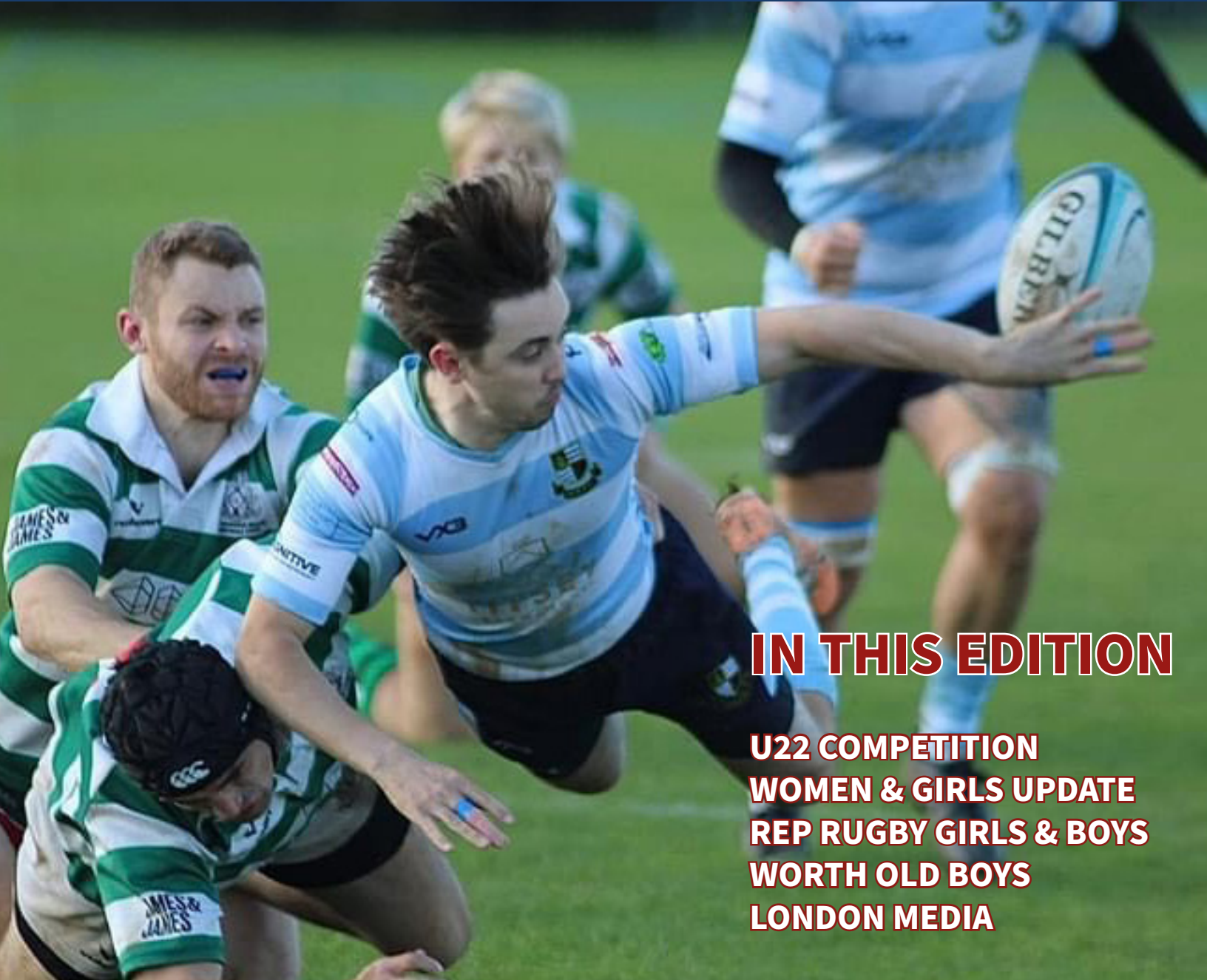


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AND THRIVE



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Warlingham's Callum Wand in full flight against Old Johnnians at Hamsey Green.
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Chat from the Chair

It only feels like last week that the 2024-25 season started and 14 weeks later we are more than halfway through the league season.

We have seen the successful implementation of Adult Player Registration across the game.

Surrey held a consultation and vote on Lower XVs entering the RFU leagues which was voted by 80% No from our Surrey clubs so this won't be implemented within the next 3 seasons.

We are seeing more walkovers across the merit leagues with player availability affecting completion rates. We are looking at innovative and flexible ways of supporting the clubs to get more games played to complete the leagues and head into the April cup structures.

We have strong and growing numbers of Age Grade Registrations showing that the youth game in Surrey is growing from strength to strength, with lots of rugby activity planned for our Boys' and Girls' clubs and schools.

The pre-Christmas tournaments are all coming to an end with over 1,000 matches facilitated by the Surrey competitions committee providing competitive playing opportunities. March and April will be packed with multiple finals across Surrey club venues so keep an eye out for our calendar and social media updates.

Representative Rugby is in full flow with the Under 17 Boys and Under 16 Girls Development Programmes running since August, and Under 18s Boys and Girls playing their first set of matches in December. The Under 20 Men's trial is being held over Christmas with matches commencing in April. Our fixtures have already been released for the Men's and Women's County Championships and we will be holding open trials for these teams later in the season.

Game Development Course numbers: We have seen 1,000 people from across the clubs sign up for RFU 1st Aid, coaching and referee courses so far this season and a further 500 attending internal Surrey-run courses. We hope you find these courses beneficial and use the required skills and knowledge to cascade back through your clubs.

The Under 22 competition starts over the Christmas period with 24 teams playing across 2 levels. We will see 24 games and over 500 players taking part in this structure. We hope that this will continue to help clubs recruit, retain and transition players from Youth to Seniors. We will be launching the Under 22 Women's tournament over the Easter period.

We are now in the run up to Christmas and the holiday period. On behalf of all the Surrey Rugby Committee I would like to thank you all for the work you do around your clubs and schools. Without committee members, coaches, referees and other key volunteers Rugby wouldn't happen. As someone who has played this fantastic game for many, many years, I have continued to be involved both at my own club, and within this great county of Surrey, to enable others to get the same enjoyment from the game that I had.

