



Fairford RFU Junior and Mini Newsletter

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RFU Accreditation

We are delighted to inform you that Fairford RFU has achieved RFU Accreditation. The scheme is designed to both recognise and assist a club to continually improve, while demonstrating a real commitment to providing all that's best in Rugby Union. Clubs undertake a self-reflection, demonstrating how they meet a series of objectives around rugby development, whilst representing the RFU's core values. Club Accreditation will bring many advantages, including the Sport England Club Mark for our mini and youth section as well as giving the whole club credibility with local authorities and educational establishments. A massive thank-you to all involved.

2016/17 Junior and Mini Coaches

A BIG CHEER for (L to R): Xanthe Messenger / David Gee / Sam Johnston / Jonathan Luff / Nick Matthews / Dave Jackson / Kenny Robins (missing from photo Luke de Freitas)



Start of the 2016/17 Season – Sunday 4th/11th/18th September

The new season started Sunday 4th September where our coaches and volunteers were there to welcome you all. It was great to see so many of you. We continue the introduction to the new season over the next two Sundays (11th / 18th September). Tea, coffee and bacon butties will be available to purchase and individuals will be around to take membership forms / fees with hoodies available for sizing. Our volunteers will ensure you and your children will be introduced to the appropriate coach for their age group. This year we are welcoming children from Reception year (under 6's) all the way through the Colts team (sixth form age). Please spread the word widely and encourage friends and friends of friends to come along.



Primary School Sessions in September

Fairford Rugby Football Club is running throughout September eleven free rugby coaching sessions in local primary schools as part of their community engagement programme. Participating primary schools include Fairford, Carterton, St Lawrences (Lechlade), Southrop, Hatherop, Down Ampney, Ampney Crucis, Sapperton and Meysey Hampton.

The sessions are aimed at children in Key Stage Two and are being led by the club's volunteer coaches, supported by enthusiastic members of the Colts team and primary school staff. The emphasis is on rugby fun, learning and confidence building on the RFU's five core values of teamwork, respect, discipline, sportsmanship and enjoyment.

There is an open invitation to all children (reception year through to sixth form) to come and join the clubs Sunday training sessions and attend the opening of Fairford RFU Junior and Mini's new pitches on the 25 September. A huge thank-you to Emily Bird and Kenny Robins for organising the programme of events.

FairFest – Walnut Tree Park, Fairford (19/20/21 August)

Fairfest was once again a cracking event in a 'traditional' British summer. Whilst the weather tried its best to dampen our spirits we persevered for a busy 3 days. All ages were kept happy with plenty of activities for the little ones whilst mum and dad were able to relax with a wonderful selection of Real Ales and Ciders. We were accompanied all weekend with some fantastic music including Genghis Khan, Mix Tape and Reloaded. The weekend wouldn't have been made possible without the superb efforts of George and our many club volunteers, we thank you all for your efforts.



Opening of new Pitches – Sunday 25th September



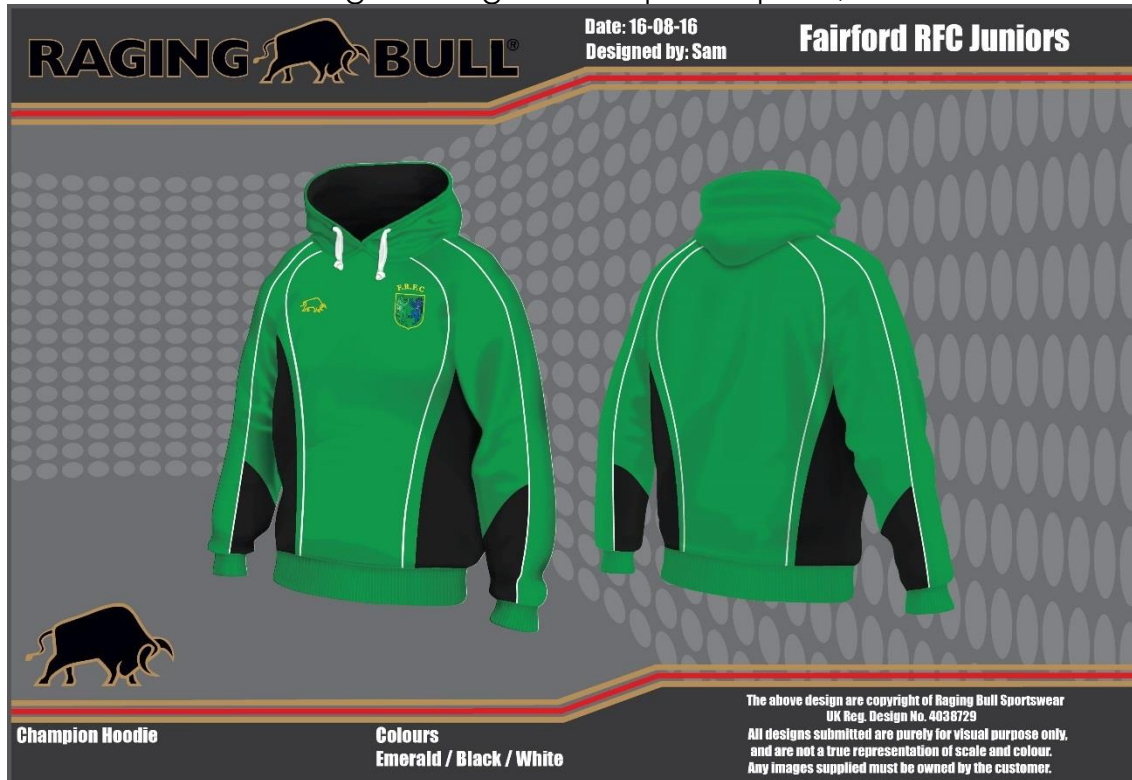
Photo of Billy Twelvetrees.
Gloucester Rugby Club &
England (22 Caps).

The official start of the season and opening of our new Junior and Mini pitches, Leaffield 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

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. A membership form has been sent with this newsletter. NOTE: Jumpers will be ordered after the 25th event in a bulk order and then distributed at a training morning with the parent pack, once received.



Kit Store on-line

Additional Fairford RFU Junior and Mini rugby kit can be bought on line through the club website: <https://www.ragingbullsportswear.com/fairford-rfc-juniors>. We do also have some stock that can be bought from the 'green container' on Sunday mornings (cash / cheque only).

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