

TARLETON TERRIER NEWS

Clubhouse Phase 3 To Open Next Season

A barking Christmas to all Terriers! Tarleton Terrier, Scruffy, will be getting a nice bone from Santa at Christmas, says her owner, George.



2006 will prove to be an exciting staging post in the life and times of Tarleton Rugby. The on-going development of facilities at Carr Lane remains a key strategic objective for the Club's Executive Committee and the Club is now on the threshold of another major phase of works.

The Club's architects, Snape & Cowing, are putting the finishing touches to the plans and design specification for a third phase of works at Carr Lane. On the ground floor Phase 3 comprises 4 changing rooms, showers and toilets built to RFU specification, a kitchen and refectory area, and a main entrance lobby and stairwell/lift to the first floor.

On the first floor, there will

be an open plan executive lounge area and store area.

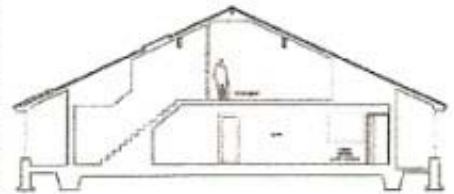
The Club currently has £255,000 available to spend on Phase 3 and the tender process will determine exactly how far this resource will go.

Tarleton's own Braveheart, Scot Hugh Paterson, says, "We certainly hope and anticipate that the Club will be able to enter into a contract to complete the ground floor. It may be that the first floor works will follow in a subsequent contract as resources become available. Alternatively, the Club may carry out the first floor renovations by voluntary effort."

Tenders will be invited be-

fore Christmas with a return date of mid January. It is, therefore anticipated that a contract will be let by the end of January 2006.

This phase of works will bring the investment in developing facilities at Carr lane to over £800,000 during a period of 7 years. Not a bad effort for a community rugby club in the lettuce fields of West Lancashire!



How the Clubhouse entrance on the north side will look when Phase 3 is complete

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PoW Ball's a Sell-out

The Tarleton RUFC Annual Ball was held at the Prince of Wales in Southport on October 8. More than 250 guests attended and were treated to a black and white themed room. They danced the night away to music provided by Steve Charles.

The auction lots of a Helicopter Ride, tickets for Sale Sharks, signed Sale Sharks

Shirt & Ball and many other items which very kindly donated proved a huge draw.

"We managed to raise over £5,000 on the night which was a fantastic achievement," enthuses ball organiser Suzie Walmersley.

The Club will also be making a charitable donation to

the Lancashire Air Ambulance & Paul Deeley. Paul played for Old Otliensians RUFC in Otley and suffered a serious injury in September 2004 which left him paralysed and reliant on 24 hour care.

Following on from the success of the event tickets have already been sold for next year.

Junior Rugby - U15s

Woody's Lads to face Bokkies

This season promises to be the biggest ever for the squad of 32 players as Steve Wood's lads travel to South Africa in August 2006 to represent the Club in an International Rugby Festival in Cape Town.

The boys have been fund-raising for four months and have now reached £18,000. The final target is £36,000. Thank you to all those people and parents who have contributed so far!

On the field, 11 players have played this season for their Districts, North Lancs and Merseyside. Congratulations to Archie Skofic, Jonathan Edwards, Andrew Fishwick, Andrew Bushell, Sam Wareing, Tom Ball, Tom Potter, Philip Charters, Oliver Ashley, Rob Bramhall and Alex

Roebuck

The u15s sit at the top of the league in the EFE Challenge Cup having qualified for the knock-out stage of the Cup with one game in hand. This puts them in a very strong position to defend the trophy they won last year.

Their best performance so far has come against current Cheshire Champions, Wilmslow, where the lads won away 12 - 0. After Christmas, they can look forward to some very strong opposition in the form of Mold, Rhyl and Sandal.

Steve Wood, the u15 coach, believes that these games will set the lads up nicely for their trip to South Africa. He says, "We will come across some extremely strong sides. The South African schools have up to seven sides per year group. They play a very

physical game of rugby and will undoubtedly challenge our boys."

Naturally, all at the Club will be wishing them well with their tour this summer.

U15s won the Lancashire Cup in 2005.



Junior Profile

Eddie Wilson



Position:

Flanker u14.

When did you start playing?

Last season.

What's your best rugby memory?

When we went on tour to Isle of Man.

Who is your rugby hero?

Jason Robinson.

What would you drag out of your house if it was burning down (hypothetically speaking)?

Rosy, my cat.

What is your fave dish?

Haggis.

What are you hoping Santa will bring?

A new phone.

What was the last movie you saw?

Harry Potter.

What was the last cd you got?

Chemical Brothers

What is your dream motor car?

Porsche.

Who do you think will win the 6 Nations?

England.

Junior Rugby - U14s

u14s want more 3W!

The u14s season to date is best summed up by the acronym 3W. That stands for the massive spirit and effort the lads put into the games against West Park, Widnes and Warrington.

Two were victories in the fullest sense of the word and the scoreboard agreed; the other was the biggest morale victory in the 7 years the lads have been playing together (plus the referee that day had a real problem with his eyesight!)

The first victory against West Park owed much to the work of Jack Kelly and George Skofic in a very close game. The morale victory was against Widnes who over the last 7 years have been the top team in the North West at this age group. Said u14 coach, Mark Ashcroft: "I have to take a lot of the credit for Widnes's narrow win. First, they turned up short of players and I lent them some of ours. Then, with seconds remaining, the ref ignored a blatant knock-on that gifted them a try and the win.... snag was I was reffing the game!"

But if Mark dropped a clanger against Widnes, he redeemed himself with the way the lads went about the game

against Warrington. With only 15 lads fit, they took on Warrington and played beautiful rugby with a 34 to 5 win. Tries came from Liam N, Russell, Scott, Procky, George and Chris G. It was great to watch with plenty of linking between forward and backs and bags of recycled ball. It was a performance to be proud of.

A squad of over 20 lads have been regularly available this season and of the squad, 5 made it through to North Lancashire trials. Congratulations to Max Ashcroft, Liam Nixon, George Skofic, Jamie Dorego and Russell Halton.

The lads have been involved in some tough games so far this season; primarily as a result of being seeded in the Lancashire Cup.

Although games have been tough, the defensive work of the team is much improved and the tackling has been brave.

There is a new second row pairing of Daniel and James; both have worked hard to lose the tag of prop to become locks!!! We now have 3 hookers, so competition has increased.

u13s Update

Coach, Alastair Skelton, feels that things are looking up for this group of players. The squad has been bolstered by a number of new additions and returning players - they now have a squad of around 20.

On the coaching side Alastair and Garry Payne have been supported by a number of people this season: Owen Wordley, Dean Greenwood and Chris Williams. The forwards have responded well to Owen's commitment and enthusiasm and the backs' organisation and tactical awareness has benefited massively from Dean's input to Tuesday evening training.

On the pitch, they have had some notable successes, particularly in the Lancashire EFE Junior Challenge. 2 victories against Bury and Colne + Nelson and 2 defeats against Vale of Lune and Leigh have left them in third place in their pool. With one pool game left against Rochdale, the lads are aiming to stay in 3rd spot to claim a home tie in the quarter finals of the Plate competition.

So it's full credit to the boys who have shown great enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and develop. The greatest compliment they have had from others watching them play this season is that they appear to be thoroughly enjoying their rugby.

“Run forwards, pass backwards and support the ball carrier”

Matthew Pye

The lads had a shock start to their season. With decimated numbers to pick from, the u8s suffered a defeat at the hands of a well-drilled Vale of Lune side. Although the scores of 2-7 and 1-5 underestimated how well the team defended, there was a need to emphasise the importance of running forward in future to score more tries.

The following week, they travelled to the Manchester Festival. Despite a good display by all team members, the team failed to progress to the next round. The mantra for the season had now become: **“Run forwards, pass backwards and support the ball carrier”**.

In the next match, the team earned a well deserved victory over Sedgley Park at home with spirited defence from all team members and some excellent support play in attack.

With added confidence, the team then travelled to West Park where they were well and truly beaten in poor, rainy conditions. All members were to be congratulated in managing to remain on the field!

The next fixture was at home fixture against Preston Grasshoppers where a strong squad of two Grasshopper sides were truly tested by a smaller but more skilful Tarleton squad. They managed a win and a loss to Grasshoppers with the strength of Hoppers numbers eventually taking its toll.

There then followed the long car journey to the Skipton where the squad produced a spirited team effort to earn a commendable 4-3 win and 3-3 draw. At last, team members were beginning to execute the mantra of running forward with good support play. This resulted in some well worked tries.

