

NEWBURY BLUES



**REGIONAL 2 TRIBUTE SOUTH CENTRAL
2022 – 2023 SEASON**

WELCOME

I'd like to wish all our members and supporters a warm welcome back for the 2022/23 season, and it does feel like we are properly "back" following the roller coaster of the last couple of years. Last year gave us time to get back playing and into the sport that we all love, and provided us with a great platform to move forward. We have much to celebrate. We still have 21 teams across all age groups of the club and have an ambition to increase that number this year with the introduction of a "walking rugby" team which we hope will be launched soon. We have a new Chair of Rugby in Alasdair Heath with Chris Smith the new Vice Chair and the rugby committee have agreed that we should aim to have at least two senior teams playing each week (men and women). We welcome two senior team Head Coaches this season - James McAvoy (men) and Niki Paton (women) and are delighted that Paul Archer & Darren Brown, our two previous Head Coaches, have moved across to lead player and coaching development of the senior teams.

With the work that the leadership teams have been doing over recent years I am delighted at the end of last season we finally broke even, clawing back the club's debt of many years. Membership income is key to this and we need to ensure that we continue to offer fantastic facilities and service to both playing and supporting members, provide opportunities for members to use the club for private functions and events and for us to grow our membership numbers this year, to ensure our future is secure and sustainable. As Club Chair I would like to invite every member to meet my challenge of encouraging at least one family member or friend to join NRFC this season.

As in previous years I have received many messages from individual members, who have taken the time to share their support for what we stand for at NRFC, the work that we do and the way in which we conduct ourselves throughout the club. We should all take pride in that feedback, I know I do.

Finally, I hope you enjoy today's game. Don't forget to log-in to our website to pick up the latest news in "Blues News – Keeping in Touch" to keep up to-date with what's going on at the club and the next big game or event. As always, if you would like to get more involved in supporting our club, then please get in touch or chat to me or any member of the Management Board or Committee at the game. I wish all our teams good luck for this season – taking pride in putting on that blue shirt!

Kind regards,

Louise Goodall - Club Chair



NEWBURY BLUES FIXTURES 2022-23

REGIONAL 2 SOUTH CENTRAL						
03-Sep	Shipston-on-Stour	(A)		03 Dec	Stow-on-the-Wold	(A)
10-Sep	Stow-on-the-Wold	(H)		10 Dec	Marlborough	(H)
17 Sep	Marlborough	(A)		17 Dec	Tottonians	(A)
24 Sep	Tottonians	(H)		07 Jan	Buckingham	(H)
01 Oct	Buckingham	(A)		14 Jan	Devizes	(A)
15 Oct	Devizes	(H)		21 Jan	Grove	(H)
22 Oct	Grove	(A)		28 Jan	Swindon	(A)
29 Oct	Swindon	(H)		11 Feb	Witney	(H)
05 Nov	Witney	(A)		18 Feb	Reading	(H)
12 Nov	Reading	(A)		04 Mar	Salisbury	(A)
26 Nov	Salisbury	(H)		11 Mar	Shipston-on-Stour	(H)

For information about all sections of our club, please visit our website.
Rugby: www.newburyrugby.co.uk The Venue: www.newburyrfc.co.uk
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BLUES NEWS



NEWBURY BLUES v STOW-ON-THE-WOLD RFC SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2022, KO 3PM

A very warm welcome to our guests from Stow-on-the-Wold and of course welcome back to all our Blues' members and supporters for the 2022/23 season. The North Bank and Blues Corner have missed you!

The new leagues were created to ensure more local games and less travelling which has created the opportunity to play new teams and I think this is a first in the leagues when we have played Stow. They were founded in 1879, so a very long rugby heritage. They have a strong community ethos and like Newbury a flourishing Ladies section. They were delighted to beat Swindon last week (29-0), and proudly reported they were the only team in the league not to concede a try! They have strong ties with Hartpury College, so expect a confident side today with plenty of experience and talented youth. Former NRFC President (for 19 Years) and today's match ball sponsor, David Smith of [Myddleton & Major](#), apparently played for Stow in his youth and has very fond memories of the club; his second favourite club!

