



Fairford RFU Junior and Mini Newsletter

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Feedback – Multiple Emails

Many of you have let us know that you receive 'multiple' copies of the same email from the club. Thank-you for taking the time to feedback. The duplication emails are created by the RFU membership database that we use and we cannot prevent it happening. We have reported the issue frequently to the RFU who keep assuring us they are working on it. We can only apologise for any inconvenience this causes and hope a solution will be found soon.

Colts Match – Sunday 9 October



Colts entertained their Witney counterparts on 9th October in a closely fought match. Despite an incredible second half come back the Colts could not finish off their hard work and went down valiantly 26-22. In a common theme, the young badgers struggled to cope in the first 20 minutes and went down 19-0 before they could regain any composure. They dominated the second half with a monumental defensive display and great support play. Congratulations to try scorers Matt Jobling, Keelan Little, Elliot Rice and Aidan Van Der Heidan.

School Liaison Sessions

Throughout September, as part of our Schools engagement programme we ran a series of rugby taster sessions in local primary schools. Not all schools had the capacity to take up our offer, but those participating had brilliant fun. George's session at Meysey Hampton school where the 'Fairford Hakka' was introduced has had 1,700 views and 50 likes on our Facebook page! (See photo below). Participating schools included: Carterton, Meysey Hampton, St Lawrence, Southrop, Sapperton and Fairford. The sessions were run by our volunteer coaches, a huge thank-you goes to: Sam Johnson, Harry Johnson, George Ellis, Will Bowers, Ben Cohoon, Nick Matthews and Miles Harrison. Coaches Nick Matthews and David Gee also ran sessions with local Beaver and Cubs groups. We are currently exploring how we can develop our schools' engagement programme and will keep you updated.

I would like to say a huge "thank you" to your coaches who came in to deliver taster rugby sessions to our children at Fairford Primary. The sessions were well structured and fun. The coaches did an amazing job, they got the children buzzing throughout the whole session. A number of children have said that they would like to join Fairford Rugby Club following the sessions. Many thanks, Rosemary Peck (PE Teacher, Fairford Primary School)



Our session with Fairford RFC was great – they engaged and enthused the children. Thank you for organising it. Kate Carden (Head Teacher, Meysey Hampton)

Away Match v Tetbury – Sunday 6 November 1030hrs Under 6 to Under 12 Age Groups

We have an away match on Sunday 6 November at Tetbury, starting **1030hrs (not 1000hrs as previously communicated)** **Please be there for 1015hrs.** Tetbury RFC Juniors and Mini teams play on the pitches at Sir William Romney's School. (Lowfield Road, Tetbury, GL8 8AE). Parking is limited on the school grounds so we recommend car-sharing from Fairford where feasible. A briefing note and map has been circulated as to where to park. Tetbury RFC recommend parking in the Tesco car park (10 min walk to the rugby pitches). If you have any questions, please speak to your age group coach or email rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk



Sunday 13 November – NO TRAINING for under 6 to under 12 ages.

There will be NO TRAINING Sunday 13 November, Remembrance Sunday for under 6's to under 12's. A significant number of members and coaches will be attending remembrance services and activities.

Training will take place for the under 14's on this date. There is a Colts match pm on the 13 November.

Away Match v Stow & Matson – Sunday 20 November – 1015hrs Under 6 to Under 12 Age Groups

We have our second away game of the season away at Stow Rugby Club on Sunday 20 November. Please be there for 1015hrs. We are playing Stow RFC and also Matson RFC throughout the morning. Directions to Stow RFC can be found on their website <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/stowrfc/> Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and you will see a link to Google Maps. Parking is available but car sharing is recommended.

Under 14's – Training at home Sunday 6, 13, 20 November

Our under 14's team will be training at home as usual on Sunday 6, 13, 20 November. The refreshment van will not be available for these sessions.



Distribution of Hoodies and Parent Packs

Thank-you to everyone who has paid their membership fees. The 'hoodies' have been ordered and as soon as we have them they will be distributed at the following training session from the cabin. We will send you all an email when they arrive. Apologies that this is taking so long. Some members have still to pick-up their parent packs. The Parent Pack includes all you need to know about junior and mini rugby including the fixtures list for the year. If you haven't got yours, please come and ask for one from the cabin on a Sunday.