The most recent fixture was against a well-organised Mold team. With predominantly sound defence, supported by excellent attacking flare from all the team, the players managed a 6-5 win.

What the remainder of the season holds will depend on the squad of players continuing to gel as a team. Coach Ronnie Lowe is clear what he wants from the players: “We have to work incessantly to the team mantra with the hope of some more pleasing victories. Well done to all who have played so far this season and keep turning up “coz your team needs you!”



Position:

Loose head prop u12

When did you start playing?

When I was an u10

What's your best rugby memory?

When we beat Leigh last season

Who is your rugby hero?

Charlie Hodgson

What would you drag out of your house if it was burning down (hypothetically speaking)?

TV, food and water

What is your fave dish?

Chicken fajitas

What are you hoping Santa will bring?

An Ipod

What was the last movie you saw ?

Harry Potter

What was the last cd you got?

Now 59

What is your dream motor car?

Ferrari

Who do you think will win the 6 Nations?

England

u 9 s — u p d a t e s

Coaches, Simon Horton and Mark Lazenby, are happy with the way their 16-player squad has adapted to the challenges of moving from tag to contact rugby.

The team was knocked out in the group phase of the Manchester tournament but earned a creditable draw against old rivals Ormskirk and only lost to Chester by a single try.

Notable landmarks include Kieran Walker getting his hundredth try for the minis and George Murphy getting his first. The most sporting player award goes to Oliver Horton who scored against Tarleton twice whilst on loan to Sedgley Park.

Other players on the top try-scoring list this season are James Lazenby and Ashley Oshinowo each with three.

The under 9s have five newcomers this season and extend a warm welcome to Joshua Peacock, Chris McIntosh, Sam Webster, Stephen Brett and Emma Thornton. Everyone looks forward to them making a big impact.

Mini Rugby — u 1 2 s

Girls add to playing strength

The beginning of the season saw the arrival of two new players, Max Kelly and Georgia Mayor - these players have added strength to the backs and given the side even more pace. More recent additions to the squad are Natasha Stopforth and Jake Mann.

As coaches Chris Malkin and Jason Lewczenko see it: “The main problem at the start of the season was the inability to win enough ball

from set play situations. This has been remedied over the last few weeks as the forwards have begun to find their feet and the side are now winning their fair share of ball from scrums and line outs”.

In the last fixture at Skipton, the hard work on the training pitch was transferred to match day and the side ran in ten tries on their way to a convincing victory. This was an excellent performance that saw the forwards work hard to secure the ball. The backs made full use of the possession and displayed some great handling, running some su-

perb lines and angles to put the points on the board.

There are seven matches during January and February. This should see the team realise its true potential. The New Year should also see the return of Tom Humphries from “pantomime duties”. This will add more experience and strength to the forwards. Provided the forwards continue to secure a fair share of ball, there is no question that the team will convert the possession into tries. There is no team in this age group that can live with the power or pace of this back line.

Mini Rugby — u 1 2 s

Team improves after Vale

Defeat in the first match against Vale was a real wake-up call for the lads. Coach Iain Crosley notes: “We were short on experience and a lot were out of position. But they improved from that point on”.

They put in some good performances in the Manchester Festival and at Preston Grasshoppers. Then against Warrington and Lymm, they came away with a double win after a tough morning's rugby.

The following weekend saw them heading off to Skipton for a new fixture which was well worth travelling over for, and they earned a good 40:7 win. This was followed in the first weekend in

December by a much-anticipated match against Mold. In previous Tournaments, the record had been one win each. On the day though, Mold proved to be a tough and competitive team and went away winning 28:7. This is one of the best teams the u12s have played in this age group and the boys can be proud of their performance, as the score line does not reflect the closeness of the game.

Overall, the performance of this team has been excellent, aided by the arrival of new squad members (Alex Rigby, Chris Simpson, Neal Ritson and Jack Webster). The quality and understanding of the game is improving so it should lead to some good results after the Christmas break.



Coach of the u12s, Iain Crosley, looking forward to some good results in the New Year.

Colts Rugby - u17s

A way win at Glossop is turning point

The Junior Colts have struggled with numbers this season, always seeming to have enough players for home games but finding a lot less enthusiasm for travelling to away fixtures, writes Colts correspondent, Jeff Gordon.

This lack of numbers for away matches can be seen in the results that they have achieved where only 1 point has been gained in the league away from home. However, a recent cup win away at Glossop may prove to be the turning point in their season.

Not that they are doing badly: at the time of writing they are in 4th place in the league. The lads who play for the Junior Colts have enjoyed each other's company both on and off the field and all they have to do now is learn to pass, run straight, tackle, ruck and maul and kick tactically and they'll be world beaters!

To be truthful, apart from a defeat at Warrington where they were outplayed, they have been unlucky in two away matches that they have lost by 2 points and 5 points respectively. Their inability to be able to bring on fresh legs at opportune times due to the shortage of squad players gave the opposition a distinct advantage in both matches. Had they won these two close encounters, they would have been top of the league at present.

With the run in to the end of the season after Christmas, if they can just keep their fitness levels up and perhaps find a couple more players, they could improve on what has already been a good season results wise.

It has been a pleasure watching them play when they have been focused on the job in hand and as most of them have been playing alongside each other for a while now - the understanding between certain players is growing.



Junior Colts' line out secures clean ball

Ladies Profile

Yvonne Johnson

u10s Update

u10s Come Out Top in Skipton

Coach, Dave Turnbull saw the lack of growth throughout the team over the summer as a slight disadvantage at the start of the season. The u10s are probably the smallest outfit you will ever see but they have still caused problems to all comers. This season they have progressed well beyond their years and at Skipton they produced their most impressive forward play, setting the experienced backs up to score classy tries.

What is great to see is the bond in the team friendship that has grown within the team over the last 3/4 years, despite them all attending different schools, as well as the welcome that they have extended to new players. A great set of lads who are a real credit to the club, ALL of whom you would want in your side any day! They are all looking forward to the new year and festivals at the end of the season and with such a skillful bunch of players could do very well.

Position:

Anywhere at the moment
When did you start playing?
As an u10

What's your best rugby memory?
Scoring a try for Runshaw last season in front of my Mum.

Who is your rugby hero?
Got to be Johnno

What would you drag out of your house if it was burning down?
The telly

What is your fave dish?
Sausage and chips

What are you hoping Santa will bring?

Colts Rugby - u19s

"Now we're cooking..."

Tarleton's first senior colts squad has participated in the Lancashire and Cheshire Senior (under 19) league and has done so with some distinction. The club currently lie second to Waterloo in C' division and have been available to field a side for every fixture.

Sadly not all teams in the division have been able to match Tarleton's resources and commitment with some teams dropping out of the league completely whilst others have simply conceded matches. Waterloo have to date been the beneficiary of four such concessions. Tarleton have played 9 matches with one concession by Sandbach. They have won 6 and lost three.

The squad has lost the services this season of Greg Bullen to University, Garth Dew to Sale Sharks Academy and Adam Horricks and Jack Aspden to women. Injury has drastically curtailed Ian Walker's season to date but we are hopeful he will resume in January.

The colts exited the Lancashire under 19's cup in November, victims of last years winners Rochdale in a highly competitive game. Lessons were learnt and will serve the club well next season when our current senior and junior colts merge.

Colts Profile

Sean Twist

New car racing overalls
What was the last movie you saw?
Scary movie 2
What was the last cd you got?
Power ballads
What is your dream motor car?
Ford Mustang
Who do you think will win the 6 Nations?
Why you asking?



Position:

Ladies prop
When did you start playing?
2000

What's your best rugby memory?
When I was scouted by Lancs and picked for their training camp.

Who is your rugby hero?
Members of my family. I also think Ben Cohen is alright.

What would you drag out of your house if it was burning down?
My bank card

What is your fave dish?
Grandma's corned beef hash

What are you hoping Santa will bring?
A new car

What was the last movie you saw?
Meet the Fokkers

What was the last cd you got?
50 cents' greatest hits

What is your dream motor car?
Golf GTI

Who do you think will win the 6 Nations?
England

1st XV

Frustration of losing matches by single points

After a very good pre-season, where the squad trained really hard under the guidance of Alex and Alan, the 1st team were confident of doing really well in the league.

At the moment the league position reads pld.10 W.5 L.5. which underlines the inconsistent season. Things started well with some good performances in the league, but then there were a couple of injuries and with people unavailable through work and family commitments, the team lost games it should have won - one against Old Bedians and the other against Bolton. The other losses have been against teams higher in the league and these were games which were lost by narrow margins especially against top of the league Aldwinians - lost by 2 points

with a try being disallowed in the last minute!

