



INTOUCH

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

CHAIRMAN'S LATEST...

Hello everyone,

A warm welcome back from lockdown 2 and a return to rugby action stage E on the RFU roadmap.

Mixed touch on Mondays continues to attract interest, and we are starting to see players moving on to Ladies and Senior Men's teams as a result.

There has been much needed improvement works carried out during the lockdown period to the facilities, from electrical works to boiler maintenance and fire door replacements. The corridor kit cupboard doors will also be replaced in the New Year.

Our Seniors will have their first taste of contact rugby action this Saturday 19th December in an arranged inter club game, this will help them prepare for league action in the New Year. Please come along and show some socially distanced support from the side lines, kick off 1400.

The Council are pleased with our improvement works and the internal maintenance program we have in place. All safety measures have been met and we are approved to operate as a community rugby club. We are looking to continue the exterior and interior décor over the Christmas break. Thanks to Darren Long (Facilities Manager) and team for coordinating these actions.

A huge well done and thank you to Lucy and Tracy for running the Harlequins raffle, raising some much needed funds for the youth section, thank you ladies and thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets.

We have a very active and forever growing youth section on Sundays, we need to be mindful of the on and off pitch area whilst training please. Its important for side line support to maintain social distancing at all times, whilst also enjoying a freshly cooked bacon bap from the kitchen!

Our kitchen and takeaway service is open again. Huge thanks to Tara and team for the work they have done to successfully operate the kitchen on a Sunday morning. The team duty system for Sundays will be reinstated, please contact Tara for more information.

It is vital we continue to use the QR code track and trace, hand sanitiser and temperature check on arrival and prior to all activities please. We all know the virus is out there and remember if you feel unwell or awaiting a Covid test result, please stay away from the club until you are Covid free.

We welcome our recently appointed Bar Manager Hayden Breeds to the Committee, Hayden has several years experience working and managing in a bar environment. We look forward to working with Hayden and the improvements and changes he will bring to the bar and clubhouse surroundings.

And lastly from me, thank you all for your continued support, the club is expanding in membership, we are improving the facilities, purchasing new equipment and looking to replace/supply much needed playing kit.

The Heathens logo has been altered, we now have a new website, very active social media platforms, and as a result an increase in player numbers throughout the club. Thanks go to Hayden, Corbin and John for promoting the club in this way.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Great New Year, stay safe everyone

Cheers
Dave Wheaton - Chairman

YOUTH CHAIR

A different start to the season than we are used to however we have remained together and strong and carried on. A huge thank you to all youth coaches, managers, volunteers and most of all the players for doing their very best and showing our club, to be in my opinion, the best. A very merry Christmas to you all and I very much look forward to seeing everyone safe and well in the New Year. - Tara Hall.

FUNDRAISER

Another fantastic effort by the club raised £615.10 over 4 raffles. A big thanks to Lucy Savage and Tracy Collins for organising this. The money will be used towards new kit for the Youth Section.

O2 TOUCH

An increase of numbers means we need more coaches. Speak to Lucy Perrio to get involved. They train every Monday Night.



UNLEASH YOUR INNER WARRIOR

Warrior camps are great fun and hugely rewarding, encouraging you to challenge yourself and learn new skills. We are hosting one Tuesday 2nd Feb 2021.

The Warrior Camps also welcome back any players who previously hung up their boots for a few seasons, this could be the perfect opportunity to ease back into the game.

UNDER 9'S LOCKDOWN CYCLE CHALLENGE

During lockdown 2.0 Matthew Roberts (U9) and his coaching Dad Adrian came up with a unique challenge to keep his team in touch, active and raise a few pounds for the group kitty. On discussing how to stay active during the downtime Adrian challenged Matthew to cycle to as many of his team mates' houses as possible and have a picture outside their front door with a rugby ball - for every house Matthew completed his Dad would donate £1 to the

group. To encourage others he then agreed to sponsor anyone from the U9's a further £1 if they cycled to Matthew's house and posted a picture on the FB group as proof. Needless to say plenty of the squad took up the challenge and matched it with their own sponsorship from their generous families. With a typical round journey of 12-13 miles the squad did not disappoint conducting 66 house visits over 3

weekends and even at times getting to see their mates through doorways at a safe distance. Both Matthew and Harry B managed to visit the most houses (10) whilst Harry B was also the most visited (8) but everyone who took part did brilliantly raising £132 for a future team activity and brought smiles to people's faces as the photos were posted on the team site helping to lift team spirits whilst training was not possible.



