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Fairford RFU Junior and Mini Newsletter

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Fairford Festival

Thank-you to all who turned out for the Fairford Festival parade on the 4th June, with the club (Seniors and Juniors) winning 'best in parade'. A huge thank-you to Kenny Robins and the senior team who ran an excellent afternoon session of rugby creating a huge amount of interest and enthusiasm from current and (hopefully) future Fairford RFU players. Kids were even migrating from Football to Rugby to join in the fun! Photo's below show (1) the main parade (2) Ben Rees-Jones and Sam Leach (Under 7's team) in the parade.

You can follow what the Junior's and Mini's are up to over the Summer holidays on our Facebook pages:

https://www.facebook.com/frfcjuniors/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel



Marlborough College – Junior (16+yrs) and Senior Squad Training Camp, Sunday 7 August (1030-1630hrs)

The club has been given the opportunity to utilise the amazing facilities at Marlborough College, Wiltshire as part of 2016/17 pre-season build-up. Funded by Fairford RFU the day will include rugby skills, physical fitness and team building programme for the Colts and Senior squads. This includes access to the Marlborough College's world class rugby, gym and pool facilities plus the coaching team will be working with Budge Poutney (ex-

Director of Rugby at Northampton and ex-Scotland captain). Players are asked to bring their own 'camp' lunch boxes and travel arrangements will be confirmed nearer the date. We plan to make this a challenging, fun and rewarding day. Due to insurance restrictions the day is for those aged 16 years and over.

Youth (Juniors and Mini's) Club Training Support

This season, as part of the ongoing move to create closer support and engagement between the senior and junior clubs, the senior squad will be allocating a minimum of 3-4 senior players to assist Sunday training. This is in addition to the support already ably provided by Kenny R and Harry J. Feedback from junior / mini players and parents at the end of last season showed how much everyone valued the input of the senior team at training sessions and how it motivated the younger members in engaging and improving their skills.

David Gee (Junior and Mini's Coach) is to work alongside the Senior Squad this season as part of his ongoing Level 2 Coaching qualifications which will be of benefit to all Youth players. Thank-you David for giving up more of your time for the club.

Seniors Pre-Season Training – invitation to the Colts Team

The Senior team will be playing league rugby again in 2016/17 (Gloucestershire League Three), and the club will run a two-part pre-season campaign starting after the Training Camp (week commencing 8th August). Phase One will run throughout August with twice weekly sessions, Monday and Thursday 1830 to 2000hrs. The Colts team are encouraged to join Seniors for touch and/or Skills training when available. Phase Two commences in September with a weekly training session, Thursdays 1830 to 2000hrs and will also include two to three 'warm up' friendly's. The League games start in October and it would be great to see Junior and Mini members attending to show their support in cheering on the Senior Team.

Fairfest Saturday 20 August – Walnut Tree Park, Fairford – All Day

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. We do need a group of up to 10 volunteers to support this event over the day whether it is an hour of your time or half a day it will be hugely appreciated. Willing volunteers please contact rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk

Schools Liaison – Junior and Minis Engagement

We have been in contact with over 10 local primary schools, all of whom have been given the opportunity to have a free hour of rugby training from

our volunteer coaches in September in the run up to club sign up day. The majority of schools have been very open to engagement and are already inviting the club to develop the relationship further by joining assemblies etc, all of which is part of our drive to grow membership and broader community involvement.

Fairford Primary C of E School invited all Fairford RFU pupils who won an end of season award to tell the whole school about their rugby achievements giving them an opportunity to promote the club. Oliver Cook (under 8's most improved player of the year) did a passionate pitch to all his school mates as to why they should turn out on a Sunday morning and play Rugby. Photos below of Fairford C of E School award winners – photo (1) Oliver Cook / photo (2) Lucy Bull & Ben Rees-Jones.



Opening of new Pitches and Start of Season Sunday 4/11/18/25 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'. The official opening of the new pitches on Leaffield Road and start of the season will be Sunday 25 September. Billy Twelvetees (Gloucester RFU Club) will officially open the pitches. 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. (The following photo is an example of the free hoody, currently worth £22.50 (+ postage) from the club online shop)



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

Apologies for the newsletter mailing issues last month and thank-you to all those who got in contact. We have been upgrading our data management system, working with the RFU, but have hopefully rectified all the issues. 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 (July 2016) please contact Jenny at rugby@fairfordrfc.co.uk

Roaring Rugby

Roaring Rugby is running a Summer Rugby Camp at Fairford Rugby Club 27 / 28 July.



Fairford RFC
27th - 28th July

All are from 9.30 to 3.30 inclusive

2 Day Rugby Camp Age 5-11

- Games & Activities
- Skill Development
- Tiger Tournaments

RFU next age group progression sessions
Beginners welcome as well as experienced players.

Every child rewarded with a special certificate on completion, with over 10 different awards for all to aspire to with an overall special category for outstanding achievement.

The emphasis is on **FUN** all the way with the core values of rugby teamwork, respect, discipline, sportsmanship and enjoyment.



£50
for 2 days
or £30 a day

Book your place online at

roaringrugby.co.uk

chrisa@roaringrugby.org.uk 07867317206

All camps are led by a qualified and licensed RFU Level 2 coach with experienced RFU level 1 coaches with enhanced CRB clearances.

