

# Welcome to the new Minety RFC Newsletter.

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THE VICTORIOUS SQUAD!!!!



## Mixed start to the season continues.

The 1st teams mixed start to the season continues, and with 4 Losses and 3 wins in the league we sit in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Looking on the positive side, if we include the two friendlies we won at the start of the season we have 5 wins under our belt, and they all count.

There have been several injury problems this season affecting some key players, and if they had been fit I believe we would be

holding our own within the top 3 league positions, but these things happen. The 1sts are away to Supermarine this Saturday (19<sup>th</sup> Nov), a side we beat 3 times last season, but we'll need to be at the top of our game to continue this run.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team currently sit in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 4 wins and 3 losses, so fairing slightly better than the 1sts, and great to see. After a recent conversation with the Captain, Matt Stone & Vice-Captain, Mark Glew it appears that we are

beginning to build some strength in depth, and there are numerous players in the 2nds knocking on the door of the 1<sup>st</sup> team, so it's time to get training and fight for those places. Healthy rivalry and competition for places is always a good thing. The 2nds are away to Corsham this Saturday (19<sup>th</sup> Nov).

Please see the club website for match reports on both sides.

Both games KO at 2:30pm, so please come along and support one of the teams.

## **Training**

It has to be said I'm afraid that we still seem to have a slight issue with training at the moment in terms of numbers attending, which is disappointing. The usual hard core players attend and a big thank you must go to them, and they know who they are. I appreciate the weather is on the turn and it's dark and cold, but we're rugby players. Please make every effort to attend and support your coaches who work tirelessly preparing sessions in their own time and being there on Tuesdays and Saturdays to help you all improve.

As I've said before (not like me to repeat myself), 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 same 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.

## **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**

The new 1<sup>st</sup> team kits are now in use, and another thank you to the Weighbridge Brewhouse and the Windles for funding these once again.

We also have a brand new set of post protectors and corner flags, which were funded by West Country Vending, so thank you to them, and Andy Ward for arranging this.

Advertising space is now available to rent at the 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.

Andrew Somers recently sent out a revised format for VP/Friends of Minety membership, which I have to say was excellently put together, and with the full backing of the committee. If you have any queries with this please contact Andy directly to discuss.

## **Club Maintenance**

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

I will notify of any up and coming work parties via my usual means as and when I have the details.

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;**

Please note change of date and venue:

Date: 7th – 9th April 2017.

Venue: TBC, but suspect Margate.

Cost: TBC, but anticipate around £200 - £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.**

The coach trip is now booked for both 1sts and 2nds on 21<sup>st</sup> January, with pick up at 11:30am from the clubhouse. The 1sts are away to Frome & the 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 let me know ASAP if you will be travelling on the coach, as numbers will be limited. Players obviously have priority, so we should be at 30 – 40 for this, so that only leaves 11 seats spare. There will be a small cost towards the coach of £5 per head.

**VP/Friends of Minety Lunches.**

Mark Wallington continues to organise these fantastic events and they are always well attended.

Plenty of beer, 3 course meal and some great company, so what

more could we ask for. The next event is on the 26<sup>th</sup> November when the 1sts play Bassett II and the 2nds play Swindon III (both at home). This is followed by England v Argentina at 4:30pm, so it looks like we're in for a messy day. If you are interested in attending these events please contact Mark directly, and if you don't have his contact details message me. There are limited places on these lunches, so you have to be quick.

Thank you Mark for all your hard work on these lunches.

**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, so watch this space.

**Raffle Tickets;**

Pete McAllister now has these in his possession, so please see Pete for your books. 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, so over to you Mr President.

**Junior Section**

Reports to follow

**Rob Bugden**

The only information I have on Rob at the moment is that he is doing well and continuing to improve daily, so fingers crossed we'll see him soon at the club. He was supposed to attend a recent match, but had too much to drink the night before, and had a hangover from hell, so this shows he's moving in the right direction.

You may wish to follow Rob's comrades from 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! Thanks.

**Club Web Site**

Recent news from Graham is that our web site is now receiving more hits than ever, and we've had 7257 visits in the last 77 days, or an average of 94 per day, broken down as follows;

September 2264

October 3344

Nov to date 1649

This is fantastic news and a credit to all Grahams hard work with our press coverage, MTV, match reports and much more, so a big thankyou to Graham again.

**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.

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[Apologies if I've missed anyone.](#)