I look forward to seeing many of you across the later part of the season on my club visits or in attendance at finals days and festivals.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Yours in Rugby
Tyrone





the club

Worth Old Boys RFC



Worth Old Boys ("WOBs") were founded in 1993 by its current Chair Desmond Calnan and have been playing at their current ground at Whitely Village ever since. Their players are made up of approximately 50% old boys and 50% friends and family of alumni.

The WOBs Annual Ladies Day took place this year on the 26th of October and proved to be one of the most popular yet. Around thirty friends and guests of the club were welcomed with a glass of fizz to watch the WOBs reign victorious against the London Exiles 40-19.

The WOBs Ladies Day was organised by the club to focus engagement with its supporters and was a good excuse for a social. The game was the essence of WOBs' signature fast flowing Rugby with lots of line breaks and flair.

Following the game, the clubhouse was full of activity, with Desmond and Fixtures Secretary Dominic Robinson receiving Honda Volunteer of the Year Awards for their tireless work in supporting the club, presented by Surrey Rugby's Joanna Gordon.



Dominic Robinson & Desmond Calnan



the awards

Honda Awards

The Honda Volunteer of the Year Awards 2025 nominations will go live on Monday 6th January, with nominations to be received by no later than Friday 14th February. The awards will have three categories that people can nominate either an individual or group of volunteers for Unsung Hero, Game for All or Connecting the Community.

The nomination link will be advertised in January 2025. Please start thinking now about who of your valued volunteers you would like to nominate for any of these awards and receive recognition for their work.

Your CB committee has begun visiting clubs to present well deserved awards from last season to those who couldn't make it to our Awards evening. We will continue throughout the season, as we have quite a lot to present this year!



Shane Greig - Old Ruts



Chris Padman & Cormac Healey - Met Police



Callum Tilleray - Old Walcountians



Maureen Ahad - Old Ruts



Tom Ward - Bec Old Boys



rep rugby

Surrey Under 18 Boys



the people

Surrey Under 18 Boys



The 2024-25 campaign for the U18 Boys is well under way with two games under the belt. The first game was a home game hosted at Cobham RFC against Middlesex. We also fielded a Barbarian Team against a team consisting of Surrey/Middlesex/Hampshire players.

Surrey v Middlesex (10 - 27)
Barbarians v Hampshire (5 - 21)



Our second game was away at the Army Rugby Stadium against Sussex. This time we triumphed, beating Sussex 21-15



The U18 Boys Management, Coaching and Medical Team for this season.



Jools Goringe
Manager



Pendi Patel
Lead Coach



Nick Atkins
Lead Coach



Tom Burkett
Coach



Harry Cullum
Coach



Darrell King
Coach



Stuart James
Coach



Giles Morgan
Coach



Bryan Smith
Coach



Jane Milton
Medic



Michael Lambert
Medic



school rugby

John Fisher State School Invitational



school rugby

John Fisher State School Invitational



Now that the dust has settled, we can truly appreciate what an extraordinary event the first-ever John Fisher State School Invitational Festival turned out to be. A vision that began five years ago, driven by passion and a desire to showcase the very best of state school rugby, has finally materialised. What started as a simple idea has grown into something that I hope will become a permanent fixture in the schoolboy rugby calendar.

This tournament was not the work of just one or two people; it was a collective effort made possible by the dedication of so many. Mrs. Butterworth, Mr. Dean, and the tireless group of parents, staff, and volunteers gave their all to ensure the success of this event. Their hard work and commitment have created something that will hopefully inspire young athletes for years to come.

The heart of this festival was about more than just the competition—it was about giving a platform to state school sport, to show off the incredible talent that so often goes unnoticed. I wanted this tournament to highlight the rugby programs across the country that provide amazing opportunities to players. The talent on display from schools like John Fisher, Wimbledon College, Judd School, Ravenswood, Northampton School for Boys, Ivybridge Community College, Skinner School, Whitchurch, Campion, Lancaster RGS, Old Swinford, and Langley Park School for Boys was simply exceptional. These are some of the top state school rugby programmes in the country and the standard of rugby was nothing short of brilliant.

On Saturday, 19th October, the first game kicked off at 10:00 a.m. in the rain, but the determination and skill of the players soon brought out the sunshine. By the end of day one, every game had been fiercely competitive, with all teams vying for final positions and silverware.

Massive congratulations to Old Swinford, who have etched their name in history as the first-ever winners of this prestigious tournament. That title can never be taken away from them. Thanks to Next Gen, who live-streamed the entire tournament, we have memories to last a lifetime and a window of opportunity for these young players to shine as they pursue their rugby careers.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Conway, Jemca Toyota, Lexus, Seldon Building Contractors, Odd Job, Tutor Doctor, TackleTek, The Lions Sporting Academy, The Sporting Wine Club, DTX solutions, Titsey Taproom & Brewery, Oyster Partnership, Return to Play, Grays International, Veo, and Next Gen were all instrumental in bringing this festival to life. I'd also like to give a special thanks to our main sponsor and John Fisher alumnus, Peter Bennet, whose unwavering support ensured that financial barriers did not prevent teams from participating. With Peter's help, we were able to provide accommodation for all teams travelling from afar, making sure that everyone had the chance to take part in this unique and wonderful experience.

What we've achieved here is something truly special. When we first began, just the three of us, it felt like we might have bitten off more than we could chew. But thanks to persistence, hard work, and the incredible support of the Fisher Family, we were able to create something magical, something that has touched the lives of so many. And this is just the beginning.

Next year, we're aiming to grow the tournament to include 16 teams, and we are also looking to introduce a girls' tournament—another step towards inclusivity and opportunity for all in state school rugby.

I am deeply passionate about the state sector, and alongside Andrew and Kirsty, we are committed to continuing this journey, providing these opportunities year after year. So, keep your ears open for the next tournament, come down to support the amazing talent in state school rugby and watch these players—who give their all week in and week out—continue to thrive.

Thank you again to everyone involved. This tournament is a testament to what we can achieve when we come together, and I couldn't be prouder. Let's keep this momentum going and continue to grow the legacy of the John Fisher State School Invitational Festival.

