So:

- If you fancy giving rugby a go but have been told you can't for whatever reason, come and talk to us!
- If you want to get back into the game after a long term lay off but don't feel you can take the big smash and bash anymore, come and talk to us!
- If you just want to get involved and make a difference to somebody's life, come and talk to us!

Mike O'Regan
Manager - 07808-630053



JOIN THE CHARGE!

[Link to our Facebook Group](#)



Chobham Rugby Football Club, Fowlers Wells,
Windsor Road, GU248LD



the clubs

Wimbledon RFC



The 2022/23 season saw the Dons achieve great success across the board. The Men's 1st XV came top of the league with an impressive set of results and only one loss in the whole season. They were League Champions for Regional 1 South Central and Surrey Cup Champions which understandably led to a very merry final game of the season winning 26-24 against Camberley on 11th March.



Following this, Wimbledon 1st XV were also announced as Surrey RFU's Team of the Season, the RFU's Men's Level 5 Grassroots teams of the Season and Collin Osbourne was recognised as the Surrey RFC DOR of the Season.

The 2nd XV had a brilliant season also winning their league and becoming Surrey Premiership League Champions. In addition the Women's XV did not lose a match in 2023 and were named as RFC Team of the Month for Divisions 2 & 3. All teams have started training hard and we welcome any new members who want to join!





the clubs

Wimbledon RFC



The success of the Club did not stop there with the Mini's and Youth sections thriving with over 600 children coming together to train on Sunday mornings, starting back in September. We are particularly proud of the number of girls who have joined the club, and of the specialised inclusive rugby for children with special educational needs and disabilities. A huge congratulations to two Wimbledon players, Annabel Meta and Eryn Sinkler-Birmingham who have also gone on to play for the England U18 Women's 7's Squad.

For those who want to keep playing we have Touch rugby on Thursday evenings and over 50's walking rugby on Sunday's at 11:30am, with many club events throughout the year including our Jack Fishwick 7's Festival on 29th July which is always a highlight in the club calendar. Congratulations to everyone involved in what was a truly spectacular season.

Ruth McKinney
Sponsorship Liaison





the finals

Stoop Finals

Surrey Rugby held their 2023 season Quins Cup Finals at the Stoop in partnership with the Harlequins Community Partnership Team.

Six finals matches were held over 3 days in April which resulted in some fantastic, exciting and closely fought competitive matches with huge skill set and passion from the players.

The tournament started in September with:

BOYS SIDES: 32 x Colts 32 x Under 16 36 x Under 15 44 x Under 14

GIRLS SIDES: 8 x Under 18 12 x Under 16 12 x Under 14

In total of over 200 matches were played across the season with teams battling to make the Stoop Finals and the chance to compete for the coveted title of Surrey County Age Group Champions.

Surrey club supporters came out in force and packed out the stand of the Stoop, making enough noise to be heard from across the road at Twickenham HQ.

A huge credit must go to Youth Chair Jools Goringe , Vice Chairs Pandy Patel and Fabs Maffi and the rest of the Competitions Committee in delivering an amazing Finals Day to remember for all players, parents and associated clubs. We will look to expand the experience going into next season. Harlequins are very excited to continue this experience for local clubs and to continue to sponsor the Quins Cup Competition for Surrey.

Harlequins Partnership Executive Paul Phillips said he was thrilled by the finals day matches which showcased the strength of the Surrey community Age Grade Rugby.



The organising team behind the event from L-R: Pandy Patel, Paul Phillips, Mark Cadogan, Jools Goringe



the finals

Stoop Finals

More photos on our [website](#)



Under 14 Girls Winners - Chobham



Under 16 Girls Winners - Old Reigatians



Under 14 Boys Winners - Esher



Under 15 Boys Winners - Warlingham



U16 Boys Winners - London Irish Amateurs



Colts Winners - Guildford



Young Female Match Officials having a run out with colleagues



Part of the team of match officials with Young Male Match Officials

the support

Your CB out and about

This is the busiest time of the year for the CB in terms of getting out and supporting our finals days, our county teams and attending award ceremonies. It was a delight to celebrate with so many of our players and volunteers at the two awards evenings, both glorious evenings and great settings, superbly hosted at Esher and Cobham.

Lots of our counties teams, including Surrey Men, Women and U17 Boys, played their matches in the last couple of months. It was fantastic to see the wide range of clubs the players came from and the camaraderie that built amongst them as well as the dedication all players showed, making us proud to have them representing our County.

Having the Stoop Finals for the U14 & U16 Girls and the U14-Colts Boys was an incredible few days. Tyrone and Jools Goringe have spent several years setting this up and we're hopeful - after such a successful event - to continue this moving forward. The Harlequins were delighted to be supporting grassroots rugby and the players were thrilled to play on the hallowed ground. Although I think some of the coaches were more thrilled than the players!

Finals day was a great day this year! Our Vice Chair and Chair of Game Development Tyrone Lawless does a lot of the organising, but as a team we support him on game day across the county as we play matches in multiple locations. It's always a fun day watching grassroots rugby and celebrating - and presenting well-deserved awards.



Honda Nominee Committee - Keith Heal, Joanna Gordon, Nigel Heslop & John Pownall



Tyrone presenting medals to the one of the refing teams at the Stoop finals



Paula Carter presenting a cup to winners at the Stoop Finals



Joanna, Ty & Sue celebrating a fantastic few days at the Stoop by watching the Big Game at Twicks

the support

Your CB out and about



Joanna with Lou Latter from Middlesex CB - at London Irish Amateurs first Girls Festival



Surrey Chair John Pownall ready to present medals alongside our new sign



John, Bruno, Sue, Marc, Paula & Joanna supporting our Surrey Women & Men at Bucks



Ty, Joanna, Bruno and Amy at a recent RFU Leadership in Union course



David Doonan and Pandy Patel at the Honda Volunteer Awards Evening



Out in force for the Awards Evening at Esher



the people

Volunteer Awards Evening

Surrey celebrated the Annual Honda Volunteer Recognition Programme with a fabulous evening at Cobham RFC. 173 volunteers were nominated from right around the county, representing 51 clubs - which is an amazing achievement! Nominations were in three categories; Unsung Hero, Game for All and Challenging Spirit. Once we got all those nominations in, a committee of Surrey CB members read through them all, then selected the top 6 or 7 which were submitted to the RFU/Honda.

The RFU/Honda then whittle that number down to 1 or 2 per county who are the finalists. They join other finalists from other counties around the county, and are invited - along with a partner - to an overnight stay at the Marriott Hotel in Twickenham, a lunchtime event, a behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium and a black tie dinner. At the dinner Honda announces the overall winner for the year for each category.

At the Cobham event all nominees got a framed award from the RFU/Honda, an England travel mug and a smart England notepad. Our top six also got a RFU/Honda backpack and the ultimate two finalists got two bottles of champagne each to celebrate! Our Deputy President Dave Doonan made the presentations to the deserving finalists.

Our top 6 nominations this year were: Angus Phillipson (Battersea Ironsides), Jean-Charles De Schino (Croydon RFC), Justin Latta, Mel Reilly, Matthew Hearsum (Old Emanuel), David McGuigan, Iain Woodhams, Fhamid Malik, Mike Smith, Jason Perfitt (Old Reigatians), Amy & Kris Atkinson (Old Whitgiftian) and Verne Sylvester (Streatham-Croydon).