MEMBERSHIP & GMS

Thank you to all the parents who have managed to log in to GMS (Game Management System), updating their child's details for this season. There are still quite a lot of people who have been unable to do this and have not been able to be registered or become members. Should anyone be unable to register and submit their membership fees using the following link: <https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Account/Login> could you please contact me at heloise.fella@farehamrugby.club so that I can help you. You can also visit our website farehamrugby.club and click sign in.

At the end of this season ALL players will be deregistered by the RFU and so it is important that we all become familiar with GMS. Once your subs have been paid you will be allocated a club membership number, as well as your RFU one, which you can use for discounts at Fareham Leisure Centre. For senior players who have yet to submit their registration forms - please ensure that you hand your completed form back to either Dave Wheaton or myself and that your membership fees are up to date ensuring your eligibility to train and play. Happy Christmas everyone - stay safe

Héloïse Fella.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BENIFITS

We have a new partnership with Fareham Leisure Center to offer all rugby club members full access to the leisure center at a discounted rate. Currently they are offering full access for £29.99 which saves us £10. If you are already a member you will need to cancel your current membership with them and re-join as a new member. All you need to do is email ellieanderson@everyoneactive.com and cc in heloise.fella@farehamrugby.club to confirm your membership. T&C's Apply set by Everyone Active.

Balanced Bookkeeping are offering all rugby club members 10% off their services. Visit them online at www.balancedbookkeepingservices.co.uk



NEW CLUB BADGE

As many of you would have seen over the last few months the committee proposed a re-brand of the club to make it more attractive. After feedback from members was reviewed, the big sticking point was keeping "Heathens" in the name of the club and the majority were happy to see the devil badge removed and replaced with a more fitting club badge. The majority of votes were for incorporating a rugby ball with Fareham's Crest. While the committee has voted in the new club badge, this transition will not be an overnight change and we anticipate will take a few seasons. Going forward, all new kit that is ordered will feature the new club badge; along with communications and social media being updated.

HEATHENS HAGS

Just a little update on this year with the Hags. Despite the difficulties and adaptations we've had to make this year I can only say that I'm the proudest manager ever. You girls have worked so hard (when we've been able to train) and even though our touch league and friendly games have been obsolete, you have turned up full of energy and ready to learn and boy have you learnt some amazing things, you are all starting to read the game, your communication is amazing and as for your speed and stamina you've never been this good, you are all an amazing team.

I must also say a massive thank you to our 2 wonderful coaches Pinds (Lucy Perrio) and Tarz (Tara Hall) I'm totally convinced its their belief in you girls that has seen this marked improvement, you show them respect and listen to their guidance and their vast experience as players and referees, we are very lucky to have you both, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for stepping up as coaches, I'm so glad you did because you've really helped the team to bond and grow, the difference is astounding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being a brilliant team, I hope you all have the best Christmas and New year possible given the current circumstances, enjoy yourselves but please also stay safe. Hopefully we can return to some normality in 2021.

Much love xxxxxxxx
JoJo - Ladies 'Hags' Team Manager

FROM OUR MINI'S

'Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Better New Year to our Under 6, 7 and 8s Minis and parents. Enjoy and stay safe

Best Wishes
Emma, James, Ian, Kev and Si'



FACILITIES

Fareham Borough Council will be carrying out roof repairs on the club in January so expect to see some scaffolding up, this doesn't mean a new clubhouse... yet! Also, a polite reminder that fire doors are not to be "propped" open. Sanitizing points are provided either side of doors.

WE NEED YOU!

We are committed to getting as many people as possible 'doing their bit' to help the club to develop. There are opportunities to be trained as a coach or a first aider, as well as numerous of other opportunities to help organize events or get more involved with running the club. If you are interested in getting involved then email the Club Secretary: Heloise.fella@farehamrugby.club

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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