Tom Street
Director of Wider Participation & Healthy Living, The John Fisher school



the game

U22 Competition

The annual Surrey Under 22 Competition returns this Christmas period. Anthony Shenton and Phil Smith were the brains behind this concept when their sons finished playing Colts and were looking for a rugby structure that could accommodate players who didn't want to go straight into senior rugby.

There will be 36 teams split across three levels of 12. The structure sees 4 pools of 3 play at 4 venues. Each pool will have 3 x 40 minute matches the same evening.

The finals will all take place on Easter Monday when all teams will play in a waterfall version of their placings in the Christmas pools.

This tournament is into its 20th year and is an integral part of Surrey's strategy in recruiting and retaining players from youth transitioning into Senior Rugby.

It allows clubs to keep links with players who are at university, working or even in gap years and brings four cohorts of former Colts back together.

Over 500 players take part in this annual competition.

Keep an eye out for the dates of each pool and pop out over the Christmas period to get your festive rugby fix. The Under 22 competition regularly attracts crowds of over 1,000 across the day at the Easter finals.



Defending champions Sutton & Epsom will look to retain their trophy for a 3rd year running



Chair Tyrone Lawless with Under 22 tournament managers and creators Phil Smith & Anthony Shenton

the game

U22 Competition

JOHN DOUGLAS CUP

Pool A
Sutton & Epsom
Wimbledon
Hamptonians

Pool B
Cobham
Guildford
Dorking

Pool C
Reeds Weybridge
Wimbledonians
Farnham

Pool D
Barnes
Richmond
Camberley

SMITH-SHENTON SHIELD

Pool A
Esher
Old Ruts
London Irish

Pool B
Haslemere
Cranleigh
Chobham

Pool C
Edenbridge
Old Reigatian
Old Emanuel

Pool D
London Welsh
Teddington
Twickenham

DEVELOPMENT CUP

Effingham
Battersea
Chipstead
Trinity
Warlingham





the rewards

Volunteer Rewards

We are delighted to be able to offer rewards to a limited number of volunteers throughout the season. We do this by picking nominees off our Honda Nominations list, both for clubs and for county. Everyone below went to the internationals held at Twickenham this Autumn and enjoyed pre-match hospitality either with our RFU Rep in the Spirit of Rugby or in the Honda hospitality tent.



Carole Wickes & Mike Vandenberg - Chobham



Martin Giraud & Greg Drain - Streatham-Croydon



Piers Cushing & Will Fawcett - Old Cranleighans



Nic Churchill & Sarah Macey - Cranleigh



Giles Morgan & Nick Atkins - Surrey Coaches



Hannah Thompson - Surrey Coach and lucky raffle winner who got two tickets!



the rewards

Volunteer Rewards

As well as volunteers going to internationals we hosted past Presidents of Surrey for a Christmas lunch, sent one of our Honda finalists to watch the England Men's team train at Pennyhill Park and hosted Surrey sponsor Enigma in the Spirit of Rugby.



Surrey Discipline team on a night out at the Stoop watching Quins - and not a red card in sight



Raffle winner and Surrey Coach Darrell King took his son Paddy to the Japan game



Sarah Macey at Pennyhill Park



The Surrey Women's Network was relaunched at the Japan game with many key female volunteers



Some of us were still around for this photo opportunity!



Our Chair hosting sponsors Enigma - Glen Webley and Lee Bradbury



rep rugby

Surrey U16 Girls



the people

Surrey U16 Girls

It was a very muddy first outing at Dorking RFC against Kent for the start of the U16 Girls representative Rugby season but everyone was delighted the girls managed to get plenty of game time.

The girls will continue to train regularly in the new year, working hard with their dedicated team of coaches. Their upcoming games are on 23rd February and 6th April.

Players were selected from a wide range of Surrey clubs; Farnham, Old Reigatians, Chobham, Old Ruts, Wimbledon, Cobham, Bracknell, Guildford, Dorking, Sutton & Epsom, Guildfordians, Ironsides, Camberley and Reeds Weybridge.



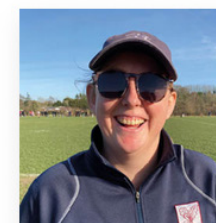
The U16 Girls Management, Coaching and Medical Team for this season.



Manager
Jacqui McGreal



Head Coach
Graham Shaw



Lead Coach
Hannah
Thompson



Coach
Rob Agnew



Coach
James Bunting



Coach
Valentina
Bianchetto



Coach
Andy Dickin



Athletic Coach
Lucy Hoad



Coach
Jacko



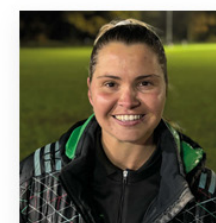
Backs Coach
Jayne Meadows



Coach
Rich McGinn



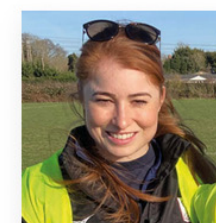
Coach
Ellis Powell



Coach
Emogene
Sutton



Medic
Callum Stone



Medic
Colette Goveia



the club

London Media Podcast

Thinking of giving podcasting a try? The surprising lessons you might learn.



At the beginning of this season, London Media RFC launched its very own podcast, 'Lean On' with the aim of connecting with players, supporters, and anyone a little bit 'London Media curious'.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/0Z82dbwbKq9Xu9fDTSkaNv?si=31e29d9771d64de2>

Rugby podcasts are everywhere. If you ask around any rugby club, you'll find plenty of players and supporters who listen on a regular basis to mainstream pods. Some are hosted by big name ex-players, some by amateur enthusiasts.

But does it work for small grassroot clubs? We would say unequivocally 'yes'.

Podcasts offer a far more interactive platform than club websites, most of which are passive information platforms. Social media (Instagram, X etc) work well for news updates (team lists, results etc), but they cannot tell authentic stories in the same way as a podcast.

In many ways, the rugby community is the ideal audience base for podcasts. Anyone who's ever stuck their head in a scrum, ruck or maul and experienced the joy (and the pain) of a game of rugby, shares a unique bond with their rugby brothers and sisters, irrespective of ability. And for years, rugby players have loved telling stories about their games and tours - some of which may even be true.