Says captain, Kevin Strange, "These losses are hard to take at the time, but on reflection the lads can be pleased with their performances and they know that a 10% improvement would have turned these losses into wins".

On the positive side the 1st team have had three Colts make these debuts for them this season - Craig Dootson, Max Skofic and Jack Walmsley. This is great for the Club as they have come right through the junior ranks with Tarleton Rugby.

Also Kev would like to say thank-you to those who come down and support the lads both home and away. It's very much appreciated by the players.

1st XV captain, Kev Strange, used to pack down in the 2nd row with Steve Borthwick when they were together at school. Steve plays for Bath and England and Kev plays us!

Men's Rugby Profile

Kevin Strange



Position:

Men's 2nd row or no.8.

When did you start playing?

As an u12.

What's your best rugby memory?

Getting to the semi-final of the Daily Cup in 1997 and playing for Lancashire through the age groups.

Who is your rugby hero?

It's got to be Borthers.

What would you drag out of your house if it was burning down?

The missus.

What is your fave dish?

Chicken tikka masala.

What are you hoping Santa will bring?

A win.

What was the last movie you saw?

King Kong.

What was the last cd you got?

Don't buy them.

What is your dream motor car?

X5

Who do you think will win the 6 Nations?

Is that a serious question?

2nd XV

After match activities going "fine"

The Second Team continues to bring pleasure and despair to all. Great wins followed by defeats that baffle the mind. To date this season, they have played 12 won 6 lost 6.

Some 'old legs' from last season are now definitely tiring, and in new players like Scott, Jamie, Lee, Richard Sochaki, Andy Boyes, BFG Twisty and Jack, the team is now looking to the future.

They also have a pair of 'our' new legs in John Guest who is fringing the first team's front row.

Stalwarts like 'Mr Stretch' i.e. Andy Shaw who turn up every week to sub, run the line, do anything he's asked, reminds you of what the game is about.

Another 'unseen' hero is 'Mrs Stretch' i.e. Lesley Shaw whose commitment to being duty driver for away games and duty 'Arkwright' for all home games is brilliant.

Of course, there is the 'Rent a Crowd' or the girls that follow their heroes to all games. "Where would we be without them? Plus they help the team funds when being fined!", reports team impresario, Bill Wood.

Powelly puts in an enormous amount of time trying to gee up players. Training two nights - playing Saturday - hurting Sunday. Plus millions of calls and texts all in what at times seems like to be a lost cause. Well-done Mark! Thanks also to Gill for being understanding.

The team need more commitment from players by turning up training. Contacting Powelly regarding availability or non availability plus helping in anyway they can.

On the playing front, Powelly leads the point scoring to date. Tallo has now stopped wearing long underpants under his shorts. Richard McGrath still astounds all by his complete lack of pace. Al Read has already used this season's issue of tape. The combined waist measurement of the front row (Pearcey, Nick, Tallo) would test anyone on an abacus.

After match activities are going 'fine' with the funds already looking good for the end of season bash.

It would be nice that by the end of the season if there are more under 22s in the team than over 35s, and the way things are going that is a distinct possibility.

The 2nd Team lads limber up before their first match of the season against Wigan which they won comfortably.





Position:
Centre

When did you start playing?

When I was in the RAF.

What's your best rugby memory?

Playing against the other Services in Germany and going on the lash with the Wetherspoon guy

Who is your rugby hero?

JPR

What would you drag out of your house if it was burning down?

The kids and my laptop

What is your fave dish?

No contest - lassagne

What are you hoping Santa will bring?

First child

What was the last movie you saw?

Madagascar

What was the last cd you got?

Pussycat dolls

What is your dream motor car?

911

Who do you think will win the 6 Nations?

Wales, again

*Stephen's firm, www.accessatlast.com is the sponsor of the Senior Colts's kit this season.

Chairman's Message from Hugh Paterson

2005 has been a successful but at times turbulent year for the Club. There have been some challenging moments, which are symptomatic of a rapidly growing and dynamic voluntary sports club. Our policy of integrating the senior section with the junior and mini sections has brought some tensions and tested our communications.

The ladies section after a very encouraging start to the season has stalled of late and we have some work to do to strengthen and consolidate the development of this important new section.

The latest investment plans to develop our clubhouse are covered elsewhere in this newsletter but suffice to say they will serve to further strengthen the status and growth of Tarleton Rugby.