Congratulations to the two chosen by the RFU/Honda, who were the groups from Old Reigatians and Old Emanuel! More great photos online in our [GALLERIES](#). Booklet of all nominees plus the citations they received available [HERE](#)



Three of the group of five finalists from Old Reigatians



Two of the finalists from Old Emanuel - Mel Reilly & Justin Latta



Verne Sylvester of Streatham-Croydon



Collecting the award on behalf of Angus Phillipson of Battersea Ironsides



Two more top 6 - Kris & Amy Atkinson from Old Whitgiftians



the people

Volunteer Awards Evening



the offers

Surrey Rugby Partners

We have been working with various companies to bring interesting deals to our membership. We hope you'll find something of interest and save a bit of money, or potentially earn some income for your club. If you know of any other relevant companies that might like to work with us, please put them in touch with Joanna at comms@surreyrugby.co.uk



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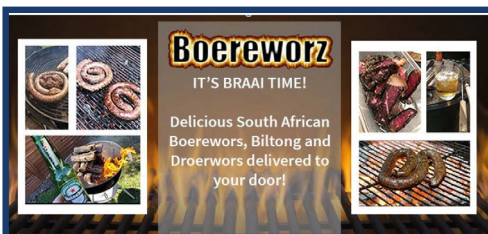
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the game

Surrey Men 2023

Rewarding- Environment-Challenging- Enjoyable

This season saw the arrival of a new coaching team; Rod Jermy, Nick Darke, Vicky Alexander and Rob Kennard. This team set expectations from the first training session at Wimbledon back in March, which the players carried through to the very last game in May, making the season a great tonic for Surrey Rugby - a lesson in what County Rugby should be all about.

We began with over 30 players attending the first training session, and ended with well over 40 players taking part in this season's full programme. The County used players from 17 different clubs over the 3 games played, with players ranging from 18 year old Charlie Banks to Veteran Curtis Beecroft. Special thanks go to Wimbledon and Esher for their fantastic hosting and great food after every training date.

Sussex away was a horrible day weather wise, with a tough start against a very experienced South coast side. Surrey finished the stronger side, led admirably by Guildford's ever young Curtis Beecroft.

Playing at Home in Esher. Hopes were high and the team was buzzing to make amends from the week before, led by new skipper Wimbledon's Mark Scott. Surrey rushed into a 12-0 start, with a brilliant individual try from Wimbledon's Regan Botham. The game changed when, due to a serious injury to the Essex winger, the teams had to change pitches. This gave a shift of momentum to Essex, who managed to gain a 12-13 half time lead.

The game started to get away from Surrey, until later in the game, where 2 tries from Kierran Canavan and Old Caterhamians Callum Buchan gave a chance of snatching a late victory. However, time eluded Surrey. Leaving the score tantalisingly 25-31, to Essex.

Team spirit was high after, with the players organising a brilliant Harry Potter themed evening in town, led by Head Wizard Fraser MacDonald-Lister (Battersea Ironsides).

Away to very well organised Buckinghamshire side, Surrey suffered some last minute non availabilities, which made selection hard. However with outstanding take-up this season, Surrey managed to field a competitive side. With the new players coming in it took a while before Surrey found their feet. Unfortunately, Bucks were on fire and kept the pressure on, never letting Surrey settle. However, with the result in the bag for Bucks, Farnham's Sam Woodhams managed to cross the whitewash, for a superb late Surrey try. Some excellent County debuts for Reeds Weybridge Joe Moriarty and the blustering Battersea Ironsides back row Ollie Davis.

With Captain Mark Scott playing his last game before heading back to Ireland, he and the team have laid a new legacy for County Rugby. If you want to be part of something special next season, please register on the Surrey County web site via [THIS LINK](#)

Rod Jermy
Men's Lead Coach
Surrey Senior County



the game

Surrey Men

More photos on our [GALLERIES](#)



First training session at Wimbledon RFC



After training meals are a crucial part of team building



Fraser casting a spell to trigger those Gryffindorphins



Vicky inspiring the team with her coaching



Surrey Men x Bucks



Surrey Men vs Essex



Captains Mark Scott & Curtis Becroft



Vicky Alexander, Rod Jermy & Nick Darke



the game

Surrey Men 2023

PLAYERS

Aaron Musa-Lucas
Alex Hankins
Alex Jordan
Alex Mawdsley
Callum Buchan
Callum Glendining
Charlie Banks
Christian Klass
Dan Benton
Dara Kane
Finlay Sloan
Fraser MacDonald-Lister
Gus Baker
Heath Burton
Harry Crabtree
Henry Campbell
Jack Brewerton
James Barrow
James Smith
Joe Moriarty
Josh Sheppard
Keiran Canavan
Kerran Bevis
Mark Scott
Max Greatwood
Mike Allen
Oliver Davies
Peter McCain
Regan Botham
Sam Glossop
Sam Goddard
Sam Woodhams
Samuel Davies
Sharif Dougramaji
Tom Carvill

CLUBS REPRESENTED

Battersea Ironsides
Beckenham
Bec Old Boys
Chipstead
Chiswick
Chobham
Cranleigh
Farnham
Guildford
Hertford
London Irish Wild Geese
London Welsh
Metropolitan Police
Old Caterhamians
Old Tiffinians
Old Wandsworthians
Petersfield
Reeds Weybridge
Sutton & Epsom
Swanage & Wareham
Teddington
Wimbledon

MANAGEMENT TEAM

LEAD COACH: Rod Jermy
COACH: Vicky Alexander
COACH: Nick Darke
COACH: Rob Kennard
MEDIC: Izzy Fisher
MEDIC: Anna Gaicopazzi



the clubs

Barnes RFC



22/23 has been a truly incredible season for Barnes RFC Women's 1st team. This is how a West-London club managed to achieve a league win, promotion and recognition by England Rugby in one season.

Our women's section at Barnes RFC is thriving, and regularly puts out two squads, with a 2nd team playing in NC3. The club hired a new coach, Chris Rolfe, who partnered up with stalwart

coach Andy Pickering to head the section. After an exciting pre-season the team headed into the NC1 league with a lot of momentum, hoping to go one better than our 2nd place finish in 2022.

We started strong with two wins, including a huge 98-7 win against Chesham. However, in October we played Wasps FC, and a dominant performance by them saw us lose 57-5. That kind of loss could rattle a team, but we went back to training determined not to perform like that ever again. Hard work, great coaching and a fantastic vibe throughout the squad allowed us to bounce back and not lose another game, winning 14 games in a row!



The highlight of the season was our final game against Reading Kites. Both teams were fighting for the top spot, and we had been building towards this game for weeks. It was played at home for us. Everyone brought their friends and family to watch, and we had a crowd of several hundred people cheering us on. An outstanding performance by the whole squad saw Barnes win 49-7, and cementing us as 22/23 League winners, securing promotion to the championship.



the club

Barnes RFC



If this wasn't enough, we were absolutely thrilled to be announced as England Rugby Grassroots Team of the Season.

Barnes RFC is a special club, with a One Club ethos that demonstrates ever growing commitment to the women's game. Coach Chris Rolfe said "Our success has come off the back of not only a talented group of players but also a great ethos supported by a competitive 2nd team. Every player in our wider squad has contributed to our season positively and should be proud of their outstanding achievements. With their success

they have paved the way for future generations of women rugby players at the club".

We are looking to continue our upward trajectory and would welcome any new players for next season, whether you have played before or are brand new to the game. Who knows what else we can achieve!

Ruth Mottershead
1st Team Captain



the season

Surrey Leagues

MEN'S & WOMEN'S LEAGUES

The Men's and Women's RFU Leagues have been finalised and are on the [RFU website](#).

The key headlines for the 2023-24 season in the Men's Leagues are:

1. Leagues will be forwarded to you by your Organising Committee (OC) and available on the RFU fixtures website and Surrey Senior Competitions sections
2. Options have been provided for later start dates at some levels based on local situations. In Men's Leagues the ultimate decision (and responsibility) for League start dates will rest with the OC, and this may differ by region. Please refer to information from your OC. You can find information on the Regional organization committee on: LondonRugby.com
3. The League season will finish on Saturday 6 April which is later than 2022-23, in response to club feedback.
4. Men's RFU League fixtures will be published on Monday 12 June.
5. The Papa John's Men's Community Cup window will remain at the end of the League season for next season. However, a rapid review of the Cup is currently underway that will have wide input from stakeholders, in order to make some changes to next season to make it easier for clubs to plan and enter. This should mitigate much of this season's feedback. Further changes to the Cup, including if it should move within the season, are not anticipated until the scheduled review of Men's structures next season (for implementation in 24/25).
6. There are no major changes to Women's RFU Leagues and Cups. Leagues are currently being finalised and fixtures have been published through the RFU fixtures website.

The Reserve League structure follows the same format as last season with localized playing opportunities of Leagues, Vets pools, Foundation Game On variance and end of season Cups and League playoff day in April to conclude the season.

the season

2023-24 Women's Leagues

The RFU run Women's Leagues for the entire country. These are the leagues our Surrey teams will be playing in this season.

Surrey Womens Leagues 2023-2024		
Championship 1 South		Championship 2 South East
Richmond RFC		Battersea Ironsides
Sutton & Epsom		Streatham-Croydon
		Wimbledon
		Barnes
NC1 South East (North)		NC1 South East (South)
Chobham		Guildford Gazelles
London Welsh (Middlesex)		Farnham
Thamesians (Middlesex)		
NC2 South East (Central)	NC2 South East (West)	NC2 South East (South)
Bec Belles	Teddington Antlers (Middlesex)	Sutton & Epsom 2
NC3 South East (Central)		NC3 South East (West)
Battersea Ironside 2		Farnham 2
Barnes 2		Camberley
Streatham-Croydon 2		Dorking
		Old Ruts
		Staines (Middlesex)
Inner Warrior Series		
Cranleigh Wild Cranes		

the season

2023-24 Women's Leagues

	International	Premier 15	Championship N & S (10 teams)	Championship 2 and below (9 or 10 team leagues)	Championship 2 and below (7 or 8 team leagues)	Championship 2 and below (5 or 6 team leagues)	
03/09/2023							
10/09/2023							
17/09/2023			League 1	League 1	League 1		
24/09/2023	International	Cup	League 2	League 2	League 2	League 1	
01/10/2023	International	Cup		Cup	Cup	Cup	
08/10/2023			League 3	League 3	League 3	League 2	
15/10/2023		Cup	League 4				
22/10/2023	International	Cup		League 4	League 4	League 3	
29/10/2023	International	Cup	League 5	Cup	Cup	Cup	
05/11/2023	International		League 6	League 5	League 5		
12/11/2023				League 6		League 4	
19/11/2023		Round 1	League 7		League 6		
26/11/2023		Round 2	League 8	Cup	Cup	Cup	
03/12/2023		Round 3		League 7	League 7	League 5	
10/12/2023		Round 4	League 9	League 8			
17/12/2023		Round 5	League 10	League 9	League 8	League 6	
24/12/2023		Round 6	Winter Break				
31/12/2023			Winter Break				
07/01/2024		Round 7	League 11	League 10	League 9	League 7	
14/01/2024		Round 8	League 12	League 11			
21/01/2024		Round 9			League 10	League 8	
28/01/2024			League 13	League 12			
04/02/2024		Round 10	League 14	Cup	Cup	Cup	
11/02/2024		Round 11		League 13	League 11	League 9	
18/02/2024			League 15	League 14	League 12		
25/02/2024		Round 12	League 16			League 10	
03/03/2024		Round 13	League 17	Cup	Cup	Cup	
10/03/2024		Round 14		League 15			
17/03/2024			League 18	League 16	League 13	League 11	
24/03/2024	6 Nations			Cup	Cup	Cup	
31/03/2024	6 Nations		Break				
07/04/2024			League Deadline	League 17	League 14	League 12	
14/04/2024	6 Nations	Cup		League 18			
21/04/2024	6 Nations		Semi-Final Champ Playoff				
28/04/2024	6 Nations	Cup		League Deadline			
05/05/2024			Championship Playoff Final	Cup Final	Cup Final	Cup Final	
12/05/2024		Round 15	County	County	County	County	
19/05/2024		Round 16	County	County	County	County	
26/05/2024		Round 17	County	County	County	County	
02/06/2024		Round 18	County SF (if required)	County SF (if required)	County SF (if required)	County SF (if required)	
09/06/2024		Semi Final	County Final	County Final	County Final	County Final	
16/06/2024							
23/06/2024		Final					
30/06/2024							

the season

2023-24 Men's Leagues

LEAGUE SECRETARIES 2023-2024

Regional 1:

Regional 2 Thames: Andy Smart

Regional 2 SE: Marc Bertrand

Regional 2 Central: Barry Myland

Counties 1: Bob Lawless

Counties 2: Richard Brayn-Nichols

Counties 3: Jason Williams

Counties 4: Simon Burman

Counties 5: Simon Burman

Premiership: Marc Bertrand

Championship: Les Todd

Alliance: Nick Ter Averst

Conference: Nick Ter Averst

Combination 1: Les Todd

Combination 2: James Lawless

Foundation: James Lawless

Vets: Cameron Barlow

Under 22: Anthony Shenton & Phil Smith

Surrey Rugby Leagues 2023-2024

Premiership Level 1	Championship Level 2	National 1 Level 3	National 2 Level 4	Regional 1 South Level 5	Regional 2 SE Level 6
London Irish		Rosslyn Park Richmond	Barnes Dorking Esher Wimbledon	Camberley	Battersea Reeds Weybridge Cobham Reigatians Sutton & Epsom
					Regional 2 Thames
					Chobham
					Regional 2 Central Level 6
					London Irish Guildford Farnham

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2023-24 Men's Leagues

Counties 1: Premier 1 (Surrey/Sussex) Level 7	Counties 2: Premier 2 (Surrey) Level 8
KCS ®	Warlingham ®
Old Tiffs	Chipstead
Hove	Old Ruts
Twickenham	PJF
Kingston	Old Amplefordians
Weybridge Vandals	Old Whitgiftians
Old Walcountians	Old Freeman
Trinity	Old Blues
Old Cranleighans	Law Society
Teddington (P)	Old Haileyburians
Eastbourne (P)	Old Wimbledonians (P)
East Grinstead (P)	Old Cats (P)

