



# Farnborough RUFC

## Club Newsletter

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September 2011

### Ed's Notes

Welcome to this, the September edition of our club newsletter.

Club Email System - you should be receiving regular emails with match, social and other information. If you do not receive emails please email: [info@farnboroughrugby.co.uk](mailto:info@farnboroughrugby.co.uk)

Don't forget to look at the clubs two websites: Seniors: [www.farnboroughrugby.co.uk](http://www.farnboroughrugby.co.uk) - Mini & Junior's: [www.farnboroughrffc-mj.co.uk](http://www.farnboroughrffc-mj.co.uk)

Congratulations to Gary & Lisa Allcock on the birth of the clubs newest member India May.



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### Robin's Rant – Chairman of FRUFC

A warm welcome to the first of the season's newsletters – and many thanks to Simon Windle for again taking on the role of Editor in chief.

On the playing front we welcome back Adrian Price as Club Head Coach, together with Adrian's assistants Dave Coghlan and Steve Collins. Pre-season training has been going on for a good while now with excellent attendances and some new players. Without doubt we will have the fittest team in Hampshire 1! Certainly we expect to be competing for promotion this coming season, particularly improving on last season's away record and maintaining home form.

#### Social @ Farnborough

On the social side we again will be having 5 pre-match lunches – on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 v Petersfield, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 v Fordingbridge, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 v Ventnor, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012 v Romsey, and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 – US Portsmouth. The first and last of these will be aimed at Life and Honorary Members, as well of course for other members. Please contact Pete Boaler with your bookings. Still on the theme of food, we will have food on sale from the kitchen on Saturdays



throughout the season – so please avail yourselves of that. Having spent a lot of money on installing the new kitchen, we need to start to get some revenue back from it.

On the entertainments front, a full programme is being arranged by Ray Batey – so please note the dates, which are on the Club website - and make sure that you attend!

### **The Clubhouse & Grounds**

On the 'clubhouse front', you will be pleased to know that we passed the latest Health & Safety Inspection – on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011. There are a few related items that we still have to address, some in the short term and some a bit later. Thanks here to Lyn Davies, Tony Hepworth, Tom Moore, Dave Wood (for the laying of a non-slip floor in the changing rooms corridors), Simon Windle (for deep cleaning the kitchen), and Brian Musson and Tom Larbey (for good cleaning in the bar areas). Thanks are also due to Tony Hepworth and his assisting volunteers for the work on the summer maintenance programme – painting, repairing, etc.



Some good work has been put in on the pitches, with a contractor doing the restoration etc work, with Cliff Huckle overseeing. Dave Wood, Cliff Huckle, Paul Carroll and Dan Cairns have contributing to the summer pitch marking for the Farnham Knights American Football Club games, as well as for the training pitch and the Rushmoor Mallards sports day. Thanks guys. With regard to new projects we are looking to add 2 new training lights to our floodlights 'system' to expand the areas for training away from the actual pitches. We are also looking at the possibility of a water source under the pitch/training areas to enable us to properly water the pitches in a dry season (the mains water pressure is too low to water from the clubhouse).

### **Finance & Sponsorship**



You will not be surprised that we need all the money that we can get – particularly pre and early in the season - to maintain and improve the facilities we have and provide all support to our *raison d'être* – the playing of rugby union football. To that end, all annual subscriptions are due before the end of September 2011 – and must be paid in full, or an active Standing Order in place with the member's bank, by the due date. Payments should be given to the Membership Secretary, Dean Pritchard, who has copies of the Standing Order forms ready for members to complete, sign and give to their banks. Playing members should note that if they have not paid their subscription, or do not have an active Standing Order in place with their bank, by the end of September 2011 then they cannot be selected to play.

On the sponsorship front, we already have two new sponsors – Currylicious (who give 10% off to Club members for orders over £30) and iGO4 Limited. However, we need more – and Simon Windle, aided by Peter Hannan, is already contacting potential sponsors. If your company or someone you know is a possible candidate for approaching for sponsorship, please contact Simon or Peter. We need to push to get significant sponsorship if we are going for any major developments in the future. It is also worth noting that we again have individual player sponsorship – still £100 per player in return for sponsor name on the shorts of the player, a link from the Club website to that of the

sponsor, and mention on the Club website and in match programmes. Thanks here to Simon, Peter, Tom Moore and others.

