

# MARCH BEARS RUFC

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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

The committee have been in talks with the RFU regarding extra changing facilities and also other suppliers to obtain items for improving the field so that the playing surface is ready and durable for next season.

We also have 2 county coaches assisting the 1st VX and youths with training.

## 1st XV

Training Thursday 19.30hrs

Training has been going well and attendance has been OK. The assistance in coaching by the RFU County Coaches seems to be paying off and the players fitness is showing through.

January 23rd Bourne (Away)

January 30th Saffron Walden 2 (Away)

February 6th St Ives 2 (Cup Match Home)

February 13th St Neots 2 (Home)

## LEGENDS

Next game 6th February— Away

Andy Larham has the details regarding this match

## YOUTHS

Training is on Thursday's 6.30—8.30 and

Sundays' 10.00—12.00

The youths next match is 28th February against Peterborough at Home. Kickoff 11.00

Please come and support them.

## MEMBERSHIP

We are now in need of your membership money for the season.

This money is a necessity to our club and also your safety as those who play without paid up membership are not insured.

You can speak to Gary Parmenter, Clairice Pepper or Barry Feetham regarding paying for your membership.

## Special points of interest:

- 27<sup>th</sup> February. VP's Day and Legends at home to Bourne
- 10<sup>th</sup> April. VP's day and CANTABS 2's at home.
- 14th May. March Bears AGM.
- 8th May. March Bears Dinner and Dance.

**All fixtures and dates are displayed in the club house and on the website please give the captains your full support both on and off the field.**

## *Registration and Membership*



As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter the membership fees are overdue and are of great importance not only to the club but to yourselves.

Your membership not only gives you access to the club and the functions put on, but also your playing insurance.

The other part of the club registration is to complete a new RFU registration form so that we can ensure that all our players are registered with the RFU on their system. This system is not just a register but it is also the way that the RFU allocates the club tickets to international matches.

Could all players please ensure that they fill in an RFU registration form and hand them back to James Pepper.

## *Training*

Although training is going well at the moment, we could still do with more players attending.

We have Richard Horne and Frank Moore RFU County Coaches taking the training sessions and also watching the matches.

The coaches are here to help us get better and be a stronger club. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT !!

## *Child Safeguarding*



The club has been given an opportunity to run an introductory presentation for anyone who is interested in knowing about Child Safeguarding within Rugby.

This will be run in conjunction with Chris Mephram the ECRUFC Safe Guarding Officer (Eastern Counties Rugby Football Safe Guarding Officer).

## *RFU Meeting*

The club has been in talks with a number of key people from the RFU (Alex Motts, Chris Mepham, John Naylor and Andrew Sarek)

The purpose of these talks was to get assistance with issues that the club are having regarding:-

- Changing Facilities
- Mini and Youth Seal of Approval
- Whole Club Seal of Approval
- Funding
- Supporting the Senior Team

The club and the people from the RFU are confident that with good co-operation between us we can improve the club, its facilities and build a great club that will be appreciated by players and members for many, many years to come.



## *Club Improvement*

With regarding to improving the club as a whole the RFU and the committee are looking to bolster the club by laying down foundations to ensure that we have players and members coming up through the ranks.

- Increasing the number of coaches
- Increasing the coaches knowledge and qualifications
- Improve relationships with local senior schools
- Improve relationships with local junior schools



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Elm Road  
March

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### VOLUNTEERS

Parents, guardians and members  
We need support from you as a club in  
helping on match days in all areas

Transport,  
Food,  
Pitch preparation,  
And of course cheering on your team.

There are also a number of other roles  
that we are in the process of sorting out  
that require fresh blood to ensure that the  
club moves forward.

Anyone who is interested in helping in any  
way please contact the Club Volunteer Co-  
ordinator on  
[CVC@marchbearsrufc.org.uk](mailto:CVC@marchbearsrufc.org.uk)

### COMMITTEE NEWS

John Boyle has had to resign as Chairman  
due to work commitments, Gary Laws has  
stood in as acting Chairman until the AGM.

Can we take this time to thank John for  
his work within the committee.

Any ideas for next month's newsletter?  
please let James or Clairice Pepper know.  
[info@marchbearsrufc.org.uk](mailto:info@marchbearsrufc.org.uk)

### CONGRATULATIONS

A number of the club members have taken and passed  
training courses.

#### RFU Entry Level Referee Award Stages 1&2

James Pepper  
Andy Howlett

### ENTERTAINMENT

Please let us know any ideas you may have for a club  
function.

Please keep your eye on the notice board and website  
for further details.

### DINNER & DANCE

The March Bears Annual Dinner & Dance has been an-  
nounced for Saturday 8th May at the Conservative Club.

Tickets will be on a first come first served basis.

Tickets will be £20.00 per person,  
(payment on request for ticket)

There will be a 3 course meal, disco and various raffles.

Tickets are available from Barry Feetham,  
Gary Parmenter and Clairice Pepper



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