(Counties 3) Surrey 1 Level 9	(Counties 4) Surrey 2 Level 10	(Counties 5) Surrey 3 Level 11
Effingham & Leatherhead ®	Cranleigh ®	London French ®
London Exiles ®	Old Pauline	Old Suttonians ®
Worth Old Boys	Harlequin Amateurs	Croydon ®
Old Johnians	Old Glynonians	Egham Hollowegians
Old Wellingtonians	Streatham- Croydon	Reigate
Economicals	Guildfordians	Merton
Metropolitan Police	Southwark Lancers (LT)	Woking
London Media	Old Hamptonians (P)	Wandsworthians
Old Grogians	Staines ®	Mitcham & Carshalton
Bec Old Boys (P)	Haslemere (P)	Raynes Park
Old Emanuel ®		

the season

2023-24 Men's Games

Surrey Rugby Reserve Team Straw Man 2023-2024			
	Raging Bull TBC	The Premiership (League 1)	Surrey Championship (League 2)
1	Richmond 2	Battersea Ironside 2s	Cobham 2s
2	Richmond 3	Esher Abbots	Rosslyn Park Bs
3	Barnes 2	Richmond 4s	Battersea Ironside 3
4	Esher 2	Maidenhead (New)	Reeds Weybridge 2
5	Wimbledon 2	Worthing 2 (New)	Farnham 2s ®
6	Bishop Stortford 2	Camberley 2 s	KCS OB's 2s
7	Rams 2	Horsham 2s	Chobham 2s
8	Blackheath 2	Sutton & Epsom 2	Old Reigatian 2
9	Amphill 2	Belsize Park (New)	Weybridge Vandals 2
10	Chinnor 2	Hammersmith & Fulham 2's (New)	Old Tiff 2
11	Dorking 2	TBC	TBC
12	TBC	TBC	TBC

Alliance (League 3)			Surrey Conference (League 4)	
Warlingham 2	1		Old Blue 2	
Old Ruts 2	2		Kingston 2 ®	
Battersea 4	3		Sutton & Epsom 3	
Old Haileyburians 2	4		Barnes Occies 3	
Chipstead 2	5		Wimbledon 3	
Old Walcountians 2	6		Old Emanuel 2	
Dorking 3	7		Feltham (New)	
Law Society 2	8		Old Cats 2 (P)	
Bec OB 2 (P)	9		Old Ruts 3	
Teddington 2 (P)	10		Lightwater	

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2023-24 Men's Games

	Combination 1 (League 5)	Combination 2 (League 6)	Foundation 1 (League 7) Fixtures to be agreed by clubs and scores entered when played. This league is not compulsory fixtures.	
			Foundation A	Foundation B
1	Old Whitgift 2	Guildfordian 2	Woking 2	Effingham 2
2	Bec Old Boy 3	Cranleigh 2	Mitcham & Carshalton	Reeds Weybridge 3
3	PJF 2	Streatham- Croydon 2	Old Suttonian 2	Met Police 2
4	Sutton & Epsom 4	Guildford 3	Egham 2	Harlequin Ams 2
5	London Media 2	Camberley 3 (New)	Haslemere 2	Old Whits 3
6	OWW 2 (New)	Old Pauline 2	Croydon 2	Old Reigatian 3
7	Battersea Ironside 5	Old Freeman 2	Reigate 2	Esher Priors
8	Old Cranleigh 2 (P)	Chobham 3	Merton 2	Warlingham 3
9	Trinity 2	Cobham 3		
10	Farnham 3s ©	Racal Decca		

Vets Offering	Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3	Pool 4	Pool 5	Pool 6
1	Barnes	Weybridge Vandals	Harlequin Am's	Old Reigatian	Wimbledon	Reeds Weybridge
2	Farnham	Esher	Camberley	Dorking	Bec OB's	Croydon
3	Guildford	Old Pauline	London Exiles	Fish & Chips	Haslemere	Cranleigh
4	Richmond Heavies	Cobham	Sutton & Epsom	Trinity	Effingham	Reigate
5	London Irish	Old Cranleigh	Battersea Ironside	KCS OB	Warlingham	Guildford Barbarians

Vets Fixtures	Date (Guidelines)	Match 1	Match 2	BYE Team Play each other Pool 1 v Pool 2 Pool 3 v Pool 4 Pool 5 v Pool 6
1	7th October 2023	1 v 4	2 v 3	5 BYE
2	28th October 2023	3 v 1	4 v 5	2 BYE
3	25th November 2023	5 v 3	1 v 2	4 BYE
4	20th January 2024	2 v 5	3 v 4	1 BYE
5	10th February 2023	4 v 2	5 v 1	3 BYE

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2023-24 Men's Games

Men (Saturdays)	Internationals	National	12 Team Week 1	12 Team Week 1 PP	12 Team Week 3	10 Team Week 3	Reserve Leagues	County 20s	County
2 September		Lge 1	Lge 1	Lge 1 or Break	Pre Season	Pre Season	Pre Season		
9 September	RWC (ARG 8pm)	Lge 2	Lge 2	Lge 2					
16 September	RWC (Japan: Sun)	Lge 3	Lge 3	Lge 3	Lge 1	Lge	LG 1		
23 September	RWC (Chile 1645)	Lge 4	Lge 4	Lge 4	Lge 2	Lge	LG 2		
30 September	RWC	Lge 5	Lge 5	Lge 5	Lge 3	Lge	LG 3		
7 October	RWC (Samoa 1645)	Lge 6	Reserve	Lge 1 or Reserve	Reserve	Reserve			
14 October	RWC 1/4 (1600 Sat or 1600 Sun)	Lge 7	Lge 6	Lge 6	Lge 4	Lge	LG 4		
21 October	RWC SF (2000)	Reserve	Lge 7	Lge 7	Lge 5	Lge	LG 5		
28 October	RWC Final (2000)	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK			
4 November		Lge 8	Lge 8	Lge 8	Lge 6	Lge	LG 6		
11 November		Lge 9	Lge 9	Lge 9	Lge 7	Lge	LG 7		
18 November		Lge 10	Lge 10	Lge 10	Lge 8	Lge	LG 8		
25 November		Lge 11	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve			
2 December		Lge 12	Lge 11	Lge 11	Lge 9	Lge	LG 9		
9 December		Lge 13	Lge 12	Lge 12	Lge 10	Lge	LG 10		
16 December		Lge 14	Lge 13	Lge 13	Lge 11	Lge	LG 11		
23 December	Winter Break								
30 December									

the season

2023-24 Men's Games

Men (Saturdays)	Internationals	National	12 Team Week 1	12 Team Week 1 PP	12 Team Week 3	10 Team Week 3	Reserve Leagues	County 20s	County
6 January		Reserve	Lge 14	Lge 14	Lge 12	Lge	LG 12		
13 January		Lge 15	Lge 15	Lge 15	Lge 13	Lge	LG 13		
20 January		Lge 16	Reserve	Reserve	Lge 14	Reserve			
27 January		Lge 17	Lge 16	Lge 16	Lge 15	Lge			
3 February	6 Nations - ITA (A)	Reserve	Lge 17	Lge 17	Lge 16	Lge			
10 February	6 Nations - WAL	Lge 18	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK		
17 February		Lge 19	Lge 18	Lge 18	Lge 17	Lge			
24 February	6 Nations - SCO (A)	Lge 20	Reserve	Reserve	Lge 18	Lge		U20	
2 March		Reserve	Lge 19	Lge 19	Lge 19	Lge			
9 March	6 Nations - IRE (H)	Lge 21	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve		
16 March	6 Nations - FRA (A)	Lge 22	Lge 20	Lge 20	Lge 20	Lge		U20	
23 March		Lge 23	Lge 21	Lge 21	Lge 21	Lge			
30 March		BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK			
6 April		Lge 24	Lge 22	Lge 22	Lge 22	Lge	CB Cup	U20	
13 April		Lge 25	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CB CUP		
20 April		Reserve	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CB CUP	U20	
27 April		Lge 26	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CB CUP		
4 May			CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP		U20	
11 May			CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP			County
18 May								U20	County
25 May									County
1 June									County
8 June									County



the winners

Awards Night

The annual end of season Awards Evening was held at Esher RFC in June and we saw over 150 people from 50 Surrey clubs attend and where over 80 team and individual awards from all areas of the grassroots game were presented in an hour. Everyone then enjoyed the club refreshments and a South African Brai. John Inverdale hosted the evening alongside Tyrone Lawless & Sue Gardner.