So, alongside the day-to-day rugby news emanating from every club (fixtures, results, events etc), there is a wealth of content from its players and ex-players, ready to be tapped and telling the unique story of your club.



the club

London Media Podcast

WHAT'S REQUIRED AND SOME TIPS

It starts with enthusiasm for the idea. It needs commitment from a handful of individuals in the club. But most clubs will find that within your player pool lie people who already have some knowledge of the basics. And with a little bit of research, it's surprisingly easy to get started, even for 57-year-old novices like me. Some key points to get started:

- There are free platforms for recording, editing and distribution of your pod - and they can be promoted via your existing social media channels and WhatsApp groups.
- Don't be too ambitious at the start. Monthly pods give plenty of time to do an interview and edit it.
- It doesn't need to sound overly professional either. Rough and ready can sometimes be more fun.
- Keep asking the club members for content ideas. It's their pod, after all.
- Always make sure you stay within music copyright rules!

THE SURPRISING RESULTS

So far, we've published 9 podcasts. Most are interviews with different players or ex-players. There's a lot of banter and as you might expect, plenty of times when players are 'thrown under the bus' by their mates. It has been a lot of fun.

However, what we didn't expect was quite how many times the interviews touch on serious subjects that impact on today's players. The importance of mental health is a constant theme, especially amongst players under 30. London Media RFC is based in Battersea, and for us the pod has shone a light of the challenges younger players face when moving into London for the first time and the vital role our club can play in that adjustment. For those of us of a more advanced age, it's completely changed our perceptions of what makes our younger players 'tick' and what the club needs to provide to support them. It's taught us how the 'DNA' of the club has changed and evolved.

The pod has also provided a platform to re-engage with old players and the club's alumni, some of whom now live overseas. It has reconnected many people with a club though which they created many happy memories - especially notable when we recount old tours!

And vitally in today's challenging recruitment landscape, it is becoming a source of new players. It does take a while to 'grow' an audience, but so far, we have achieved nearly 1,000 platform plays and engagement is ticking up.

IN SUMMARY

We've loved our podcast journey so far ... and if you can commit to producing one on a regular basis, we'd say give it a try.

Yes, it's fun to produce and entertaining for listeners, but far more importantly can provide you with a far better understanding of your club's culture, its unique attributes and what stories you need to tell to find new players and hopefully, keep them.

Mike Jefferies - Chairman (and podcast host)
London Media RFC



rep rugby

Surrey U18 Girls



the people

Surrey Under 18 Girls

Hosting Kent at Old Reigatians on 1st December, Surrey U18 Girls began their campaign with a resounding win 21 -14.

The girls will continue to train regularly in the new year, working hard with their dedicated team of coaches. They next play Kent on 12th January and will have another playing opportunity on 16th February.

Clubs represented by the girls are Old Ruts, Old Reigatian, Cobham, Camberley, Guildfordians, Guildford, Farnham, Dorking, London Irish Amateur and Sutton & Epsom .



The Under 18 Girls Management, Coaching and Medical Team for this season.



Manager
Jacqui McGreal



Programme Lead
Graham Shaw



Head Coach
Andy Dickin



Coach
Andy Penniceard



Coach
Hannah Trafford-Deary



Medic
Colette Goveia



Medic
Callum Stone

Upcoming Rep Rugby Games

Other dates to put in the diary for Rep Rugby in 2025 are:

Surrey U20 Men - 26th April vs Essex, 10th May vs Middlesex, 24th May Divisional Final, 7th June SW Semi Final, 21st June Final
Surrey Men - 17th May vs Sussex, 24th May vs Berkshire, 31st May vs Dorset & Wilts, 7th June Semi Final, 21st June Final
Surrey Women - 18th May vs Warwickshire, 25th May vs Buckinghamshire, 1st June vs Kent, 21st June Gill Burns Final

the opportunity

Women & Girls

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM!

We're looking for a Strategic Lead for Women and Girls



Surrey's Strategic Plan runs alongside the RFU and World Rugby focus on growing the Women's and Girls' sections. To that end, Surrey Rugby are looking for a new Strategic Lead to grow the Women's Game through this season and into next year as part their 3 year plan.

It will be a huge opportunity to grow this area with the Women's home rugby World Cup in September 2025.

Responsibilities for a Strategic Lead will be:

- 1) Cascade RFU coms both ways to clubs and back up to RFU
- 2) Run a Women's Day for Surrey Cups in April 2025 where Surrey teams play each other at one venue, all for separate trophies (like a varsity feel)
- 3) Support relaunch of Surrey Women's 7s in June 2025
- 4) Grow the Women's Network Group focussing on all areas of the game to influence clubs to work together and share best ideas and practices on shaping the game on and off the pitch
- 5) Deliver a Surrey Women's President's match in September 2025 as part of the World Cup launch with players below the level of Women's CB side
- 6) Launch a Surrey Women's Vets team for over 35s v a local CB, again in September 2025 as part of the World Cup build up
- 7) Support the running of an Under 23 Women one day festival at Easter 2025
- 8) Support RFU growth of more women:
 - Coaches
 - Refs
 - Club Leaders
 - CB Reps
- 9) Support the provision of better facilities for women across Surrey clubs

IN 2027, RUGBY UNION IN ENGLAND WILL BE THRIVING

WOMEN AND GIRLS WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY ACCESS RUGBY AND PLAY IN A WAY THAT IS ENJOYABLE AND AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THEIR LIVES

PEOPLE ACROSS ENGLAND WILL WATCH AND SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL ENGLAND TEAMS, AND FEEL CONNECTED TO THE RED ROSES

OUR FEMALE ROLE MODELS AND LEADERS WILL BE REACHABLE AND VISIBLE AND IN A POSITION TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE GENERATION

MEANINGFUL PROFIT FROM THE WOMEN'S GAME WILL BE RE-INVESTED INTO THE GAME'S GRASSROOTS, TO ENSURE FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY AND SUCCESS

10) Liaise with the RFU to ensure the competition offering for Women's rugby matches the needs for all levels of the game and the calendar reflects all concepts.

If you believe you have the skills and experience, passion and time to take on this role working alongside a team already in place, then contact county Chair Tyrone Lawless for more details.

