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Fairford RFU Junior and Mini Newsletter

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FairFest 19th / 20th / 21st August – Walnut Tree Park, Fairford



All profit from this year's Fairfest event is going to Fairford RFU who will 'sponsor' the Children and Young Persons play area on Saturday 20 August in Walnut Tree Park. There will be various activities, including a rugby corner, den building, craft sessions etc. Please come along and support this event whilst enjoying a refreshment or two. The children's activities will be run by our gang of happy volunteers!

News from the Youth Chairman – Scott Cohoon

Fairford rugby club relationship with Farmors School continues to flourish. A very successful meeting was held between Mr. Paul Hockey and the New PE rugby teacher Mr. Lloyd King. The positive news to come from this meeting was that they ensured me that they had good numbers in years 8, 9 and 10 with lots of talented rugby individuals. They have allowed FRFC to work a lot closer to the school with a view to all rugby enthusiasts joining FRFC a club just next door!

Farmors School New PE Teacher Mr. King is a very keen rugby player himself and has also shown an interest in helping the club develop young players. Following on from this meeting I have now been informed that one of our first team players Mr. Kenny Robbins is joining farmors school as a Teaching

Assistant. Congratulations Kenny This is great news for the club as I'm sure Kenny will be encouraging Rugby Union and not Ballet!!

A number of Year 9 students (Under 14's) have expressed an interest in returning to Fairford Rugby Club. With this in mind Kenny Robins and two more members of the first team squad have agreed to look after this group going forward. These three individuals have made themselves available on Sunday Morning the 14th August at the New Rugby Ground to discuss with all players and parents their main objectives and to set out a coaching and playing agenda for the forthcoming season. All those interested please tell all your mates and come and meet the new team from 10.30 onwards Sunday 14th August.

This is very encouraging as almost 3 years ago, Kenny took a group of young 13 year olds under his wing and they are still all playing rugby together, hence this year we will be fielding our first ever Colts Team. Well done to all involved.

Thank-you

Thank-you to all our volunteers who have been working so hard to raise the profile of the club within the community and for their efforts in planning the start of the new season. In particular, we would like to welcome Xanthe and Peter Messenger who have responded to our request for new volunteers with great enthusiasm. Any new volunteers would be very much appreciated, please email Lindsey at rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk

Colts (16yrs+) & Seniors Training Session Marlborough College

(Photo below of Colts and Senior training session)



Sunday 8th August a group of Fairford Senior and Colts players attended a training camp at Marlborough College. The day started with a tough, but equally fun strength and conditioning session focusing on rugby specific exercises. After a brief lunch interval, the players took to the field for a training session taken by ex-Scotland international "Budge" Poutney. The players worked non-stop for an hour, putting themselves under real pressure, but gaining some great insight from a former premiership coach. We were helped by the weather but the day has provided a great springboard to take into the season. Pre-season starts Thursday 11th August for all Colts and Seniors.

(Photo below of Colts and Senior training session)



Reception Year (4 to 5 year olds) can join in the fun!

The club is delighted to welcome all children in reception year (4 to 5 year olds) from September to join in our rugby. All 4 to 5 year olds will need to be accompanied by an adult (as for all Mini members) but parents can benefit from the pitch side catering available every Sunday morning. Please spread the news to any families with children starting primary school in September. It would be fabulous to see a big turnout of all ages.

Membership Costs

Membership for the 2016/17 Season will be £60.00 per child with a family discount of £20.00 to £40.00 per second / third child. Membership includes a family pack that will give you all the information that you will need about Fairford RFU club for the season. Those that sign up for membership on the 25 September will receive a free hoody. This offer will close after the 25

September event. (The following photo is an example of the free hoody, currently worth £22.50 (+ postage) from the club online shop)

Opening of new Pitches & Start of Season – Sunday 4th 11th 18th 25th September

The first three sessions of the season 4/11/18 September will be 'free' taster sessions with no cost to encourage new membership by allowing kids to 'try before they buy'.



Photo of Billy Twelvetrees.
Gloucester Rugby Club &
England (22 Caps).

The official start of the season and opening of our new Junior and Mini pitches, Leafield Road will be Sunday 25 September. Billy Twelvetrees will officially open the pitches and the 25 September will also be the 'official' sign on day for mini and junior membership. This will be a community family day with a series of events, refreshments and fun for all ages. We will need volunteers to help support this event, such as supporting membership sign up, helping with refreshments, helping to coordinate events etc Willing volunteers please contact rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk

Kit Store on-line

In preparation for the new season Fairford RFU Junior and Mini rugby kit can be bought on line through the club website:

<https://www.ragingbullsportswear.com/fairford-rfc-juniors>

Your Feedback

If you are receiving this newsletter but no longer wish to please email Lindsey at rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk. If you have feedback on the Newsletter or content that you would like to added to the next edition (September 2016) please contact Jenny at rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk