



The WOLDSMAN

DRUFC Newsletter

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So, we are back among the rugby again, with a full complement of senior teams in action and mini juniors from 6 to 17 enjoying the game on a weekend. We are very lucky here at Driffield not only to have fantastic facilities but to have so many volunteers willing to give up so much of their time to ensure that the players get the best out of the opportunities that are available. Of course it doesn't come cheap running an organisation of this size and fund raising is an ever present and important part of our lives. That is why the response to the cash draw was so pleasing if a little slow to gather momentum, well done to Meg and co for a Stirling effort. Money raised from the draw will go a long way to funding Ali Mclarrons coaching programme in junior schools in the area, helping to bring rugby to young pupils that would otherwise not be exposed to it. I feel initiatives like this are just the sort of thing a community club like ours should be doing, benefitting not only us, as we hope to encourage more young people to take up the sport, but the wider community.

Many of you will be aware that Karen Clark has stepped down from her role as clubhouse manager to be replaced by Helen Sunderland. Karen stepped into the role 2 years ago at short notice and set about in her typical fashion sorting out the administration and day to day running of the club. Many months of coating figures and costing's followed and the result is a much slimmed down, leaner meaner and profitable club. Karen was first persuaded to get involved by Andrew Kitching and what an inspired appointment that turned out to be. There aren't many administrative roles that Karen hasn't been involved in through the mini juniors right up to the club secretaries job which she held for 5 years. Her thoroughness and efficiency in jobs that few would relish, have, especially enabled our young woodsmen to enjoy their rugby in a fun but safe environment and the club from top to bottom owes her a great debt of gratitude.

Here's a few facts we can all be proud of, we turn out 4 senior sides, compete at every level of junior rugby, we run 3 sets of floodlights manage 11 pitches, balance the books and last year raised more than £10000 for charitable and good causes, and we had a lot of fun doing it, keep up the good work.

Regards
Andrew Chapman
Chairman DRUFC

Coming up @Theclubhouse.

19th December – Annual Christmas Cabaret



Supporters Club

The supporters club was formed a couple of decades ago, to help provide the club with extra funds. Like with many things in the club, with the arrival of the new clubhouse, the supporters club vanished, however, Andrew Megginson and his gang brought it back to life last year with a bang, resurrecting the rugby club car draw.

Over the few months we ran the draw last year, we had around 4 weeks of rugby season, and then the summer shut down, not the best time to try and sell tickets to players and members. We managed to sell most of the tickets, and on Ladies day 2014 we made the draw with Mrs Ulyott winning and claiming the cash.

Through last season's car draw we raised £12,000, a great effort for a first attempt.

The second fund raiser this year was again a resurrection, with the return of the club cabaret. This year the lads worked hard to create an event that worked for the paying guests and the club.

The 181 people that bought tickets were able mostly all able to have a seat. Something that we would not of been able to do if we had stayed at home so to speak. It nearly brought the cabaret back to the days when we held it in the school.

There was plenty of food provided and the beer was the same price as it would have been in the clubhouse.

After weeks of writing and practising I can tell you the cast and crew were very nervous beforehand, but I am pleased to say it went down a treat. I received a text from S D Kitching the next morning which read "please pass my congratulations onto all the guys for last night's show, it was the best cabaret I have seen in 25 years" and that man has seen a few cabarets (and probably had the mick taken out of him in every one too).

The main point is we raised £2700 on the night and no one went home upset (except maybe leader).

As some of you may already be aware, we have already started to roll out tickets for next year's car draw, we thought the early start would give us an advantage in selling and chasing, so when you receive your tickets don't just put them to one side, get them sold on and ask for some more.

Thanks for your support and keep supporting us in our support for the club.



Ones To Watch

Congratulations to the following players, who have all gained county honours this year:

Felix Nellen & James Watts Yorkshire U18's
Ben Dinsdale Yorkshire U16's
Harry Jackson Yorkshire U15's

A Note From Our 2015/16 President

Can I firstly welcome everyone to this new season with the hope that we all continue to enjoy entertaining and successful rugby from all our teams at both Senior and Mini/Junior levels. The success of the Rugby World Cup has shown what we have all known for a long time, that ours is truly the best sport in the world!

For our 1st XV it has been a mixed start to the season in terms of results, but anyone watching them play has witnessed a group of players with a genuine aim to improve the quality of their attack supported by a commitment to a firm defensive line; and when it all comes together they are a joy to watch. Our other teams have not really had enough game time yet to comment in detail, but my feeling is that this year we have a squad of players who will do us proud.

Can I ask you all please to continue to support our club in whatever way you can – be it by regularly turning out for one of our many teams, by supporting all the club functions, by encouraging youngsters to join the Mini/Juniors and especially by giving all the players (and referees !) our match day support.

In such a large club I appreciate that there will be some members who do not know me, so can I please ask everyone to stop me and have a chat whenever we meet.

Steve Gibson

President DRUFC

Memory Lane

How Many Can You Name?



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