Here's a selection of photos from the night. A full complement of photos can be found on the Surrey website [GALLERIES](#).



The lovely setting at Esher RFC



Youth Coach of the Year: Billy Edmonds



Chair Shield Winner: Wendy Price



Presidents Cup Winner: Jools Goringe



Surrey Welbeing Award: Colette Goveia



Host John Inverdale



the winners

Award Night Winners

Surrey Rugby Competition Winners 2022-23

7's	
7's Women	Akuma Beavers
7's Men	Old Reigatians
RESERVE LEAGUES	
Premiership	Wimbledon 2's
Championship	Battersea Ironsides 3's
Alliance	Old Rutlisians 2's
Conference	Bec Old Boy 2'ss
Combination 1	Old Cats 2's
Combination 2	Old Cranleighan 2's
Foundation A	Old Whitgiftian 3's
Foundation B	Racal Decca
VETS Merit Pools	
Vets Merit Pool	Weybridge Vandals
Vets Merit Pool	Old Pauline
Vets Merit Pool	Chipstead & PJF (fish & Chips)
Knockout Cups	
Cup	Wimbledon 1's
Skull	Farnham 1's
Trophy	Chobham 1's
Shield	Old Rutlisians 1's
Plate	Raynes Park 1's
Bow	Staines 1's
Pitcher	Lightwater
Championship Cup	KCS Old Boys 2's
Surrey Alliance Cup	Old Rutlisians 2's
Surrey Conference Cup	Farnham 3's
Surrey Combination 1 Cup	Bec Old Boys 3's
Combination 2 Cup	Old Cranleighans 2
Surrey Foundation cup	Met Police 2's
Vets Cup	Weybridge Vandals
Vets Shield	Fish & chips
Surrey Vets Salver	Trinity
Papa John Cup	
Regional 2	Battersea Ironside
Counties 1 Champions	Teddington

Under 22 Competition	
John Douglas Cup	Sutton & Epsom
John Douglas Shield	Cobham
John Douglas Plate	Old Wimbledonian's
Smith-Shenton Cup	Barnes
Smith-Shenton Shield	Chipstead
Smith-Shenton Bowl	Camberley
Jo Fisher Under 23 Women's Cup	Guildfordians
Surrey Recognition Awards	
President's Award	Jools Goringe
Chair's Award	Wendy Price
Anastasi Award	Katrina Ham
Sustainability Award	Haslemere RFC
Award for Mental Health Awareness & Wellbeing	Gerry Sheridan
Brand Communication Award	Neil Whittington
Social Inclusion Award	Verne Sylvestor:
Mens Team of the Year	Wimbledon 1st Team
Womens Team of the Year	Sutton & Epsom 1st Team
DOR of the Year	Collin Osbourne
Mens Coach of the Year	Billy Davidson
Womens	Nick Harris
Club Referee of the Year	Peter O'Keefe
Expanding & Developing the Game	Mark Grubb
More than a Game Award	Graham Shaw
"Rugby Safe" Award	Colette Goveia
Facility Development of the Year Award	Old Emanuel RFC
Senior TREDS	Fish & Chips Vets
Game on Champion	Paddy Flynn
Youth Awards	
Youth Chair of the Year Award	Chris Higgins
Social Inclusion Award	Amy Atkinson
Youth Team of the Year - Boys	Worlingham Under 15s
Youth Team of the Year - Girls	Farnham Under 18s
Youth Coach of the Year - Boys	Billy Edmonds
Youth Coach of the Year - Girls	Giles Morgan
Youth Club Referee of the Year	Gareth Vaughan Jones
YMO Referee of the Year	Molly Williams
Expanding & Developing the Game Award	Nick Atkins
More than a Game Award	Fab Maffi
Spirit of Rugby Award	Pendy Patel
Youth TREDS	Ally Edwards



the winners

Awards Night



Youth Chair of the Season: Chris Higgins



Young Ref of the Season: Molly Williams



Anastasi Award for Outstanding Services to the Female Game: Katrina Ham



DOR of the Year: Collin Osbourne



Sustainability Award: Haslemere



Women's Coach of the Year: Nick Harris



Social Inclusion Award: Verne Sylvester



Men's Coach of the Year: Billy Davidson

the finals

Senior Mens

A brilliant day in May

Surrey finished the senior men's club season off in style hosting 10 knockout finals in one day. 400 players and 700 supporters made their way to Esher for a fantastic day of rugby.

Chair of competitions Tyrone Lawless said he was delighted to end a difficult season in style with a series of closely fought finals matches.

Five competitions were decided before the weekend with:

- Wimbledon 1s winning the Cup
- Farnham 1s the Skull
- Chobham 1s the Trophy
- Lightwater 1s winning the Pitcher
- Fish & Chips Vets the Veterans Shield
- Met Police 2s the Foundation Jug
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This tournament ran alongside the RFU Papa John Cup to provide competitive rugby at the end of the league season.



the finals

Senior Mens



Surrey Plate Winners Raynes Park



Surrey Combination Winners Beccs Old Boys 3s



Surrey Bowl Winners Staines



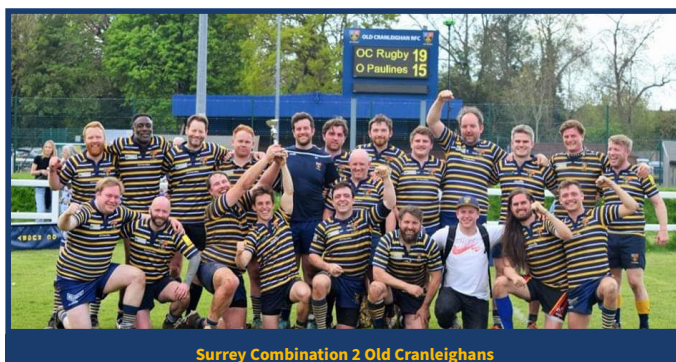
Surrey Alliance Winners Old Ruts 2



Surrey Shield Winners Old Ruts



Surrey Vets Cup Winners Weybridge Vandals



Surrey Combination 2 Old Cranleighans



Surrey Vets Salver Trinity Vets



the girls

London Irish Amateur RFC

Inaugural International Girls Festival

The inaugural London Irish Amateur International Girls Festival took place at Hazelwood on Sunday 29th April 2023. The festival consisted of a packed schedule of matches for U12-U18 age groups, with a total of 70+ teams from 30+ clubs attending. Thankfully the sun shone throughout the day and the festival was followed by a BBQ and DJ at the clubhouse.

This first festival surpassed our expectations in terms of attendance, which is representative of the rapid growth of girls rugby around the country. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and we're delighted with the positive feedback we've received from visiting clubs.

The festival took place the day after England's Red Roses played a world record-breaking TikTok 6 Nations match against France at Twickenham, hosting 58,000+ fans, securing the 6 Nations trophy and saying farewell in style to Head Coach Simon Middleton.

Several of the London Irish U16 girls played their last youth rugby on Sunday. Two players, Rose Platt and Megan Fullam, have been offered places on the elite rugby programmes at Henley College and Hartpury College. We are very proud that their love of rugby started at London Irish Amateur and wish them all the best for their future careers in rugby. London Irish Amateur offers rugby for girls from U12-U18 and offers free taster sessions for new players interested in the sport.

The festival organising team, all of whom are volunteers at the club, worked extremely hard to stage the event. U16 Girls Head Coach Simon Platt was recognised for his contribution to the club. He was awarded both the Youth Rugby Volunteer of the Season and was also the first recipient of the Mark Griffiths Memorial Trophy, which was presented by Mark's wife Zoe and son Barnaby (see page 11).





the girls

London Irish Amateur RFC

A total of 70 plus teams from 30 plus clubs attending

With the dust starting to settle following this inaugural festival, the team are already turning their attention to the 2024 event and hope to announce further details shortly.

London Irish is extremely grateful for the support of both DocuWare Ltd. and Ancaster Group. The festival also received significant support and guidance from Middlesex Rugby and Surrey Rugby, for which we are also very grateful.

Simon Platt
U16 Girls Coah



the game

Coach Development Update

SURREY RUGBY GAME DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Coaching:

- 1) Increase the standard and numbers of coaches at Surrey clubs.
- 2) Support our Junior Rugby Coaches to transition and retain in the game.
- 3) Increase and support the number of Advanced Coaches in Surrey Rugby clubs.
- 4) Support and develop Club DORs
- 5) Recruit and develop Coach Mentors across the CB



We will be working alongside our RFU Coach Developer Chris Spedding to ensure the RFU coaching courses and scrum & line-out CPD Sessions are available and we will be making grants available for attending and completing these qualifications.

We will be running localised CPD sessions across the county using our experienced and knowledgeable Club Coaches and inviting Coaches from all levels to attend.

The areas we will be delivering are:

- 1) Principles of Defence
- 2) Strength & Conditioning - Pre-season Training
- 3) Breakdown - New Law Interpretation
- 4) Decision Making
- 5) Functional roles during contact situation - Ruck & Maul
- 6) Counterattack
- 7) Deeper Tactical Awareness
- 8) Plan & Review a Session & Develop a Game Plan
- 9) Kick-offs & Restarts
- 10) Scrum Half Masterclass
- 11) Kicking Masterclass
- 12) 7's Masterclass

We will also be working alongside our Coach Educator at Harlequins Academy to ensure skilled coaching sessions are available to attend throughout the season.

For more information please visit the Surrey Website under Game Development and speak to your Club Coaching Coordinator (CCC).

the game

Adult Coaches Conference

SAVE THE DATE

Surrey & Middlesex Adult Coaches Conference – Saturday 7th October @ Cobham RFC

Surrey RFU & Middlesex RFU are partnering with Coach Centered Limited to deliver an Adult Coaching Conference on the 7th October at Cobham RFC, as part of their coach development strategy. This will be delivered from 9.15am through to 1.30pm, on a day when most senior teams don't have a league fixture, with a finishing time prior to World Cup fixtures taking place that day.

As an introductory communication view the attached flyer and share your expression of interest in attending the conference by emailing enquiries@coachcentered.com.

Upon receipt of an email you will be kept updated with the latest news, be introduced to our talent coaches operating within the men's and women's premiership environments as well as information around subsidised places.



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SURREY RUGBY

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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY
OCTOBER
7

COURSE CONTENT

- Building your teams culture and theming
- Attack transition
- Tackle execution & dominance
- Improving contact skills and speed of ball

*Note: Content is subject to change

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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 enquiries@coachcentered.com
 www.coachcentered.com
 07764336709

COURSE TIMINGS

 8.45am Registration & Refreshments
9.15am Start
1.30pm Conference close
Finish time before W.Cup Matches

VENUE - COBHAM RFC

COACHING TEAM

A mix of coaches from Professional clubs across the men's and women's game

 **CIMSPA** | Training Provider
Education Partner

the game

Ref Development Update



REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

Surrey Rugby are prioritizing the recruitment, development and retention of Referees for the next two seasons.

We are aiming to grow the number of Club Referees and the number of Young Match Officials, supporting the latter as they transition into the adult game.

Our Aims for the season are:

1. Supporting RFU introduction to referees course aimed at 14-16 year olds x 100 places at 5 host clubs.
2. Senior (over 18) ERRA support 20 places - candidates pay full amount and get 2/3 paid back upon completion of the course.
3. Youth ERRA (15-18) supports 20 places across Male and Female game.
4. Referee mentoring across the CB.
5. Referee CPD at festivals and finals day across the youth and senior game.
6. Take up the whistle courses.
7. Part fund 7 x courses throughout the season x 20 places at each course.
8. £15 per person funded upon completion of the course.

Keep an eye on the Surrey Game Development page of the website and our social media for more information on how to access these courses and grants.



England
Rugby

**COACH AND REFEREE
TRAINING COURSES**

the game

Game Development Update

LIVING THE DREAM

An excellent representation of our current Referees and Young Match Officials were out in force at the recent Quins Cup finals at the Stoop. It was a real thrill for all of them, running out onto such an incredible pitch.



sponsor spotlight

Stonebond.

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Stonebond, a premium partnerships house builder with a presence across Surrey and office in Guildford, look forward to supporting the future stars of the game and are proud sponsors of our two 7's tournaments:

- ▲ The Surrey Floodlit 7's
- ▲ The Surrey Colts 7's



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Building a community

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Want to be involved?

If you're interested in sponsoring Surrey Rugby and supporting game development, competition offerings or a Representative Team we have a combination of Sponsorship Packages to support all sizes of businesses. Find out more on our website [SPONSORSHIP](#) or get in touch with Tyrone Lawless, Sponsorship Manager, via gamedev@stonebond.co.uk.

the youth

Age Grade End of Season Update

The Surrey Youth competition was massively successful, and after listening to feedback and reviewing Age Grade criteria changes we will be making some small tweaks to improve it for next season. Thanks for all your feedback.

We held 25 separate competitions across Boys and Girls formats and administered over 1,000 playing opportunities for the youth players aged 11-18.

The Youth 7's Competition was well attended, and all age groups thoroughly enjoyed the day. We had the following Age Grade Winners:

Under 12: Rosslyn Park
Under 13: Hammersmith & Fulham
Under 14: Battersea Ironside
Under 15: Wimbledon
Under 16: London Irish
Colts: Dorking

SEASON WINNERS

Surrey Cup

Colts: Dorking
Under 16s Boys: Rosslyn Park
Under 15s Boys: Warlingham
Under 14s Boys: Esher
Under 13s Boys: Battersea
Under 12s Boys: Chobham
Under 18s Girls: Farnham
Under 16s Girls: Old Reigatian
Under 14s Girls: Chobham
Under 12s Girls: Reeds/ London Irish & Vandals

Quins Cup

Colts: Guildford
Under 16s Boys: London Irish
Under 15s Boys: Warlingham

Congratulations to all trophy winners and group winners in both competitions. We have really enjoyed watching a number of well fought games this season, and look forward to seeing a few more in 23/24.



the youth

Summer Activity Guide

Turning to next season, links to the entry forms for all age groups will be sent out in early September.