Gloucester RFC Match Day Experience Saturday 4 March 2017, Kingsholm

We have an exciting opportunity for all Fairford RFC members to be part of a Gloucester Rugby Club experience day at their ground, Kingsholm on Saturday 14 March. This includes tickets to watch Gloucester play Harlequin's. We have organised coaches that will depart Fairford Market Square at 10am prompt with the return journey departing Kingsholm at 5.45pm. Adult tickets are £45 each including transport.



For £40 per child you receive:

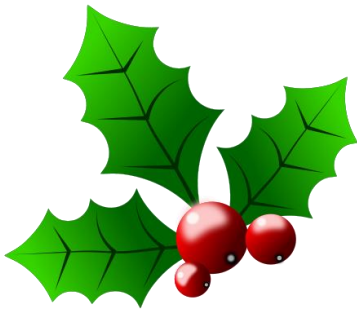
- Match Ticket in JS Stand
- Pre-match Stadium Tour
- Coaching with Gloucester Community Coaches including former player Terry Fanolua
- Q&A with some Gloucester Rugby players
- Pitch Parade
- Goodie bag with team poster, flag, sweets and other goodies
- Voucher for 50% off food at one of our vendors around the stadium
- Coach transport to and from the game

T's&C's: Children under 10yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Children 10-14yrs i.e. 3 children must be accompanied by 1 Adult 15yrs and above must have parental consent to travel alone. The above package is for a maximum of 50 children. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Payment in full is required to book your place. Places are available to book at the Cabin starting on Sunday Morning 16th October and every Sunday there after until all 50 Child slots are taken.

Kit Store – Coming Soon.....

We have an exciting new range of Fairford RFU clothing and accessories arriving soon (early to mid-November) which will be sold from the cabin on training days (11.30 am onwards). For Mini's this includes shorts, match tops, showerproof training tops, beanies and socks and for our Juniors, tracksuits, shorts, vests and polo shirts, baseball caps. For the passionate parent we have a new line of clothing to keep you toasty and warm on training and match days (or any day) with a FRFC quilted jacket, soft shell jacket or gilet.

Christmas Market – Friday 2 December, Market Square Volunteers needed



.....It's nearly Christmas! Fairford Christmas Market takes place on Friday 2 December, 6 to 8pm. This year we intend to run two stands, one selling our newly purchased kit (boot bags, beanies, jumpers etc) and activities such as a lucky dip in addition to our regular burger stall. We need willing volunteers happy to donate an hour or two to create a marvellous Christmas spirit. If you are willing to help and get involved, please email rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk or speak to one of our Sunday volunteers (Jenny or Debbie).

Volunteers We always need more

We are always in need of volunteers who can spare an hour or two to support the events and activities we run all year or to take on a longer term volunteering role. We are delighted to have three new volunteer coaches this year, Khalid (under 6's), James (under 7's), Jonathan (under 8's) a massive thank-you to all three. We also have other non-coaching volunteer roles that require filling such as a volunteer coordinator, individuals to support kit sales on a Sunday etc.

As a junior rugby club we participate fully in local and community events as well as running our own, all of which would not happen without our happy band of willing volunteers. In addition to the Christmas Market a draft schedule of events for 2017 are outlined below:

- **Saturday 4 March** Fairford RFC Gloucester / Harlequins Event
- **April / May (tbc)** End of season presentations and family event
- **June** Fairford Festival – parade and rugby taster session
- **July** Fairfest weekend

NEW SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER

- **September** Run the bar at the local ploughing competition
- **End of September** Start of season opening event (tbc)
- **November** Bonfire Night event (tbc)

Our Facebook Page

Don't forget to keep to speed with the what the club is doing by following our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/frfcjuniors/>
(Note - we do also use email to update in-between newsletters for non-Facebook users)

Seniors Season Update



Fairford Seniors have been off to a flyer, setting the pace in their new home of Gloucester 3. The Badgers started their campaign with a resounding 47-0 win in pre-season over local rivals Cirencester (seconds) with a faultless kicking performance from Junior turned senior Ben Cohoon. They got their league season underway with an emphatic 57-0 win away at Gloucester All Blues. The highlight being U14 coach Sam Johnson bagging himself a hat-trick (photo). The first Home game garnered another win, this time a tougher 29-13 win over Norton. Skipper Ben Goodey set the pace with two scores. Last weekend they continued their winning streak with a battled win over near neighbours Tetbury in a 20-15 victory. Sam Johnson added another two tries to his season's tally.

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