The Blues, often slow starters, had a disappointing loss to a very organised Shipston-on-Stour team last week. I am hoping the traditional support from Blues Corner will be in full voice today, as will James McAvoy (Head Coach), Dan and all the squad. There were a number of new caps last week which was good to see, including Stags stalwart Alex Harris whose sister captains the Ladies section (pressure off now Alex!!).

The Ladies played a friendly against Sutton and Epsom last week, with 9 new players and were very upbeat as ever about their performance in readiness for the league games. The Stags kicked off at home and started with a win over local rivals Aldermaston. Congratulations and a good confident start. Sunday was incredibly busy with 500+ minis and juniors. The kit shop (plus secondhand kit), burger and coffee sales were in full flow.

Thank you to our existing and all new sponsors for their continued support. We are hugely appreciative of your help in enabling us to deliver this community facility. Thank you also to all the new volunteers. Please read the Newsletter on the website ([KIT21](#)) for an introduction to them and an insight into the club's activities.

Please keep an eye out via [Pitchero](#) for Applications for The Six Nations international tickets. There is a very narrow window for this within the next 10 days and a Ballot will take place on the 17th September, as we have a limited allocation. With the cost of international tickets now, a day's rugby supporting your local team for a £5, a few beers with friends and a walk home, why not just stay at Monks Lane. Whatever team you support, it's a good day out.

Also keep a look out for some non-rugby events planned at the club, for members and supporters in the coming weeks.

The Blues supporters are already legendary in League 6 and it would be great to see that extended throughout the club to the Ladies, Stags and Colts at senior level. The Junior Section is already very busy on a Sunday. Do take a look at the [website](#) for fixtures coming up and support **TODAY'S MATCH BALL SPONSOR** be made welcome.

I am sure we will have a good game today (at least the pitches will be softer!) and look forward to some friendly rugby banter with the touch line experts!

Have a great rugby day.

David Jones - President



100+ CLUB

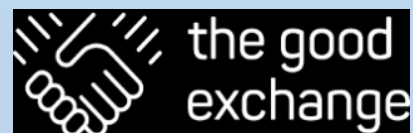
CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

SUPPORT THE CLUB FOR JUST £2 A MONTH

BUY YOUR MONTHLY TICKET ON PITCHERO – SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE TO GO TO THE ORDER PAGE

If you prefer, you can pick up a form in Reception.

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!



NEWBURY RFC GOOD EXCHANGE APPEALS

For every £1 donated the club receives £1 of match-funding from Greenham Trust.

Please support the club by donating towards one of our live appeals

via www.thegoodexchange.com

NRFC will bring you many match events during the season.

All are welcome

	Month	Event
2022	Sep	Community day. Free entry and live music.
	Oct	Reunion lunch. Pink day / Charity Day.
	Nov	Real Ale and Cider Festival with Live music.
	Dec	Christmas Games and Meals
2023	Jan	Community Day - Free Entry to the club. Volunteers - Thank you Day.
	Feb	Sponsors Day and Life Members Meal. Double Header - Senior Teams/Reunion Weekend.
	Mar	Final Blues League Game celebrations. Super Saturday.
	Apr	Cup Games. NRFC Special.

N.b. Matches with events to be announced - subject to change.

OTHER SENIOR FIXTURES THIS WEEKEND

Sat 10th Sept:

BEACONSFIELD II v **NEWBURY STAGS** (League) – KO TBC

Sun 11th Sept:

READING LADIES v **NEWBURY LADIES** (Friendly) – 2.30PM

NEWBURY COLTS A v BASINGSTOKE (Friendly) – 2.00PM

2022/23 Membership

	Option 1 Annual Payment	Option 2 6 Monthly payments
Senior Player	£262.50	£46.50
Social and Touch Player	£126.00	£22.00
Youth Player (U6-U18)	£178.50	£31.50
Youth Player (U6-U18) and Senior Player	£220.00	£41.00
Family Membership	£220.00	£41.00
Family Membership inc Senior Player	£270.00	£49.50
Student Membership	£52.50	£9.50
Gold Supporter	£210.00	£37.00
Blues Supporter	£115.00	£20.00