We have decided not to implement GMS electronic match cards this season but will be requiring team sheets to be provided for all finals day and teams to provide team sheets to the opposition if requested. However we may chose one age group to trial this for the Quins and Waterfall Cups tournaments.

SUMMER ACTIVITY

The RFU have published the Summer activity framework, which should be followed if any Summer rugby is planned. This is available on the RFU and Surrey websites under Age Grade and has been shared with all club Youth Chairs and Age Grade Coaches.

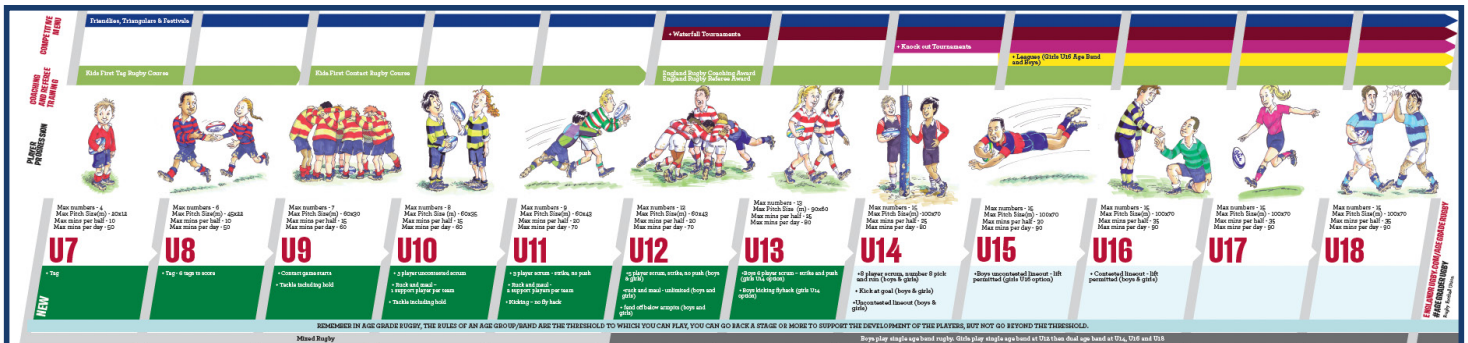
		AGE GRADE OUT-OF-SEASON SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE			
		APRIL 2023			
		MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
TRAINING	FREQUENCY	1-2 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME FOR U12-18)	1-2 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)	1-2 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)	1-3 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)
	INTENSITY	LOW	LOW - MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM - HIGH
	TYPE	GENERAL FITNESS AND SKILLS NON-CONTACT TRAINING FOR U13 & BELOW MAX 20 MINS CONTACT FOR U14-18 PER WEEK	GENERAL FITNESS AND SKILLS- MAX 20 MINS CONTACT PER WEEK	GENERAL FITNESS AND SKILLS MAX 30 MINS CONTACT PER WEEK	POSITION/GAME SPECIFIC SKILLS MAX 40 MINS CONTACT PER WEEK MAX 20 MINS CONTACT PER WEEK
	TIME	45 + 60 MINUTE + ACTIVATE	45 + 60 MINUTE + ACTIVATE	45 + 75 MINUTE + ACTIVATE	45 + 90 MINUTE + ACTIVATE
FIXTURES	TAG	U12 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS
	THE TOUCH UNION	U12 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS
	X RUGBY	U14-18 BOYS & GIRLS	U14-18 BOYS & GIRLS	U14-18 BOYS & GIRLS	U12 - 18 BOYS U12, 14, 16, 18 GIRLS BANDS
	GAME ON ADAPTED CONTACT FORMAT	X	X	X	U14 - 18 BOYS U14, 16, 18 GIRLS BANDS
	FIXTURES/FESTIVALS	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FORTNIGHT FOR U12-18 BOYS GIRLS PER FORTNIGHT	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FORTNIGHT	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FORTNIGHT	3 X FIXTURES/FESTIVALS

THE FRAMEWORK IS A MENU TO CHOOSE FROM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY/TRAIN IN THE OFF SEASON. FOR THOSE THAT CHOOSE TO, THIS SHOWS THE MAXIMUM ACTIVITY PERMITTED EACH MONTH. ALL MATCHES ARE FRIENDLIES DUE TO BEING OUT OF SEASON.
PLEASE REMEMBER PLAYERS MOVE TO THEIR NEW AGE GROUPS/BANDS ON 1st AUGUST

@AgeGradeRugby
 @ERrugbycoach
 @englandrugbycoach

the youth

Tackle height/Reg 15/calendar



TACKLE HEIGHT

With the new tackle laws coming into play next season, the summer framework provides guidance on how this can be trained and coached so we are all in a good space at the beginning of next season. There is also a tackle height resource pack which can be found on the RFU website.

REGULATION 15

The RFU has also published next season's amendments to Regulation 15. We have clarified the understanding of some of the regulatory challenges we've had in the past season.

Regulation 15 can be found under Age Grade on the Surrey and RFU websites

KEY DATES & INFORMATION

The 2023-24 season Age Grade calendar dates and key information has been shared with all clubs and is available on the Surrey website under Age Grade. The key dates are:

We will see you all in September

Tyrone Head of Rugby Development
Jools - Youth Chair

the people



Meet your Surrey Team



MATT PICKIN

Matt has recently joined Surrey Rugby and taken over the role of leading Girl's Rugby promotion and development throughout Surrey.

Matt is a technology consultant with over 20 years' experience working on Business and IT transformation programmes. At work Matt is an advocate for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity; leading and sponsoring a number of IDE initiatives.

Matt has been involved in Rugby for over 35 years as a player, coach and club administrator. He has passed on his passion for rugby and has 4 sons and a daughter who all play rugby.

Matt coached in Senior Men's rugby and has been a qualified Coach for nearly 20 years. For the past 4 years Matt has been coaching at Wimbledon RFC Girls.

At both work and rugby, Matt is a strong believer that success comes from collaboration and working together. Collaboration between Surrey Rugby, our clubs, local schools and other rugby stakeholders is crucial to providing the best rugby experience for girls in our county.



ASHLEY BRANDON

Growing up in rugby-mad South Africa, rugby has always been part of Ashley's life. She now works for a local authority in London, specialising in fraud investigations. She is also a mentor and an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion lead.

She joined Barnes RFC 9 seasons ago and in 2017 led the set up of a Junior Girls' section to create a player pathway.

After gaining her RFU Level 2 Coaching qualification, she supported Roehampton Uni Women's rugby as a forwards coach then joined St George's University and Imperial College London Women's Rugby teams as Head coach.

Staying on with Imperial College, she helped secure back-to-back promotions from Tier 3 to Tier 1 and led the team to victory in the 2022/23 BUCS Women's South Eastern Conference Cup.

She was awarded RFU England Rugby Universities Coach of the Year for the 2022/23 season and joined Millwall Women's Rugby as a Guest Coach' for a few months in August 2022 pre-season and ended up coach the entire season. As her playing career with Barnes winds down, she has now joined the coaching team for the 23/24 season.

After representing Surrey at the first ever Women's Comp at Vets Fest in 2022 Ashley is now joining Surrey CB. She will work on growing the Women's game, with particular focuses on increasing player diversity, keeping older players who in the game, and finding ways to expand the level of women's representation in coaching and refereeing pools within the county.