### **Whole Club Seal of Approval**

The Club achieved the RFU's Whole Club Seal of Approval (WCSOA) in August 2010. The certificate was formally presented by the RFU President and Vice-President to myself, Simon Windle and Michelle Dring on behalf of the Club at Twickenham on 28th June 2011.



Related to this the Club Development Plan (a key part of the WCSOA) has now been updated for 2011/2012 (including with targets up to 2016), and as last season is now a regular review item at Executive Committee meetings. The latest version

is on the notice board; if you would like an electronic copy please let me know. Also on the notice board on a regular basis are the agendas and minutes of all Executive Committee and General Committee meetings – if you have any queries whatever about any item please get in touch with me.

Enjoy the season, and I look forward to seeing you at the Club very soon.

### **Pricey's Piece – Head Coach**

*"Pricey's Back – With Re-Enforcements"*

Replacing outgoing coach Gary Allcock, who will be concentrating on other roles within the Club, Adrian returns with two assistants, Dave Coghlan and Steve Collins. (Pictured right)



Adrian left Farnborough at the end of the 2003 season having taken the Club into London Division 3. Adrian's passion for rugby and determination to deliver strong performances from committed players continued when he joined Broadmoor RFC, promoting them to Level 6/7. He has gained enormous respect from the region for his leadership skills and training expertise and we welcome him back to the Club where we hope his success will continue with Farnborough RUFC.

This time round, Adrian is joined by Dave Coghlan, former player for the Army, Combined Services and London Irish, and Steve Collins who started his rugby career at Farnborough, then Bracknell before giving many years' loyal service at Basingstoke RFC. Both men bring their own portfolio of practical and theoretical skills to Farnborough's new coaching team.

This formidable trio of ex-servicemen is now one of the strongest coaching teams in Hampshire!

Pre-season training started at Farnborough on 5<sup>th</sup> May when most Clubs have finished their season and looking forward to the summer break. Training sessions at the Club are twice weekly on

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Hard work and commitment to training will ensure players are in peak physical condition for the new season which is fast-approaching. Numbers at the training sessions are always good but all members and new players would be most welcome to develop a strong team both on and off the field.

Friendly/trial games are planned over the next few weeks before Farnborough entertain Eastleigh at home on September 10<sup>th</sup>, in the first League game of the new season.

## **Simon Speaks – Mini & Juniors Chairman**



Welcome to a new season at Farnborough.

The mini and junior section of the club has steadily grown over the last few years. As a club we are now recognised in Hampshire as a club that develops players to a high standard.

We now have RFU Level 1 qualified coaches at every age group and also 3 RFU level 2 coaches.

The coaches put a lot of time not only for training but for planning as well. The end of last season saw 14 coaches attend the Hampshire Coaching Conference 2011 held at Wide Lane;

No other club had this amount of attendees!

We have a number of social events planned for this year, so please try to attend - the more that do the more fun we have.

Well done to all players who have been selected or re-selected for the Elite Player Development Group (EPDG) run by Hampshire and London Irish. This really raises the profile of the club within the County.

We aim to get more and more players into the EPDG, with a target to get players in the County teams.

Good luck to all for the coming season.

## **100 Club**

Another aspect of getting more money into the club is that we are again on a big drive to increase the membership of the 100 Club from the current 80+ to 120 members.

Many current Club members are currently not enrolled – so please see Peter Hannan or Brian Musson and get the standing order form – it is just £5 per month, and you could win a big prize!

The prizes are:

1st £200.00

2nd £100.00

3rd £50.00

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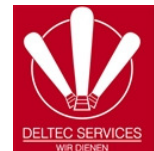
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## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – First 1<sup>st</sup> XV home game of season v Eastleigh

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – OPRO gum shields @ the Club

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Pre-match lunch & 1<sup>st</sup> XV v Petersfield

**September - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00 am, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00 am &**

**October - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30 am** – the Club is open for viewing England's 2011 World Cup Group games, breakfast and drinks (some at special offers)

