

TARLETON RUGBY NEWS

SAPPERS' TASK FORCE REQUIRED AND LET THERE BE LIGHT



Johnny Parton, Convenor of House and Grounds needs a volunteer team to dig a trench for an electricity cable to the blue metal equipment store. Please let John know if you have a couple of hours to spare, a good spade, a strong back and a will to succeed. Refreshments will be served.

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Twickenham Top Brass comes to Tarleton

Sunday the 25th of March will be a red letter day in the life and times of Tarleton Rugby Club. The Club has been chosen as port of call for a delegation of top officials from England's rugby HQ, who are on a 'road show' tour of the region.

Their aim is to get a first hand insight into grass roots community rugby and they are dropping into Tarleton on the Sunday morning to get a look at our minis and junior set up. The official request and explanation makes good reading

"The road show is a visit from Francis Baron, John Owen, Martyn Thomas and Andrew Scoular. It is an opportunity for the RFU Top Brass to get out and about in the Constituent Body and speak to people involved in the game as well as observing first hand some of the excellent work that is going on at local clubs. To this end, the road show will be visiting and hosting a variety of events as follows:

Friday PM - Lancashire 125 Anniversary Dinner - Lytham

Saturday AM - School Game - Merseyside

PM - Club Game - Manchester

Sunday AM - Club Visit

PM - Clubs Open Forum - Preston GH

Lancashire would very much like to bring the road show to Tarleton on the morning of Sunday 25th March so that they could see the club's thriving mini/junior section, look around the clubs new facilities and generally talk to club members about how they have developed the game, what initiatives they are currently involved in as well as hearing any suggestions they may have for the future development of the game." Stuart Urquhart – Rugby Development Officer (North Lancashire)

The road show will be an excellent opportunity for the club to showcase itself and raise its profile within the RFU's hierarchy, which can only be positive for future developments. We are to try and be ourselves, serve them with regulation bacon butties and answer their questions.

Tarleton RUFC Merchandise

The new Tarleton RUFC on line shop.

Click on the link from www.tarletonrugby.com

A variety of items are now available to order directly on line with delivery straight to your door, featuring the latest designs and Tarleton sponsors logo's.

Socks and ties are available at the kitchen or please contact Laurie or Barry Cook.

Please support the shop as all profits go straight back to Tarleton Rugby

For orders without internet access please call Laurie 01704 821246

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Mini Rugby

Our Under 9 Team Profiles

Joseph Wignall



A good player with wholehearted graft enabled those hard yards to be made; has made good progress throughout the season with a commendable improvement in his overall skills through practice—now managing to run forwards in a fine “zigzag” pattern—well done!

Harry Forshaw

He has shown a fine ability to swerve and beat a defender with a fine change of direction— and has been able to continually improve throughout the season with some excellent bone crunching tackles, support play and tries; a good prospect for outside centre or wing forward with a firm defensive game.

Myles Eaglestone

A new season of enthusiasm has seen Myles grasp a firm knowledge of the rules and he has managed to improve his skills to come on leaps and bounds throughout the season—well done and keep up the good work. A future full back with a fine eye for the counter-attacking break

Harry Massie

The newest player to the squad has improved immensely in only four weeks and is now becoming a regular stalwart of the side, with regular match winning performances.

James Stockwin

A keen enthusiastic player, with a fine array of swerves and tackling ability, with a speed of thought now becoming a regular feature. His latest asset is the ability to tackle the referee whilst still playing the game!!!!

Alexander Mathie

A fine speedster with a firm grip on the ball has enabled Alex to progress the season with a fine number of tries; has managed to improve his passing skills and is now looking like a future fly-half centre with a firm foundation of rugby skills

Next SEASON and the Future

The squad has a firm foundation of key players who if they continue to practice hard and train adequately will form the spine of a well balanced team with ability and skills capable of improving throughout the year.

A firm grounding in the defensive skills makes them a team who will be hard to score against and bodes well for the fu-

Well done to all who have played so far this season and keep turning up “coz your team needs you!!!”

Henry Lowe

Henry is still the hard grafter in mid field with a longing to get into full contact rugby—his support play has improved on his firm defensive skills and he has the future signs of the hard coal-face front row forward or the scrum half with an educated left boot—look out all you front row grafters the new British bulldog has arrived!!!!!!!



Martha Horton

The stalwart of the team with a determination many a man would yearn for! Martha has continued to show all the boys how to play the man’s game; she has maintained her firm handling skills with some fine tries throughout the season well done and keep playing!!!! Look out Harry Ellis your heir is apparent.

Joseph C

A turn of pace and swerve that Jason Robinson yearns for; a great newcomer to the side with a gritty determination ensuring a regular run of tries and he has a tackling ability that outweighs his size – well done – what do you have for breakfast on match days?

Matthew C

Whatever JC can do he can do just as well – great handling skills have improved throughout the season with a fine eye for the break; a good turn of pace will ensure many more tries in the future.

William King

A fine asset to any side with a firm hard tackle and excellent rucking skills – a firm forward for the future with an eye for that ever present gap. The only player this season to score 1.5 tries in a single match.

Many thanks to Parents

Without the support and help of all parents the season would not have been possible—so a big “thank you” to all Mums & Dads for performing all the necessary transport, kit cleaning and touch line encouragement throughout the whole season.

A special mention to Craig whose firm and educational Wednesday night training sessions has been the main reason why such progress has been made this season – THANK YOU.



Under 7's Player Profile—George Powell

What is your best rugby memory ? - Scoring my 1st ever try (away at Chorley)

What would you drag out of your house if it was burning down ? - My Nintendo DS (then maybe my brother and sister)

Favourite food—Sausage & mash

Favourite TV programme - Batman –The Cartoon Series

Last Movie you saw ? Arthur and the Invisibles

What would you like to be when you grow up ? - A Postman like my Uncle (Paul Johnson)

Mini Rugby



Special message to the Under 7's & 8's Coaches

George nearly packed in Rugby last year, but thanks to the great coaching and encouragement from Mouny , Jerry & David, he has stuck at it and has improved tremendously.

His confidence has grown and has developed into a very good team player, one to watch for the future eh George !

Under 10's

The U10's under the guidance of coach Simon Horton have worked hard in training this season, and are starting to reap the rewards with some notable victories. The 13 man squad have claimed the scalps so far of Burnley, Southport, Aldwinians, Ormskirk, Vale 2nds, Preston 2nds, and Fylde 2nds. As can be seen by the last 3 wins the Terriers have often encountered large squads from the bigger clubs. This has led to them facing the 1st and 2nd string on the same day. These former wins are therefore impressive as they have followed on after the A match and were against fresh legs.

This season has seen the inaugural fixtures against Kirkham Grammar School both home and away. The lads from Kirkham proved to be very well drilled winning both matches. One benefit of this fixture was the signing of David King, who has impressed with 7 tries in 3 games. David is also a talented footballer playing for PNE. Beside Kirkham the best teams we have faced to date were the Cheshire teams Widnes and Lymm. The encounters

with Blackburn and Wilmslow were closer affairs however, and are matches we should be aiming to win next season.

Leading scorer this season as last is Kieran Walker with 28, followed by James Lazenby and Ashley Oshinowo each on 16, and Jack Langton on 9. However there are no stars in this team as is shown by the fact that there have been 14 different Man of the Match winners. Well done boys and thanks to our Man of the Match sponsor Simon Horton.

The club also welcomes new boys Callum Walker & Bryn Foster.



Junior Rugby

Under 13's - Tarleton U13's run in the Enterprise Finance Europe Junior Challenge Cup had been an amazing success which got them to the 1/4 finals. At the start of the season it was touch and go whether they could field a full 15, but with a number of returning players and new recruits they have gone from strength to strength, and were worthy group winners even after having 2 points deducted !!. The road to the 1/4 final has been a tribute to the lads and their willingness to learn and work hard at the 15 a side game. The first round was against Ormskirk and this is always a tough fixture, the lads were determined to maintain their unbeaten record here and came away with a clean sheet after playing some excellent defensive rugby. Next up Fylde, which again proved a tough fixture, here the lads conceded their 1st try—but came away with another win !. Fleetwood were next once again the lads played some superb team rugby and proved they were winners. The final match was against Blackburn on a near arctic day, Blackburn scored in the first few minutes which appeared to wake the lads up, Tarleton came away with their biggest win of the season.

Under 13's after their win against Fleetwood

For Sale— Rugby Boots

size 6

£5.00

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Crosley

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Junior Rugby

Under 16's through to Semi Final of CUP !!

Tarleton U16's are through to the semi final after their victory in the quarter finals on March 4th !

The first 15 mins of the 1/4 final were a battle of nerves with both team sounding each other out, neither side committing to anything 'exiting' in the dreadful conditions. Tarleton played into the wind and clawed their way back up field a yard at a time before laying siege onto the West Park line, Darren Boswarva powering over to open up the scoring. West Park, with the wind to their backs, launched huge down-field kicks allowing them to pressure Tarleton. One such kick found Tarleton giving away a penalty just inside their own half, with a huge boot West Park were back in the game. Still struggling into the wind, Tarleton had the majority of possession which had to tell as West Park valiantly defended but Andrew

Andrew Fishwick drove over from short range to score, soon to be followed by second row Sam Marsh stretching for the line.

Andrew Bushell mastered the wind at last to add the conversion to put West Park out of reach.

At the turn around it looked as though the defending champions were in for a high score. Matthew Smith finished off a spell-binding backs move that left West Park with no way of defending. Crossing the line next as West Park expected the pass, Bushell broke through under the posts before converting his own try. As the game was now only 10 minutes into the second half the signs looked ominous for West Park, but with determination they battled to keep Tarleton out for the remainder of the game.

Final Score
Tarleton 29 West Park 3

Under 15's through to Semi final of Vase

A 15- 0 win against Leigh in 1/4 finals has put the 15's through to the semis !. The U15's are a committed bunch of players and are also a great laugh to be around. Their rugby has improved greatly and they love the game, which not only provides a great social life but also creates important life skills, which they will keep for the rest of their lives.

In a difficult school year they are still turning up in large

numbers to train, and give 100% when they put on a Tarleton shirt. The team spirit in the changing room is always a laugh, which shows in the way they play rugby. It's always nice to win but playing the game and enjoying the rugby is the most important thing. We do have a small squad, but there are a few names within the squad that deserve praise. Max Ashcroft and George Skofic have made the Lancashire squad and we hope there will be some more soon. Finally thanks to our parents and Manager Louise who keep us all in check.

Called Super Sunday, March 4th was always going to be a day to remember at Tarleton with the 13's & 16's playing in the Cup and the 14's & 15's playing in the vase all with home fixtures. Though the weather did its worse to dampen the spirits and blow away the gazebos, overall the day was a success. Unfortunately for the 13's they were the only side to lose. If any of our other age groups needed motivation a look at the disappointment shown on the faces of the 13's players & coaches would spur them onto success. On the brighter side the 13's have 3 more years to bring junior silverware to Tarleton, lets all hope they do it !!

Under 14's through to Semi Final of Vase

A 30—0 win against Littleborough has secured a 1/4 final spot for U14's.

Despite having a small squad these lads have worked hard throughout the season to secure 9 points and finish 5th in the group. Games against Liverpool Collegiate and Rochdale had to be conceded due to injuries, but in the other games the team performed commendably. These lads have been training very hard over the last few weeks with some vigorous sessions with the U15's. They can approach the

Semi finals with confidence in their strength, commitment and team spirit. Notwithstanding difficulties due to low numbers there is a hard core of established players who are reliable, hard working and keen to improve their game. Their success in the 1/4 finals should inspire them to put in a strong performance which will take them even further. Good luck lads in the semis go and do us proud !

Under 15's Coach & 2nd Team player profile 'Tallo'



What is your biggest achievement to date ? Swimming for Lancashire, winning the Scottish Championship when I was 13 & biggest—playing for Tarleton !

Not many people know this about me I have been interviewed by Sky Sports and was on TV for 10 mins !!! - but was slightly drunk ! Surprise Surprise eh Tallo ! NOT.

The best piece of advice I have ever been given is .. Don't get caught.

What is your idea of a perfect holiday ? Watching the British Lions and getting a call up and hearing "TALLO UR ON". Also anywhere in the North of Scotland in the peace and quiet of the hills and the Lochs.

M e n ' s R u g b y

2 N D X V

The 2nd XV have been established now for about 4 years and play in the Miller Homes Intermediate Leagues. The team is a mixture of old heads and 'legs', young heads, newcomers to the game and colts. Last year the team was promoted from 5 North into 4 North and have had a mixed season so far. They are currently 8th in the league, which is a respectable mid table but more importantly they have performed better than all the teams that were promoted at the same time. The team has three games left with the last fixture being on 14th April against Wigan at Carr Lane. The variety of rugby in the league is wide and they have played young, free flowing and quick teams across the spectrum to spoiling heavy packs.

1st XV

Currently the first team are playing in North Lincs 1 and are lying in second place. They are playing some outstanding rugby with forwards and backs linking up to score some tremendous tries, as the score-lines have reflected with a great win over Colne and Nelson 73-0, and an even better result against Burnley 48-0, last weekend saw them beat Bolton 40-0. With the team playing some outstanding rugby and a mean defence, there is every chance of them being promoted this year.

Looking at the league table it looks like Kirby Lonsdale have wrapped up the title, there is, however, still a chance for silverware in the Lancashire Cup where the 1st team face an away trip to Burnley in the quarter final.

With some important games fast approaching, and only one home game left the 1st team are looking for some support to come down and cheer them on as they push for promotion into North Lincs/Cumbria. So if you fancy watching some entertaining rugby and seeing how the 1st team play come down. Matches on a Saturday afternoon k.o. 2.30 or 3.00

The 2ns's have coped admirably with this variety and have completed some great wins. Many have assisted the 1st XV in their quest for promotion and the plan for next season is to try and run 3 teams with the 2nd XV being a side able to support the 1st XV, and the 3rd team more of a social side. The team has planned an end of season drink which will be after the last game on 14th April.



Tarleton 2nd V Sale 2—Line out



Tarleton 2nd XV V Sale 2 February 07, another scrum

Training is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm, and all players of age and ability are welcome to join us

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Kirkby Lonsdale	19	17	1	1	619	135	484	35
Tarleton	19	15	1	3	585	148	437	31
Eccles	19	14	1	4	415	245	170	29
Heaton Moor	19	12	0	7	456	297	159	24
Littleborough	19	11	1	7	383	202	181	23
Birchfield (Lancs)	19	10	1	8	342	282	60	21
Burnley	19	9	2	8	371	328	43	20
Bolton	19	8	0	11	232	291	-59	16
Blackpool	19	4	2	13	273	466	-193	10
Bury	19	4	1	14	196	504	-308	9
Old Bedians	19	3	2	14	212	503	-291	8
Colne & Nelson	19	1	0	18	99	782	-683	2

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Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers who can help with even just an hour of their time! It need not be a massive commitment but is always greatly appreciated & can be great fun. If you can offer your services then please contact:

Social Committee

Cath Frankland 01704 823280

Catering

Jan Crosley 01772 600375

Commercial

Judy Newlove 01772 600622

Sponsorship Opportunities

The club is very reliant & extremely grateful for any sponsorship – large or small. There are different packages available both for companies & the private individual.

We can offer our sponsors advertising on kits, match boards, in programmes, sportsman's dinner & social functions. We are also looking for match ball sponsors & especially printing sponsorship .

If you can help either as an individual or as a company please contact

Judy Newlove 07795 428405
or
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Social Events 2007

Friday 9th March

Sportsman's Dinner
Quality Mill Hotel Croston.
Tickets £30 Speaker:
David Trick (ex Bath & England)
Comedian: Billy Bean

Saturday 12th May

Disco & Supper Night
Rufford Village Hall
Tickets £12.50

Sunday 13th May

Presentation Day & Family event
Rufford Village Hall

Saturday 15th September

Tarleton RUC Annual Ball
Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport

**C h a i r m a n ' s M e s s a g e f r o m
H u g h P a t e r s o n**

Season 2006/07 has been a notable landmark in the rise of Tarleton Rugby. The opening of the clubhouse extension in September providing 4 x additional changing rooms and a refectory area with an adjoining kitchen brings the level of capital investment at Carr Lane since 1999 to over £800,000.

The decision to increase changing room capacity was taken to support the long term needs and expansion plans of the Club and to take advantage of the Rugby Football Union's priorities for grant aid. Social facilities are currently ineligible.

However, the plans to convert the first floor to form an executive lounge area remain a firm priority. As well as advancing the design, the EMC is currently exploring the means by which to secure the necessary funding. Every effort will be made to bring those plans to reality in season 2007/08.

This newsletter is greatly welcomed and I hope that it will become a regular communication tool for everyone associated with Tarleton Rugby Club. Our thanks to Janet

Jones for volunteering to take on production of the newsletter

Many people give of their time in support of the players. Our many coaches and team managers across all sections of the club are testimony to that fact. However, I would take this opportunity to pay particular tribute to a few notable contributions this season.

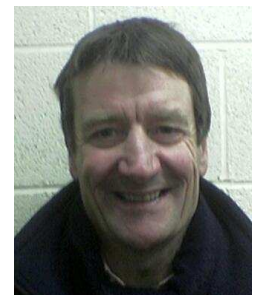
Firstly to Jan Crosley and her redoubtable catering corps for all their time and effort feeding all the hungry mouths and for also taking the time and trouble to get 'qualified' in food hygiene on our behalf.

To Judy Newlove for stepping into the breach on commercial to work with Laurie Cook, Cath Frankland, Jan and co in the vital area of income generation. To Sarah Pearce once again for her sterling efforts in setting up and policing our successful direct debit subs system.

On House and Grounds, special thanks to John Parton and his team for their efforts around the clubhouse and the fields; Brian Fishwick and Mick Frankland in particular.

Finally, we know that communication remains our greatest challenge. In an effort to improve communication and management efficiency, we have introduced an operational management group, which meets on the first Monday of each month. This group includes representation from all sections of the club alongside many of our key volunteers as well as the executive management committee. Early signs are that this group is working well.

Enjoy the final run-in and good luck to all our teams as they contest leagues cups and plates. Try not to replicate Scotland's first 6 minutes against Italy!



Hugh Paterson
TRUFC Chairman