



S.R.U.F.C. Youth Newsletter

THE STORY SO FAR

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- The Club has just been awarded **Whole Club Seal of Approval** by England Rugby (aka the RFU) covering the six Key Drivers identified as crucial to a strong club: retaining and developing players; recruiting new players; recruiting and retaining high quality coaches, volunteers and referees; maintaining effective and efficient facilities; effective and efficient management and governance; integration with the local community.
- Player numbers are growing with over 150 players registered in the Youth Section. Although we lost the U18's at the beginning of the season, we have good squads at U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U15 and U16.
- The Mini/Midis are having a good season with an excellent festival at Cranbrook and impressive turnout and performance against Gravesend.
- The U15's narrowly lost to Westcombe Park 15-19 in the Quarter Final of the Kent Cup, but face Deal & Betts in the Semi of the East Kent Cup.
- The U16's have had some impressive wins including 36-23 against Tonbridge Judds and 26-0 against Blackheath
- The Club ran two Multiskill Festivals for local schools at Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 and a Skills Session for Year 7/8. A second Skill Session for Year 7/8 will be held on 25 February and a Tag Ready course for teachers on 19 February at the Club.
- The Club recently hosted RFU Safeguarding and Rugby Ready courses.
- The Club carried out a RFU Safeguarding Audit, signed off by the County Safeguarding Officer who commented it was "a model for good practice".

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come and Watch England Matches at the Club

- Sunday 1 March 3pm v Ireland
- Saturday 14 March 5pm v Scotland
- Saturday 21 March 5 pm v France

Mini/Midi East Kent Festival

Canterbury 8 March 2015

Mini/Midi Kent Festival

The Kent Festival Prelims will be on Sunday 22 March 2015 as follows:

U7 @ Aylesford	U10 @ Blackheath
U8 @ Beckenham	U11 @ Medway
U9 @ Cranbrook	U12 @ Westcombe Park

The Kent Festival Final will be on Sunday 26 April 2015 @ Tonbridge Judds.

7's Tournaments

U13's 19 April 2015	U16's 19 April 2015
U15's 26-April 2015	

Tours and Summer Camp

- U15 Tour to Camber Sands 1-4 May 2015
- Mini/Midi Summer Camp 31 July - 2 August. Info from Caroline Timms

Schools' Festivals - make sure your Schools take part

- Year 7/8 Tournament Thursday 26 March 2015
- Year 5/6 Tag Festival Thursday 21 May 2015

Youth Presentation Evenings

- U16 Friday 8 May at Club 7pm
- Mini/Midi Saturday 9 May at Kemsley, 7pm
- U13/15 Friday 15 May at Club, 7pm

Social Events - tickets from Lucy Davies or via website

- Saturday 21 February President's Ball at Coniston 6.30 for 7.30pm; tickets £30
- Saturday 14 March Ladies Night at Club, 7pm; tickets £25
- Youth Section Quiz Friday 17 April 2015
- Club Dinner Saturday 25 April at Club 7pm; tickets £35 (£20 students)

Gore Court AGM

Monday 30 March 2015 7pm – come along and have your say!

RFU Raffle Tickets

Tickets have been distributed for the RFU Grand Draw with top prize £10,000 and many other prizes. Tickets are £1 of which 90p goes to our Club and 10p to the RFU. If you need more tickets ask your coach or David Hall. Please give ticket stubs and money to your Coaches by **Sunday 1 March 2015**.

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