EVERY ROSE
2021-2027

ACCELERATING THE GROWTH OF THE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' GAME



the game

Walking Rugby

ESHER BISHOPS GO INTERNATIONAL - The Terenure Ten kickstart Walking Rugby in Ireland

Through a Bishops player's family connections in Dublin, we learnt that Walking Rugby was unknown in Dublin, and in Ireland as a whole. We also learnt that top Dublin club Terenure College RFC was very interested in giving it a try. A weekend in Dublin enjoying Irish hospitality was never going to be a difficult sell and pretty soon we had a touring party of ten signed up.

A couple of months' detailed planning later, the Bishops party set off on Friday 15th November for a weekend in Dublin. Objective - to kick start Walking Rugby in Ireland the next day in a curtain raiser to Terenure College's All Ireland Division 1A match against Garryowen.

Any illusions we'd harboured about this being a doddle against inexperienced opposition were soon shattered, as Terenure fielded a squad with four former first team players, and packed with great passing, handling and positional skills. Bishops countered with greater specific WR experience, and the net result was a fast, thrilling and high-quality draw ending with two tries each. A highlight was a Murphy on Murphy match up in midfield, as their's met our's in an involuntary midfield cuddle.

Terenure were magnificent hosts. We were treated to a post-match case of their own branded beer in the changing room and a bottle of Irish single malt, a table of honour at the pre-match lunch and a mention in the official match day programme.

A formal exchange of gifts was made during the pre-match lunch, and an Esher shield will feature on Terenure's trophy wall from now on.

In boozy post-match bonding, both sides agreed this was to be an annual event, that Terenure would come to Molesey Road next year and that they'd organise their own Dublin WR festival next year with our assistance.

The RFU were unavailable for comment as to whether this first Anglo-Irish WR match was to be given a capped international status, but we can dream.

Job done, objectives met and ten Bishops happy but shattered back home.





rep rugby

Surrey Mighty Oaks

Any men over 35 interested in playing for Surrey Vets team the Surrey Mighty Oaks? There's a game being held on Boxing Day against Cobham Allstars! Get in touch with Bric Tyson via: bric.tyson@gmail.com

Festive Vets Rugby Match
The Big Boxing Day Bash 2024

Cobham Allstars vs Surrey Oaks

26th December | KO 11:30 AM | Cobham RFC | Bar Open
All Support Welcome

Russell Cooke **AKUMA KNS** **NOTTER'S BIKES & BEERS**

Cobham Venue: Cobham Rugby Football Club, Memorial Ground, Fairmile Lane, Cobham, KT11 2BU

MATCH DETAILS

Date: Thursday 26th December 2024

Opposition: Cobham RFC
Format: 2 x 35-minute periods
Venue: Cobham Rugby Club
Address: Fairmile Lane, Cobham, KT11 2BU

Team Information:
Meet Time: 10:30 AM
Surrey Shirts Provided - bring Club socks
Kick-off: 11:30 AM

Post-Match Amenities:
Hot meal available
Bar open: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Post-Match:
The clubhouse after the game, providing a great chance to catch up before the NY!



The game on Boxing Day last year

the support

Club Development



RFU HELPFUL LINKS

How are the facilities and grounds at your club? If you have any issues, we're here to help. Not only can we connect you with the right people to offer advice and support, we have also set aside funding to cover four areas of club development: Facilities Improvement, Grounds Improvement, Environmental Sustainability and a Small Grants Programme with grants of up to £500.

Some of this expenditure needs to be in line with our Surrey Rugby's Six Pillars. If it is, it has a higher chance of being successful. The specific Pillars are:

- 1) Pillar 2 - 3-year strategic priority to help clubs "prosper and thrive", and deliver a quality rugby experience for all
- 2) Pillar 3 - Support our clubs to ensure facilities and grounds are fit for purpose
- 3) Pillar 4 - Make our game safer and support player well-being

Your application should also be in line with other RFU objectives at any point in time

Your application should be for:

- Small facility related projects
- Ground maintenance projects
- Other projects or initiatives designed to develop the game of rugby within the local community
- Partial funding of a capital project/initiative where funds have also been obtained from other sources

Your club will need to be:

- Affiliated to Surrey County RFU
- Eligible for RFU/Surrey Rugby funding (e.g. not in contravention of Rule 7 - Payment of players)
- Without assets which could reasonably be used (eg reserves)

You will need to provide the following:

- A written overview of the project/initiative detailing how the funding will benefit the club and development of the game within the community on an ongoing basis
- Cashflow forecasts for the next 12 months. Fill in the template provided or provide the information in your own format
- Copies of the last two years audited accounts
- Copy of the bank statements at the accounts date
- Three quotes for the project
- If a loan, a timescale for repayment

To apply for a Grant go to our website [HERE](#) and fill in some initial details to see if you meet our criteria. If you'd rather have a chat first contact Joanna Gordon on ClubDevelopment@surreyrugby.co.uk or 07720 244555.

the rugby

Surrey Youth Competitions

Congratulations to the following clubs on winning their Surrey Youth pre-Christmas leagues. Thirty-six clubs per age group were split up into 6 leagues of 6 and played 5 games each for the league trophy. Surrey reformatted the competitions offering this season with a structure to match the club and schools calendar with lower player availability.

Post Christmas will see the return of the Quins cup for 15/16 and Colts and waterfall cups for 12/13/14 Boys.

COLTS

- League 1: Rosslyn Park A
- League 2: Old Cranleighan
- League 3: Twickenham
- League 4: London Irish
- League 5: Weybridge Vandals
- League 6: Farnham B

UNDER 16

- League 1: Dorking A
- League 2: London Irish
- League 3: Cobham
- League 4: Old Wimbledonians
- League 5: Wimbledon B
- League 6: Cranleigh

UNDER 15

- League 1: Old Reigatian A
- League 2: Wimbledon A
- League 3: Weybridge Vandals A
- League 4: Guildfordians
- League 5: Hampstead A
- League 6: Wimbledon B

Values Festivals

Surrey held 2 Values Festivals per age group in October and November where around 30 teams per age group attended each one and played 4 matches in a non streamed mixed ability fun environment. Festivals were held at Richmond, Esher, Chobham, Staines and Old Reigatians.

Over 2,700 players played across the values formats and all had fun playing to the RFU Code of Conduct and playing philosophy endorsed in the RFU Codes of Practice.

the exposure

Front Cover Fame!

