

# Calne RFC Newsletter



## CRFC'S CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

The playing management would like me to let you all know that there will be no reprieve from training during the festive period. This will include a full training session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by a few seasonal drinks in the clubhouse afterwards and another session on the 30<sup>th</sup>. In fact, the training session scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of Jan has been made compulsory to section for the Pewsey Vale game on the 8<sup>th</sup>!

As an additional incentive, the team selected for this game will be in this year's 1XV team photo. This photo will be displayed at the club, our new sponsors' reception, on the club's website and in the local press. Copies will also be available to purchase through the club.

## NEW-YEAR INTER-CLUB GAME

This season's inter-club game is being held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jan 2005. The meet is 12noon and please let John Crozier or Bob Martin know if you are, or are not, available.

For those who have not yet experience one of Calne RFC's festive games, I can tell you that you do not want to miss it! As well as being a fun 30-minute each way run-out against your club mates, it is also a fantastic family day.

## TEAM PHOTO!

It's been a while, but with the advent of the new kit and the more organised management, we are ready at last!

As mentioned earlier, the date for the 1XV 2004/05 team photo will be the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan, the Pewsey Vale game. To be in this photo you must be:

1. Selected in the starting 15 or one of the 3 replacements
2. Wearing new or nearly new club socks
3. Wearing clean WHITE shorts

4. Arrive at the club on time or early, to ensure that the photos do not interfere with the prematch preparations.

Two or Three shots may be taken, depending on time. One will be with just the 18 selected and another which should include the coaching/support staff. If time allows, the old first team kit may be donned by any other reserves or 2<sup>nd</sup> team player for a larger group shot

## NEW SPONSOR

Awdry, Bailey & Douglas Solicitors of Calne, have donated a new set of 1XV shirts for the remainder of this season and the duration of the next.

The first outing for this kit will be the first game of the New Year, Pewsey Vale on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan. In the meantime, please visit the club's website and see the photos of the presentation evening and the shirts modelled by Johnny Hope-Smith! There are also some new links and logos on the site which will take to our news sponsors site. Please take a minute or two to view their site.

We will hopefully be able to say thank you to Awdry, Bailey & Douglas soon, in our very own Rugby club fashion. I'm sure a few of their number will also be joining our VP's on their next outing on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December for our crunch game against Corsham.

## TOUR UPDATE

The deadline for your Weymouth Tour deposits was the 11<sup>th</sup> of December! At last count, we had received just 10 lots of deposit payments. Thank you to those who have paid but those who have not just MUST do so VERY soon if the tour is to proceed!!

Please see Rich Kearney or Matt Snell for a receipt when paying your deposit. Jackie Arnold has kindly offered her service to chase all you slackers for payment, you've been warned!

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## TEAM MANAGER

Please offer your congratulations to Jackie Arnold, who has very recently and unanimously been appointed as the club's Team Manger.

Jackie takes over the vacant position, last occupied by Bob Martin in the 2001/02 season. Jackie's main responsibilities include ensuring that the club's property is correctly used and stored, that the facilities are clean and tidy and that people are aware of upcoming social activities. Although Jackie has taken responsibility for these tasks, Jackie role is one of delegation only. I have asked Jackie to let the committee know of anyone who refuses to help her.

But most importantly, Jackie will be monitoring training attendances for the selection process. Jackie is devising new administration methods that will be proactive in helping the club plan training sessions by identify who is and is not available for the upcoming week's session. Please keep Jackie up to date with your Thursday night availability.

## GRAND DRAW TICKETS

The club's Treasurer and Grand Draw Coordinator, Leigh Martin, has requested that all ticket sales to date are returned ASAP.

Leigh is also ordering another 50 books of tickets for those players who have not received any to date. Leigh will issue these tickets to senior player to distribute. In the meantime, please give Matt Snell all your sales to date and any, (but there better be none), returns to be resold by another member of the club.

As a reminder, the clubs is able to keep a massive 90% of all sales we make! This is everyone does their bit will generate a significant cash boost. Funds are being earmarked for the recent floodlight improvements, junior development and the upcoming tour. So please do your bit.

## FLOODLIGHT IMPOVEMENTS

Thanks to the endeavours of the club's Hon. Secretary, Peter Brummell, we now have the best training lights the club has EVER had.

They are brighter and higher and provide a much larger training area than years gone by.

However, since this significant expenditure the number attending training sessions had dropped from 25 to 10! The playing management are aware of the high number of injuries at the moment, but this alone does not account for the recent shortfall.

As you all well know, we have the specialist coaching services of John and Bob, and on occasion Alan and Owen. We now have the lights, the coaches, the league position and a wonderful squad of players, but where is everyone on a Thursday night? Are we to think you are afraid of a bit of cold and wet weather???

## TAG-RUGBY

Our club took another evolutionary step forward recently when Johnny Hope-Smith and Matt Snell became qualified Community Tag-Rugby Coaches with the RFU.

Johnny & Matt, with the help of Steve Silk (NWDC Sports Development Officer) have canvassed all the local primary schools, asking if they would like CRFC's assistance running after school tag-rugby clubs. The response was, to put it simply, overwhelming!

Five local schools responded, which is more than the two volunteers can sensibly handle. So one school has been put on a reserve list! Matt has contact the first two schools. St Dunstan has OVER 100 students wanting to participate! Initially Matt & Johnny will run sessions for their entire year 6 contingent! The 2<sup>nd</sup> school was St Edmunds who has OVER 60 students wanting to participate. Our two volunteers will start by running the sessions for a combination of year 5 & 6's.

Do you want to help? With this number of youngsters to supervise and teach the more help the better. All CRFC after school clubs are run on a Friday afternoon. Please speak to Matt or Johnny for more information.