

# Welcome to the new Minety RFC Newsletter.

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THE VICTORIOUS SQUAD!!!!



## Slow start!

After two warm up/trial match wins v Cainscross 53 v 7 & Calne 12 v 0 we began our 1<sup>st</sup> team league campaign with two close losses! A loss at home to Pewsey Vale by 22 v 17 & away to Warminster by 13 v 9. Both matches were highly competitive against very well drilled opposition & we should take a great deal of pride from our grit and determination in each match to stay within a bonus point score. We did however have a

comprehensive win against Frome 2nds on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Final score was 67 v 0.

The 2nds also pulled off an unexpected win against early league leaders Bradford on Avon by 19 v 12. Well done all concerned in these matches.

We are on the right track to produce some great results this season & be title contenders in both leagues, but I must add a negative I'm afraid & that is we must be more committed to training and making ourselves

available for all matches. I appreciate we are a small grass roots rugby team & it may not seem important to train every week, but it's crucial for our coach and your team mates that you make every effort to attend so we can be at the top of our game.

As a club we have always punched well above our weight & the accolade of being the highest placed village side in England (possibly further afield) is a tribute to this. We do not have the catchment area of our neighbouring clubs such as

Cirencester, the various Swindon teams, Chippenham & even Cricklade plus many more, but we have always competed with these sides and often beaten them. This is due in part to our strong social bonds to one another and our comradeship and will to win.

Apologies for the lecture, but I feel very strongly that we are on the verge of producing some fantastic rugby and as importantly some great social functions, but we must help each other to achieve our goals.

All upcoming fixtures & our match reports can be found on our website.

### **Match Coverage**

If you're unable to see the match on a Saturday we show the 1<sup>st</sup> team and some 2<sup>nd</sup> team matches on DVD at the club on Tuesdays after training, so please feel free to join us for the viewing. Graham has now also set up Minety TV (MTV), which can be viewed via links on our web site.

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 as always, but we have secured cover for a new 1<sup>st</sup> 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 have now re-erected the fence alongside the pitch and advertising space is available to rent at newly agreed rates of £370 for the 1<sup>st</sup> season (including board), £200 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> season and then £150 per season from there on.

If you already have a board with us and wish us to re-instate this please contact me to discuss rates, thanks.

Advertising boards, can be designed and supplied by Robin Greenway who can be contacted on [robin@malthousecreations.com](mailto:robin@malthousecreations.com)

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 recently had a great turn out on a Saturday morning, where we managed to complete a few crucial tasks, which was great. My wife even came along and kept us fed and watered, which was much appreciated.

We still have a scaffold platform to erect between the top two pitches at our first opportunity, which will be used by our club press officer/film director and all round good egg Graham Cooke to film our adventures this season.

There will no doubt be other projects as the season progresses, so watch this space for dates and project details.

Many thanks to the magnificent few that always help out so that others can enjoy our great club.

Special thanks to John Butler (Mr Minety) for his tireless efforts to keep us up and running, the man is a saint so he is!

**Social**

We now have some dates in place for the coming season, so please make a note of these, and confirm your availability/attendance as early as possible please.

Our aim was to give plenty of notice, so please help us to help you by **responding** to these requests, many thanks.

**Tour;**

Date: 14th – 16th April 2017.

Venue: Isle Of Wight.

Cost: TBC, but anticipate around £250 - £300. Please get a £50 deposit to Jack Ward ASAP to secure your place. I anticipate this selling quickly, so please get your places booked.

**Minety RFC 7's 2017;**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Event organiser Jack Ward can be contacted on ([wardyjn8@hotmail.com](mailto:wardyjn8@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**Presentation evening/dinner.**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 (Gents Only).

Venue: MRFC Clubhouse.

Contact/organiser: Club President Andy Ward ably assisted by Andrew Somers.

**MRFC Summer Ball.**

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Venue: MRFC Playing Fields.

Ladies & Gents evening, black tie event.

Contacts: As above for the dinner.

**Coach Trip.**

We are planning a coach trip for both 1sts and 2nds on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 1sts away to Frome & 2nds away to Bradford On Avon, so we'll drop the 2's at their venue and then collect them afterwards, so we can all have a merry evening, and see in the New Year with a bang!

**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.**

**Quiz Night;**

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

**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 was held on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016, and what a great time was had by all (well I think so).

A few stories are beginning to emerge, but unsure if I'm able to publish these on the newsletter? There may be legal and copyright ramifications?!!

**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.

I believe he has now moved to Headley Court.

His RAF buddies are planning to bring him over for the home game on the 22 October, so a chance to catch up then hopefully.

You may also wish to follow the parachute school 7's team on twitter (@horus7s). Can someone set this up please on our website, what's app etc., as I have no idea!

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.

Robin Greenway.

Apologies if I've missed anyone.