You may have spotted that our front cover this edition was a little different! We put out a call for all of you to send in any great pics you'd taken for us to pick one for the front cover. Thanks so much for your submissions and, whilst our winner is obviously on the front cover, below are our two runners up. Send your pics in to be in with a chance of featuring in the next edition.



Camberley RFC -We love this picture as it pretty much sums up what Rugby is to us, it's tough, it hurts but the friendships formed will last a lifetime . Vicky Wilson



Bec Old Boys RFC - fabulous line out shot taken by club member Rhys Lupton.

Presidents Galore!

No less than seven Past Presidents joined current President John Pownall and members of the current committee at a Christmas Lunch to celebrate everything Surrey Rugby (l-r) Paul Agate, Terry Long, John Pownall, Trevor Sokell, Keith Heal, Janice Anastasi and David Doonan.

It was a great opportunity to discuss what's been going on in and around the county, what's changing within the Rugby world and reminisce on the past. We look ahead to our 150th Anniversary in a few years' time.





the club

London Irish Amateurs



Contrary to popular belief, rugby in Sunbury has not come to an end following the departure of London Irish from the Premiership. Grassroots rugby is alive and well! London Irish Amateurs have not been impacted by the turmoil of the professional game and continue to play our part in offering rugby for all in the community.

Whilst there is a lot of confusion in the media about what's going on with London Irish, it is business as usual for us amateur folk. Thankfully, some 25 years ago Surrey Rugby, through the good offices of

John Vale and others, facilitated the creation of an independent amateur club to stand alongside the emerging professional rugby team. Starting at the bottom of the leagues under the careful tutelage of London Irish stalwarts such as Alex Newbury and currently Joe Byrne, we worked our way up to Thames Regional 2. Plus, through the efforts of Mary Fyffe we now have vibrant Ladies' rugby sides both at youth and at adult as The Emeralds.

Having lived alongside the Premiership team over the last 25 years we have had to strive to maintain our amateur heritage. In 2014 we secured a foothold in their world-class training facility created for professional rugby at Hazelwood, just a mile down the road from our original home at the Avenue. As tenants we now face the future with an ambitious plan to secure the grassroots game that we all love and cherish.

As the ground is up for sale and as we are the sitting tenants, London Irish Amateurs have formed an exciting partnership to create a Community Sports Hub, serving not only the local community but the entire London Borough of Spelthorne and across north-west Surrey. Comprising LIARFC, Brentford FC Community Sports Trust and London GAA we have submitted a bid to the Administrator to buy the freehold. We have already kicked off and from November we are sharing our grounds with soccer and Gaelic games as we bring life to our vision.

Hopefully, we can also continue to offer Surrey Rugby opportunities to use these facilities for county activities. Plus, we aim to continue sharing this 53-acre facility with elite rugby sides such as the Roses and GBSevens, and also visiting international teams, all of whom use Hazelwood during the day as a training base.

Our aim is to protect this blessed plot set in the county of Surrey, this earth, these playing fields, this rugby realm for those that follow us. In doing so, we will secure scarce public playing spaces for the area not only for rugby but for the national game and a host of other sporting activities including Gaelic football and hurling and the local Park run. Surely, a noble cause?

If you would like to learn more about our proposal, please contact us at president@liarfc.co.uk

Chris Kane, President London Irish Amateur RFC.



the opportunities

Roles at Surrey Rugby



Want to be a part of the Surrey Rugby family? Love volunteering your time to bring on and support players and teams? We'd love to hear from you.

The following roles are now open for applications:

- Assistant Coach Women's
- Team Manager U20 Men's
- Team Manager Men's
- Lead Coach Men's
- Team Manager Women's
- Assistant Coach Men's
- Lead Coach U20 Men's
- Assistant Coach U20 Men's



Please go to [NEWS/VACANCIES AT SURREY RUGBY](#) on our website to download full details of roles and responsibilities.

Candidates should send a letter of application to John Simmonds - Head of Rep Rugby Performance and Coach Development (coachdevelopment@surreyrugby.co.uk). Please:

- 1) State how your experiences to date have prepared you for this role
- 2) The impact you will have on those you coach/manage
- 3) Attach your Rugby CV.



The application process will close on 20 January 2025. Successful candidates will be appointed for a period of two years subject to an annual review, with an option to extend for a further two years by mutual consent.

the priorities

Update on Pillar 1

This quarter the Surrey committee had an interactive planning meeting focussing on Pillar Priority 1: Here is a summary of the meeting discussion and actions/targets set.

Surrey Rugby Strategic Priorities
2024-2026

PILLAR 1

Retention of 14-23 year old male players in the game.

1. Help clubs create a better playing experience for players.
2. Support clubs to recruit players at Youth and Seniors
3. Support clubs with a retention plan to keep players playing
4. Aid clubs to transition players from Youth to Senior Rugby
5. Help clubs to make the game experience more innovative and flexible to match the needs of the players.
6. Support clubs by delivering better coaching.
7. Support clubs with their refereeing CPD.
8. Coach & Referee Mentors
9. Support clubs to make better links with local universities and establish systems to recruit and retain players into clubs and deliver a better playing experience for this cohort.
10. Support clubs with schools activities, including after school clubs, and running training/ festivals at clubs whilst offering rugby to non traditional Rugby playing schools.

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

A: Rugby Development:

Continue to support the adult male game recovery focussing on transition from Colts into Seniors ensuring the playing offer reflects the local needs, whilst retaining players and providing playing opportunities for Vets and non traditional Rugby offerings such as Tag/Touch and Walking Rugby

B: Referees

Recruit, retain and further develop Referees working alongside the Referee's Society, with particular focus on Young Match Officials.

C: Coaching

Recruit, retain and further develop Club Coaches and ensure our CPD offering is varied and flexible, whilst providing mentors to support their development.