ROB BYRNE

Rob joined the Metropolitan Police in the mid 80's and was posted initially to Lambeth - sporting a magnificent mullet - in various squads, then to Brompton as an acting uniform Sergeant. He returned to the CID and worked as a Detective in specialist departments and spent the last 10 years of his 30 year service on Rape Teams Sex Offenders and Domestic Violence Units. Rob worked with vulnerable children, young offenders and finally as a Supervisor on the Missing Persons and Cold Case Review Unit.

Rob played rugby for his school Old Wandsworthians, and in the late 70's played at Wimbledon RFC. Around 2009, when his son was old enough, Rob joined newly formed Junior Rugby Club Old Wimbledonian Warriors, the Junior wing of Old Wimbledonians RFC. Initially with only a handful of boys, 17 seasons later they are proud to have 500+ registered players and 90+ coaches.

Rob has been a Head Coach, Team Manager, Forwards Coach, Discipline Sec, First Aid Co-ordinator, Rugby Safe Lead, and is still currently Safeguarding Officer, Vice President and Car Repositioning Technican (runs the car park..!).

Since around 2007 Rob has Volunteered for the Injured Players Foundation, which looks after catastrophically injured players, and as Assistant CB Safeguarding Officer. He was appointed Surrey and Middx Safeguarding Manager by the RFU some 7 - 8 years ago. Rob also ran several after school rugby clubs in primary schools that never experienced Rugby before in Wimbledon and Colliers Wood and took two teams into borough finals.

the rugby

7's Fever

It's been a busy Summer of 7's Tournaments for Surrey rugby clubs and Men's and Women's teams this year. We've seen some fantastic displays of skill, pace and physicality alongside fun and enjoyment as teams embraced the 7's ethos alongside TREDS.

Many of our teams have attended tournaments far and wide from Cornwall & Devon up to the Midlands and venturing into Scotland and Wales.

Some of the tournaments held in the county include:

Dorking 7's
Rosslyn Park Floodlit 7's
Richmond 7's
Cranleigh 7's
Streatham- Croydon Carnival 7's
Egham 7's
Wimbledon Jack Fishwick 7's
Mitcham & London Stags Pride 7's



Egham 7's Winners Old Georgians



Rosslyn Park Floodlit 7's Women's Winners - Lionesses



Rosslyn Park Floodlit 7's Men's Winners - Rosslyn Park



Player of the Tournament

the rugby

Club 7's Tournaments

Many of our Surrey clubs support local charities through their 7's set up. These charities include Mindset Sport, Rugby Against Cancer, Wooden Spoon and Grace Dear Trust.



Streatham Carnival 7's Women Winners - South East Sharks



Streatham Carnival Men Winners - Old Hamptonians



Cranleigh 7's



Cranleigh 7's Women Winners - East Grinstead Allstars



Cranleigh 7's Men Winners - Scarlett Arms

the business

Insurance

INSURANCE FOR RFU CLUBS, PLAYERS AND STAFF

Howden is the official insurance broker for RFU Clubs. They are there to help clubs, players and staff make rugby safe for everyone - both on and off the pitch.



As well as information on the insurance provided to you as part of your RFU registration, they offer other insurance at preferential rates, and digital tools to make risk management initiatives easier (and help you save money on premiums, too).

Liability and Personal Accident insurance is provided by the RFU.

PLAYERS

As a player at an RFU affiliated club, you are automatically provided with public liability and personal accident insurance. The RFU policy automatically provides recreational players at affiliated clubs with public liability insurance.

MEMBER CLUBS

The RFU automatically provides member clubs with insurance for various third-party claims.

Known as a combined liability policy, the RFU provides members with a selection of insurances, specifically designed to address the key third-party liability risks faced by a recreational rugby club (including the cost of legal fees).

What's covered:

- A) Public/Products Liability
- B) Professional Indemnity
- C) Employers Liability
- D) Directors and Officers Liability

RFU COACHES

Combined Liability - A coach running a coaching session should take reasonable steps to create a safe environment for those taking part. If someone suffers an injury it may be alleged that you are responsible, as the person in charge of the coaching session and you may be required to pay compensation if it is found that you are legally liable.

The RFU has arranged liability protection for coaches working at any RFU club or competition.

The coverage includes:

- . Public Liability insurance
- . Professional Indemnity Insurance / Errors and Omissions
- . Personal accident

the business

Insurance

REFEREES

RFU Referees and Match Officials are provided with:

A) Combined Liability

When taking charge of a match, you should do all you reasonably can to reduce or eliminate loss, damage or injury to others.

If someone suffers an injury it may be alleged that you are responsible as the person in control of the match and you may be required to pay compensation if it is found that you are legally liable.

B) Professional Indemnity Insurance / Errors and Omissions

C) Personal Accident

Medical Personnel should check coverage with their own indemnity provider

NON-AFFILIATED TEAMS

Any teams playing against member clubs have limited Public Liability coverage

INSURANCE COVER FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Liability Insurance is not provided

Liability cover is not arranged by the RFU for schools and colleges; cover for these must be provided by the educational establishment to which they belong.

Cover for university clubs is also not included as insurance protection should be arranged by the university.



SPECIALIST TRAVEL COVER FOR PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR TEAMS - TOURS

Travel insurance is essential when taking your passion for the game around the world, and you'll want to be safe in the knowledge that your tour party has the right cover in place.

For more information go to the [Howden website](#)

the game

Fill Your Boots



How We Got Started

FYB started in October 2015, Founder Sean Phelan's club Racial Decca were struggling to field a XV each week. It was his idea to try and build a community of rugby clubs & players who would be willing to share in order to keep rugby matches from being cancelled.

Our Founder

Sean has been the social secretary, fixtures secretary, player, captain, chief cook & bottlewasher of Racial Decca RFC as well as playing junior rugby at Kingston RFC.

It All Began On Social Media

FYB started on just Facebook & Twitter in 2015 and is now followed by over 25,000 rugby fanatics across many social accounts... and now we have our own!

The Future

This FYB social network is designed to help clubs & players grow together. It has been a really tough year for the community game & now is the time to plan for the future.



the connections

Have your say

Hopefully you've enjoyed this edition of Surrey Spotlight. We'd love to hear from you! Have you got a story you'd like to share about your club, your players, your volunteers, or details about upcoming festivals or courses you're running? The deadline for copy for the next issue is end of September, but the sooner the better!

Have something instant you'd like us to share on social media? Please tag us at @surreyrugby so we're sure to see it.

Get in touch

Contact Surrey Spotlight Editor Joanna Gordon via comms@surreyrugby.org or on 077202-44555

Stay in touch

Make sure you keep up-to-date with what's happening in rugby within Surrey, find out first about any courses running and any festivals taking place - by following us on social media!

FOLLOW US:



Photos

Many of the photos in the newsletter are taken by our new Photographer John Kilby. John is happy to send you hi res digital versions of any of his photos - free of charge! Get in touch via [PHOTOGRAPHER](#)

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Thank you!



Surrey Rugby is not for profit and exists to support 30,000 players , 5,300 coaches 2,300 referees, countless volunteers and parents of Youth - all of whom contribute to making our community rugby what it is.

That's over 70,000 members across our affiliated clubs!

We are very grateful for the fantastic support of our current sponsors - without whom we could not help our clubs to Prosper and Thrive. Click on any logo to go directly to the relevant website.