One of the most frequently asked questions by members and visitors is when are we/you going to get a bar? We are getting there and hopefully will bring that particular aspiration to reality on the back of our most recent plans and building pro-

Oliver Rafferty takes the bike

"The Club held its first ever Christmas Prize Draw this year and made a profit of £1,600," says Fran Turnbull, Mum of Andrew (u10s).

As it was the first time that the Club had done a registered draw, she and fellow organiser, Sarah Pearce, Mum of Jack (u12s) had a lot to learn from the experience. The Club would like to thank all of those who sold tickets, donated prizes and, of course, those who bought the tickets! Without your support, the Club would not have made such a healthy profit.

And a special mention to Oliver Rafferty of the u7s who won a child's bike and to Mrs Pleasant (aged 78) who was sold a ticket by Fran's Mum and won the Lady's Hamper. Full list of winners is:-

- LCD TV, C Holley (ticket sold by U15s)

- Child's Hamper, Angela Berry (Seniors)

- Drinks Hamper, Helen Kelly (sold by u14s)

- Malt Whiskey, Richard Wright (sold by Seniors)

- Wine parcel, Robin? (sold by Seniors)

- Wine parcel, Luke Disley (sold by Colts)

- Wine parcel, Peter Houghton (sold by u15s)

- Sparkling Wine, Debbie Simpson (u12s)

- Sparkling Wine, Danny Wood (sold by u15s)

Brand New TRUFC Strips for Juniors, Colts and Seniors

Brand new strips have been delivered to 7 teams within the Club this season. And the best news of all is that they all look the same! So instead of each team looking like they could belong to different clubs, they have the same colours and design and they look fantastic. Many thanks to the sponsors who have made it possible. Some of the sponsors have family connections or a link through their employers to the their teams but others just wanted to get involved with Tarleton rugby Club. Whatever the reason, we could not have done it without them:-

- u14s Moss Industrial Estates

- u15s Ascroft Transport

- u16s TRM Packaging Burscough

- Junior Colts Lancashire Double Glazing

- Senior Colts www.accessatlast.com

- 2nd XV Punch 'n' Press (that looks good on the front of a shirt!)

- 1st XV Auto Body Centre Bamber Bridge

In the coming months, the Club will be looking at the away strips for next season. If anyone among our readers is interested to sponsor in the future, kindly contact Fran Turnbull on 01772 811604.

Further mentions should be made of Vitagrow (Trevor) who has kept us in seed, chalk and fertiliser over the summer, JN Webster Agri Contractors who did the sand slitting, Gary Seddon who spread the seed and fertiliser, Lloyds TSB who co-funded the Ladies team, Natwest and South West Lancs Farmers. SWLF has just taken the first of the new advertising boards which are going up around the perimeter of the field at Carr Lane. We are looking for others to take up boards at a cost of £250. Please contact Fran Turnbull.

gramme. Members will need to be patient, however, as there are planning constraints to be overcome as well as the little matter of a magistrate's licence. There can be little doubt, however, that a lounge area will create a social focus for members as well as a much needed income stream.

On the playing side Tarleton continues to boast a full mini, junior, colts, ladies, and senior (2) sections. I have not checked but I doubt if there are many clubs in the North West that can rival that achievement.

I do not propose to single out any section or team in this report but I would congratulate all teams for their commitment and dedication in contributing to putting Tarleton on the rugby map. I would also like to thank all our sponsors for their much valued support this season in providing kit and advertising revenue.

I should like to highlight the schools development work that has been undertaken between October and December this year. Six primary schools have been the beneficiaries of after school clubs for years 5 & 6 as well as 8 week introductory sessions for year 3. In addition, Tarleton High School and Bishop Rawsthorne have had year 8/9 boys and girls after school clubs over the same period. I'd like to pay tribute to the coaches that have given of their time to deliver these sessions.

This brings me onto the P.T. appointment of **Jamie Albiston** in conjunction with Ormskirk Rugby Club and Lancashire Sport as a paid 'Community Sports Coach'. We will have Jamie (15 hours per week) as a resource to further develop our school links and sports development programmes.

Coach development and a coaching manual that delivers consistent standards of coaching across all sections of the club remains a key priority for 2006.

Many people have contributed to our success this year. I can't single anyone out for fear of omitting someone. We are learning as an organisation. We do not always get it right. However, we are doing pretty well for a club that started with a group of minis and a muddy school pitch 15 years ago.

On that note I would like to wish all our volunteers, players, parents and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hugh P.