D: Representative Pathways

1. Ensure our representative pathway and framework provide high quality coaching and playing experiences for all qualifying players within the county.
2. Form strong cohesive links with the Academy and divisional pathway partners to ensure multiple entry and exit points for players to be given full opportunity to reach their potential and be kept in the game.

the priorities

Update on Pillar 1

E: Age Grade & Education

1. Provide Rugby activity, competitions and regulation guidance for Minis & Junior Boys and Girls ensuring our offering reflects the playing philosophy and Age Grade Codes of Practice.
2. Work alongside our educational partners to ensure the playing offer is proportionate to player needs and steer clubs and schools to be aligned to the Age Grade Calendar requirements.
3. Improve clubs/schools/academies relationships by increasing liaison opportunities.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS TO TAKE FORWARD

Referees

1. Run a third session 12 weeks on as a follow up to Take Up The Whistle course.
2. Support clubs to have Club Referee Mentors and we could possibly supply a separate colour shirt, saying Surrey Club Referee Mentor.
3. Ensure for each Take Up The Whistle cohort to have a WhatsApp group sharing best practice and coms.
4. Collect the details of all Referees who have completed a Take Up The Whistle course on to a master sheet data base by clubs.

Coaches

1. Encourage clubs to utilise Coaches coming out of Colts to coach U22 and up into Seniors or support Juniors in the pyramid U12 system again.
2. Encourage clubs to share best practice between age groups at the end of each season (CRC to drive)
3. Continue pushing England Rugby coaching courses and county CPD courses and encourage the coaches to share best practice.

Vets

1. Consider looking at Over 35 & Over 45 comps offerings
2. Encourage clubs to reach out to Mini and Junior parents with Touch offerings and look to recruit parents into Vets.
3. Look at Vets' calendar to schedule matches at different times to Lower XV matches to help share players.

U22

1. Continue what we are doing with the tournament over Christmas and Easter

University & Colleges:

1. Looks at links into local universities for local clubs to offer playing opportunities to players at uni
2. Run a Surrey floodlight local uni night or day/night with local clubs invited to look at recruiting players.
3. Contact each local university for the head of rugby's details.
4. Look at what non contact form of touch universities are playing and look at opportunities to link with the community and clubs.
5. Pre & post Christmas comps
6. Support schools with non contact T1 offering .
7. Look at ways of supporting clubs with retaining players U12/16/Colts as these are the key years of player drop outs.

Update on Pillar 1

Reserve Leagues

1. Continue promoting Game On and innovative playing opportunities
2. Promote cluster groups to share players between clubs.
3. Offer Pitch Up and Play Barbarians v Nomads (President's v Chair's Surrey kit) to allow playing opportunities for those who have no game that weekend by league once a month.
4. Share recruitment material with clubs from RFU website and support with advice on how to make clubs appealing and friendly to all players.
5. Continue to run triangular fixtures with 3/4 teams at each venue playing shortened games sharing refs and medics once a month to support players getting games.

RFU leagues

1. Push ROC to look at the playing calendar with start of season and ensuring regional and county fixtures are aligned.

7s

1. Ensure clubs are supported with regs and procedures on hosting requirements
2. Create a county summer calendar promoting clubs 7s Festivals
3. Relaunch Surrey 7s and summer floodlit 7s series for Surrey clubs with no external commercial teams entered.
4. Discipline Team to look at best practice/advice on managing behaviour and code of conduct at festivals.

Touch Rugby

1. T1 to be promoted on the website through RFU section
2. Support schools with T1 option.
3. Look for a county Touch Lead to support this area and link up with Carolyn Flowers and other CB leads.
4. Don't promote or advertise England Touch options but it's up to clubs if they still want to play that option.

Walking Rugby

1. Continue to support clubs to offer Walking Rugby for over 50s but not exclusive to this age group.
2. Promote on website
3. Continue to run annual festival/tournament.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Share guide & policies in all age groups and Senior comps leagues.
2. Discipline Team to look at this throughout the season and advise clubs how best to manage internally.

Age Grade

1. Continue to do what we're doing with pre & post Christmas comps
2. Support schools with non contact T1 offering .
3. Look at ways of supporting clubs at retaining players U12/16/Colts as these are the key years of player drop outs.

It's a knockout

Following the completion of the Adult league season at the end of March for levels 5-12. We will be relaunching the CB knockout leagues for Reserve teams and Vets teams.

We have split teams into levels with 12 teams in 4 pools of 3 where teams will play 2 pool matches and everyone will make the appropriate semi final level with a 50% chance of making a CB knockout final.

We will also be running the CB cups for teams in the RFU leagues alongside the Papa John Cup and details of this and the entry link will be sent out to clubs in January 2025.

Surrey Knockout Salver (2 x 40 Minute Pool games)						
12 th April 2025	Fixture	Team	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
R1: 14:45	1 v 2	Team 1	Battersea 2	Wimbledon 2	Camberley 2	Dorking 2
R2: 15:30	2 v 3	Team 2	Richmond 4	Kew Occasionals	London Irish 2	Barnes 2
R3: 16:15	3 v 1	Team 3	Civil Service 2	Farnham 2	Esher 3	Belsize Park 2
Surrey Rugby Knockout Tankard (2 x 40 Minute Pool games)						
12 th April 2025	Fixture	Team	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
R1: 14:45	1 v 2	Team 1	Pacific Islanders	Sutton & Epsom 2	Cobham 2	Chobham 2
R2: 15:30	2 v 3	Team 2	Old Reigatian 2	KCS 2	Weybridge Vandals 2	Rosslyn Park 5
R3: 16:15	3 v 1	Team 3	Guildford 2	Horley	Old Ruts 2	Old Haileyburians 2
Surrey Rugby Knockout Barrel (2 x 40 Minute Pool games)						
12 th April 2025	Fixture	Team	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
R1: 14:45	1 v 2	Team 1	Old Tiffs 2	Teddington 2	Battersea 4	Bec Old Boys 2
R2: 15:30	2 v 3	Team 2	Chipstead 2	Law Society 2	Old Walcounatian 2	Farnham 3
R3: 16:15	3 v 1	Team 3	Barnes 3	Old Cats 2	Reeds Weybridge 2	Lightwater
Surrey Rugby Knockout Pitcher (2 x 40 Minute Pool games)						
12 th April 2025	Fixture	Team	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
R1: 14:45	1 v 2	Team 1	Old Wimbledonian 2	Bec Old Boys 3	Sutton & Epsom 3	London Media 2
R2: 15:30	2 v 3	Team 2	Old Whits 2	PJF 2	Kingston 2	Battersea 5
R3: 16:15	3 v 1	Team 3	Chobham 3	Staines 2	Dorking 3	Cranleigh 2

