

Weymouth R.F.C. Newsletter

Monthly

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Welcome to a new season of mini and youth rugby at Weymouth Rugby Football Club, where we are rightly proud of the achievements and the excellent attitude of our young players.

The club aims to ensure that players, coaches, parents, spectators and volunteers uphold the Core Values of rugby union, **Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship**. These values will stand our young people in good stead both on and off the rugby pitch and are reflected in the RFU's **Code of Rugby**. **Weymouth** RFC supports its aims that we:

Play to win - but not at all cost
Win with dignity, lose with grace
Observe the Laws and regulations of the game
Respect opponents, referees and participants

Welcome to Weymouth Rugby Club for the 2011-2012 season. I'm sure it's going to be a good one – not just improving our results on the field, but increasing our player numbers, improving our coaching standards and most important – having fun doing it! Happy smiling faces with core values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship.

Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs
Value volunteers and paid officials alike
Enjoy the game

Last season Weymouth RFC managed to both win with dignity and lose with grace and we are proud that our young teams are as renowned for their fair play as for their successes.

(We are also proud of our RFU Seal of Approval, status, which recognizes our achievement in reaching and maintaining the standard of a club committed to providing a quality rugby union experiences for young players.)

Weymouth RFC is a local club at the heart of our community, with links with local schools. We are delighted by the number of players who progress up the age levels and into our senior teams. Keeping players involved throughout their schooldays and beyond means that they benefit from

It's what makes the world go round, but it takes a lot of hard work and this pyramid is only sustainable if we all try to do our bit. You are lucky in that you have a group of very hard-working members at present but they need your support if we are to move forwards from a broad base – on and off the pitch. As well as human effort, we cannot

being part of the rugby family and from the friendships and health benefits that our sport offers.

The credit for our success as a club is due to the commitment of our young players, the endeavours of the club's qualified and enthusiastic coaches, our many marvellous volunteers, our players' parents and supporters and our sponsors. We would like to thank you all and look forward to your continued support.

With a full fixture programme and a full programme of social events coming up, we would be delighted to see our new players and their parents and families fully involved. We are always glad to have help so please talk about volunteer roles with our coaches, managers or anyone on the Mini & Youth Committee.

Registration day is always tremendously busy, so I would ask for your patience and understanding as there are many

move forward without money! I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our sponsors behalf of the Club.

Unfortunately much of your committee's efforts this year have involved dealing with the impact of the Weymouth Relief Road. The new road may be open, but the overall project continues to impact on us. Currently, it

tasks to perform to ensure that the club lives up to its high standards so that your children are properly registered and cared for in the coming season. I would also ask for subs to be paid within four weeks of registration so that we can handle the finances to everyone's benefit. However, if any parent or guardian has a particular financial need this can be discussed in confidence with Sally Chittick, Safeguarding Officer or Chris Davis Asst Safeguarding Officer.

Hopefully, this pack contains all the information you need but do ask questions or log on to the club website at <http://www.weymouthrfc.org.uk>

A very warm welcome to the 2011/12 season at Weymouth RFC and we hope that you all enjoy the rugby.

Jason Weston

Weymouth RFC Mini & Youth Chairman

looks as if access to the new northern pitches is imminent (at last), but the surrounds will remain in a poor state until well into the season. The southern pitches have borne the brunt of restricted grass area and are going to require a lot of TLC. So we will need to manage our green spaces with great care, both for training and match play.
Des Quick President

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Welcome to SBL

Operating from our premises in Wyke Regis, Weymouth, SBL employ over 20 local tradesmen to undertake all aspect of Building & PVC-u works. Employing all trades we can complete any project from concept to completion with minimal fuss and disruption, co-ordinating and project managing to ensure the project completes to the highest standards and on time. With customer care playing the utmost role in the organisation, you can rest assured that your property is in safe hands whilst works are carried out and all works are guaranteed on completion.

SBL are members of the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), Fensa, (The government body set up to police the double glazing industry) and we can offer insurance backed warranties over and above our own warranties if required.



RFU Club to School Link Agreement!!!!



Nathan Parker
Director of Female Rugby

The RFU Club to School Link Agreement is between a Club and a School that is guided by the RFU. The idea behind this is to develop stronger links. The agreement is based on, what School can offer our Club.

Once a Club to School Link Agreement has been established a representative from the Club, School and the RFU Development Officer sign it. This is not a contract,

but a mutual agreement.

At the beginning of this year I made contact with The Budmouth College. No female Rugby was being played. I introduced an after college club with assistance from some of the teachers. A healthy interest was ignited and there was a consistent turn out over a number of sessions.

There has now been a draft Club to School Link Agreement completed and it is hoped to get it signed off by the RFU very soon.

On the back of these sessions along with Beach Rugby we have been lucky enough to have been supplied with two sets of equipment for Touch Rugby, one for Budmouth College and the other for our Club by a

combination of the RFU and O2. This is to enable us to encourage our Club and Schools/Colleges to work together on Rugby Development within the area.

This will be our first Club to School Link Agreement, but not the last. For anyone who is interested and wants to know more about this please do not hesitate to ask me. the Club can offer the School.

It's now time for Female Rugby to return to **Our Club**, in all of its forms.

Tag to Tackle!

'WRFC raising the profile of Female Rugby'

Nathan Parker

Director of Female Rugby

Spotlight on

Safeguarding Officer

Sally Chittick

A supportive and positive environment in which children can enjoy rugby 'Safeguarding Vulnerable People Policy' and procedures in conjunction safety is vital. Develop the Club ion with the RFU policy Make sure everyone understands the RFU Codes of Conduct and values of the Game: Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Enjoyment, Discipline, Respect Be visible and approachable to all club members and RFU RugbyFirst Develop a system to ensure all individuals working with young people undertake a CRB application every three years and hold an ISA-registration (Once the Independent Safeguarding Authority Vetting and Barring scheme has been implemented) Co-ordinate a programme of training for club personnel working with young people (i.e. Safeguarding & Protecting Young People in Rugby Union courses) Ensure that **all** safeguarding issues and incidents are reported promptly

Sand, Sea and RUGBY!!!!

Beach Rugby has been a massive success this year with females taking part. There's been a variety of mixed ages, abilities and sizes taking up an oval ball rather than a round one.

The idea behind these sessions was to raise the profile of Female Rugby, to encourage females to take part in our sport. With a consistent

number of players every session and a growing number of spectators the Profile of Female Rugby is already beginning to rise.

From a personnel point of view the sessions have been huge amounts of fun with great enjoyment, with a number of laughs on the way. The enthusiasm and energy which has been produced has been unbelievable.

For the first time this year WRFC was represented by two all female teams at the annual Beach Tag Rugby Tournament. With their experience gained they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done to the **Wet Fish Ladies** and the **WRFC Pink's**.

Who knows, maybe we will be entering more all female teams in to next year's tournament.