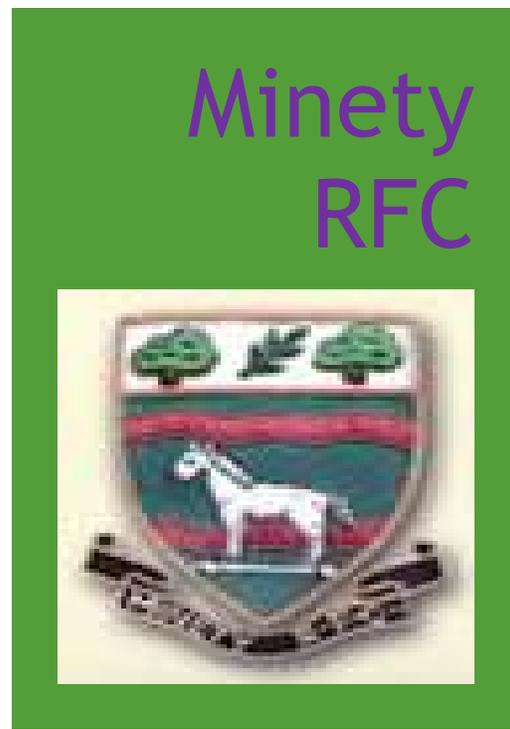


Welcome to the new Minety RFC Newsletter.

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THE VICTORIOUS SQUAD!!!!

2016 – 2017 Season



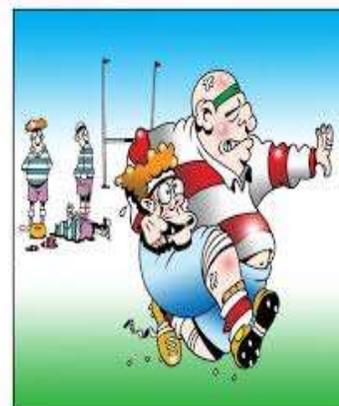
Training is now underway in preparation for the start of the season, so please make every effort to attend to support our new coach Rich Hall.

We're looking forward to another successful season with both 1sts & 2nds keen to push for promotion from their respective leagues.

In order to achieve these goals we must endeavour to train without exception. It will be hot occasionally, but more often wet & cold, but push through, as we have the ability to win both leagues. Strength in depth is key, so any help with recruitment will be much appreciated by all.

Encourage your team mates to perform at the best level they can.

Warning to our opposition, Mighty Minety RFC are on the war path!!



Warm up match:

The club has arranged a friendly warm up fixture at **home** to Cainscross on the 27th August, 2:30pm KO. Please make every effort to attend, and supporters are more than welcome. Players, speak to your captains for more info.

1st Team update:

Our Captain has only gone and done it!! Life as he knows it is over! Ball & Chain finally locked and sealed.

Congratulations to you both from all at MRFC.

Welcome to the wives club Fi.



Wallace & Fi on their special day.



Wallace trying to escape, but it's too late.

2nd Team update:

With training underway our new Captain Matt Stone & new Vice Captain Mark Glew are finding their feet. Please give them your full support.

Other news:

Dave Hazell & Caz Best have also recently tied the knot, so congratulations to them too from all at MRFC.



Will we see Daff return to Rugby now he's all settled and sensible? Welcome to the wives club too Caz.

Match reports & News

Match reports for the coming season & other news will be available on our on our website (address above).

If you're unable to see the match on a Saturday we show the 1st team and some 2nd team matches on DVD at the club on Tuesdays after training, so please feel free to join us for the viewing.

Some DVD's are also available for purchase at £5 each, the proceeds of which go to the club tour fund, so a worthwhile expenditure (especially if you're planning to tour).

Please note we have recently been featured in the Rugby Magazine,

which can be found via the following link <https://joom.ag/TPTQ>. Our editorial can be found on page 20.

Sponsorship

Work ongoing, but we have secured cover for a new 1st team kit from the Weighbridge Brewhouse once again, so a massive MRFC thankyou to the Windles for their continued support.

West country vending have also made a kind offer to sponsor new post protectors, so thank you to them and Andy Ward for arranging this.

We are always looking for funding to help with our ever increasing benefits package for the players, so please feel free to help with fund raising, or spread the word to see if there are any interested parties who may wish to make a donation.

Club Maintenance

We have a couple of scaffold platforms to erect prior to the start of the new season, which will be used by our club press officer/film director and all round good egg Graham Cooke to film our adventures this season. **We have scheduled a works party for this project and some other maintenance tasks on Sunday 28th August, so please come along and help out from 10am onwards.**

Many thanks.

Social

We will be looking to organise events early this year with plenty of notice and advertisements, so please help us to help you by **responding**, many thanks.

Oaksey Park Golf Day;

This took place on the 13th August with an approx attendance of 14, which was pretty good at short notice. It was a great day and the weather was on our side too, pretty warm to say the least.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but we had a three way tie for the win between Andy Edwards, Matt Roberts & Ash Windle.

A big thankyou to John Cooper and Oaksey GC for donating the prizes and their help on the day.

Raffle Tickets;

Please note that these generate a fairly easy & lucrative income for Minety RFC, so please use your best selling techniques to sell as many as you can, the salesman amongst you should excel. I believe this now falls under our new secretary's role to organise this, so good luck Pete McAllister.

MPFA Beer Festival;

This is scheduled for the weekend of the 9th – 11th September 2016.

Plenty of real ales, cider and food. Please come and join us for the festivities and support your Rugby Club. The 1sts & 2nds will be at home on the Saturday, and possibly Minety Football too, so plenty to see, do & drink!

Volunteers required for the bars and catering, so if interested in helping out please contact Tina McAllister on [01666 860281](tel:01666860281).

Quiz Night;

Andy Somers has kindly agreed to organize a quiz night, date TBC, so watch this space.

Tour;

Date & venue TBC, so please watch this space.

Dinner May 2017;

Date & venue TBC, so please watch this space.

Minety RFC 7's 2017;



Date TBC, but organiser Jack Ward can be contacted on (wardyjnr8@hotmail.com) for more information.

Please respond to these event requests as and when they are published, no excuses for not being informed, as everything is in the newsletters, on Face book and other forms of social media.

Junior Section

Reports to follow

Rob Bugden

Ben Collins & I recently attended a presentation event at RAF Brize Norton, which Rob attended. Rob was in great spirits and is progressing well. He has much more movement in his arms and is supporting his neck unaided (no brace). He also said he has regained some feeling in his lower legs and can feel temperature changes at the top of his legs. He plans to be back playing this time next year, his words, not mine. The guy is an absolute inspiration, so when training is hard, wet and cold think of the battle Rob is going through and this should give you the motivation you need.

He is due to move to Headley Court in the near future.

General

If you know of any players past or present (or friends) that are not receiving this newsletter and would like to do so please mail me their email address and I'll ensure they are added to the circulation list, many thanks.

Anyway I think I've covered most things, but feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or queries relating to the club and I'll do all I can to help. All club officials are on our website, (address above) so if your query is more specific to a certain subject you may wish to contact the relevant person 1st.

Please also contact me if you would like to add anything to the next newsletter. I suppose player profiles could be next?

Take care all, and let's keep the momentum up both on and off the field.

Club Sponsors to date (last season and now):

The Weighbridge Brew House
(The Windles).

West Country Vending (Andy
Ward).

Flying Monk Brewery (Tony
Kemp).

Oaksey Golf Club (John Cooper).

St James's Place Wealth
Management (Via Matt Cross).

The Moor House Partnership
(Nigel & Catherine Bishop).

Ecosol (Brett King).

Cambium Tree Services (Richard
Hall).

Andy Nurden.

Adrian Fisher.

Ken Judd.

Apologies if I've missed anyone.