Surrey Rugby Vets Presidents Cup						
Date	Fixture	Team	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
R1: 14 th Dec 24	1 v 2	Team 1	Barnes	Farnham	Guildford	Richmond
R2: 1 st March 25	2 v 3	Team 2	Weybridge Vandals	Esher	Old Pauline & OC's	Cobham
R3: 29 th March 25	3 v 1	Team 3	Dorking	KCS	London Irish	Sutton & Epsom
Surrey Rugby Vets Chairmans Cup						
Date	Fixture	Team	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
R1: 14 th Dec 24	1 v 2	Team 1	Old Reigatian	Quins Ams	Fish & Chips	Trinity
R2: 1 st March 25	2 v 3	Team 2	Wimbledon	Bec OB	London Exiles	Haslemere
R3: 29 th March 25	3 v 1	Team 3	Reeds Weybridge	Battersea	Cranleigh	Reigate

the game

Coaches' corner

We've already seen over 1,000 places for club and school coaches filled on coaches courses across the season from Minis Tag, First Contact through to ERCA and advanced coaching course.

Over 30 surrey coaches have signed up to the DOR course.

We have around 30 taking part in the mentoring qualification.

The summer coaching conference saw coaches from all levels attend for the day.

We've also seen Zion Sports deliver pitchside coaching CPD sessions focussing on scrums, lineouts, kickoffs and new law interpretations with coaches and players in attendance.

Collaboration with Middlesex has seen coaches attend workshops firmpeivioles of attack, defense and scrum half and kicking masterclasses.

Workshops planned for the new year include pitch side values and philosophy.

We also have specialist sessions for Strength and Condition and Nutritional Advice planned in.

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Rugbysafe

RugbySafe is the RFU's overarching player safety and wellbeing programme.

It puts player welfare at the heart of the game and covers how to organise and manage the game so that it is played in a safe and enjoyable manner. We know that prevention is better than cure.

The Safeguarding Audit for 2024 is now live and can be completed in the 'Organisation Profile' module under the 'Questionnaire' tab in GMS. The audit is mandatory for any club who offers Age Grade activities, or who wish to have 17-year olds playing up into the adult game, in line with Regulation 21.

Risk Assessments:

Howden are the RFU brokers of Club Liability insurance, and here to help members, clubs and staff work together to minimise risk and help make sure rugby is safe - on and off the pitch - for everyone. Visit Club Risk Assessments to complete a risk assessment for your club or for further information on risk and insurance, visit our Insurance Centre.

Please make sure you update your GMS Golden Roles section with rugby safe/ safeguarding leads and complete the annual audit in line.



First Aid Courses

Surrey Rugby still have over seventy-five First Aid Vouchers to allocate to individuals, or up to 12 per club.

If you are interested please contact [Holly Faulkner](#) or [Tyrone Lawless](#) through the website for more details.



Senior RFU Leagues

Update on Senior RFU Leagues Christmas 2024

As we approach the Christmas period we can take a snapshot of where we are season-to-date, which is generally the halfway point of a league season.

League tables and results are available on the RFU fixtures and results page as well as finding the links on the Surrey competitions section of the web site.

The leagues started in 1987 and have grown and levelled out over the years with various restructures taking place to accommodate new teams, national leagues and localised travel.

The latest restructure happened three seasons ago with Surrey clubs involved at every level from Level 2 down to 11 following the loss of London Irish in the Premiership and Richmond's relegation from the Championship to the National leagues.

NATIONAL 1

Richmond is currently top of the league and unbeaten with Rosslyn Park competitively sitting above mid table. Esher is currently second from bottom but has a game in hand.

NATIONAL 2

Both Barnes and Dorking are sitting near the top and both are in contention for promotion.

REGIONAL 1

Wimbledon and Camberley are sitting third and fourth in the league and chasing London Welsh and Jersey, the early pace setters.

REGIONAL 2

Surrey sides are spread across three Regional 2 Leagues, with all league winners getting promotion to Regional 1.

Farnham is top of South Central.

Chobham sits mid table.

Guildford is second from bottom.

Battersea & Reeds Weybridge are competing at the top of South East 2.

Sutton & Epsom, Tiffins and Reigate are mid table.

London Irish is fifth in Thames 2 with Teddington tenth after promotion last season.

COUNTIES 1

Four points currently separate Old Ruts in first place from Weybridge Vandals in fifth. Haileyburians are currently sitting bottom below two Sussex teams.

Senior RFU Leagues

COUNTIES 2

Old Cats are 5 points clear from Old Wimbledonians at the top. Kingston and Old Blues are in the relegation zone.

COUNTIES 3

Worth Old Boys sit top on 47 points above Hamptonians and Georgians. Warlingham and London Media currently in the bottom two.

COUNTIES 4

Haslemere is unbeaten 10/10 ahead of Glynorians in second place. Old Paulines and London French are currently struggling at the foot of the table.

COUNTIES 5

Staines is on a 100% win record with Woking and Guildfordians battling for second spot.

Bric Tyson
ROC Member Surrey Rugby

Surrey Vice President

Each year, in recognition for many years of dedicated service to the great game, a select few very deserving club volunteers are nominated to become an Honorary Surrey Vice President. Those nominees are put to the Surrey committee and voted on. Several were awarded this year and now Surrey committee members have begun going around the county presenting these prestigious awards.

Here Joanna Gordon of Surrey Rugby presents Jermy Isaacs of Reeds Weybridge with his award. Ed Peters (Chair) gave a great overview of his long and illustrious involvement with the club.



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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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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?

Have something instant you'd like us to share on social media? Got coaching roles to fill? Email comms@surreyrugby.co.uk or tag us at [@surreyrugby](https://twitter.com/surreyrugby) so we're sure to see it. We get an average of 70k views of our social media channels and website each month.

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! We're the most followed county in the country on Instagram!

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Photos

Many of the photos in the newsletter are taken by our 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.

Lots of the Women and Girls photos are taken by Gail Fogarty Photography. You can view all images taken, and buy the high resolution photos very reasonably, via the Events section of her client gallery at www.gailfogarty.co.uk. The password is Surrey RFU.