Referee
Chris Scott



NEWBURY BLUES		v	STOW-ON-THE-WOLD	
1	Ben Hicks*	PROP	J Oughton	1
2	Harry Waye-Branch* (VC)	HOOKER	M Cartlidge	2
3	Tom Haynes	PROP	L Chapman	3
4	Duncan Craigen*	LOCK	T Davies	4
5	Miles Albert*	LOCK	W Oughton	5
6	Oli Keyse*	FLANKER	(C) J Hillier	6
7	Jonny Lees	FLANKER	E Clifford	7
8	Josh Winfield* (VC)	NO. 8	C Chapman	8
9	Joel Cripps*	SCRUM HALF	J Gibbs	9
10	Dan Thorne*(C)	FLY HALF	C Slatter	10
11	Michael Klichowicz	WING	A Arkell	11
12	Tiarnan Kelly	CENTRE	(VC) J Holmes	12
13	Harry Isaac	CENTRE	S Thomson	13
14	Jamie Futcher* (VC)	WING	Z Waite	14
15	Tom Cole	FULL BACK	G Hayward	15
16	Sam Bramhall	REPLACEMENTS	H Archer	16
17	Kyle Doel		C Close	17
18	Kris Ford		E Lockey H Jeavons	18
Head Coach – James McAvoy Coaches – Nigel Beal / Paul Archer Manager - Michael Futcher Physio - Martin Paice / Dan Elsgood Touch Judge - Dave Shields			Head of Rugby – Matt Carter Senior Coach – Will Mbanga Senior Coach – Andy Hargrave Senior Coach – Dave Shrimpton Medical – Danielle Slatter	

*Player has come through youth section

Regional 2 Tribute South Central - League Table

		P	W	D	L	PF	PA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Marlborough	1	1	0	0	58	5	1	0	5
2	Salisbury	1	1	0	0	46	7	1	0	5
3	Stow-on-the-Wold	1	1	0	0	29	0	1	0	5
4	Tottonians	1	1	0	0	36	26	1	0	5
5	Witney	1	1	0	0	34	25	1	0	5
6	Shipston-on-Stour	1	1	0	0	19	17	0	0	4
7	Newbury Blues	1	0	0	1	17	19	0	1	1
8	Buckingham	1	0	0	1	25	34	1	0	1
9	Devizes	1	0	0	1	26	36	1	0	1
10	Swindon	1	0	0	1	0	29	0	0	0
11	Reading	1	0	0	1	7	46	0	0	0
12	Grove	1	0	0	1	5	58	0	0	0

Regional 2 Tribute South Central - Results Table

	Away											
	Buckingham	Devizes	Grove	Marlborough	Newbury Blues	Reading	Salisbury	Shipston-on-Stour	Stow-on-the-Wold	Swindon	Tottonians	Witney
Home												
Buckingham												
Devizes												
Grove												
Marlborough			58-5									
Newbury Blues												
Reading												
Salisbury						46-7						
Shipston-on-Stour					19-17							
Stow-on-the-Wold										29-0		
Swindon												
Tottonians		36-26										
Witney	34-25											

SENIOR PLAYER SPONSORS 2022-2023

Thank you to all our Player Sponsors for their valued support.

For more info, please contact **Mick Futch** on m_futcher@hotmail.com or 07768641719.

David Barrow	Rehab Guru Ltd, Digital Healthcare Platform
Tom Cole	WMJ Consulting (Mike Jarvill)
Duncan Craigen	Gary Light
Ben Davies	BW Print & Design (Ian and Helen Davies)
Kris Ford	Yuri Pasea
Jamie Futch	Dave Shields
Tom Haynes	The Stratford Park Hotel & Golf Club (Beverley Haynes)
Ben Hicks	Vets4Pets (Joe Binfield)
Harry Isaac	The Globe Newbury (Katie & Colin Martin)
Michael Klichowicz	T.Mather Tree Services
Jonny Lees	Precision Fabrication, Andover (Bespoke Metal Works)
James Macaulay	John Mason
Will Osborne	Kress, Robotic and Garden Tool Manufacturer
Leroy Pike	The Bell Pub Aldworth (Mary and Hugh Macaulay)
Jordan Ruddock	Lakeside Carpentry
Toby Thorne	Kept Assets Ltd (Richard Hayes)
Dan Thorne	Piper Power (Stuart Piper and family)
Harry Wayne-Branch	Newbury Lodge Kennels (Peter Branch)
Josh Winfield	Tony Naylor's Lunch Table

WHO'S WHO?

President	David Jones	
Vice President	Trevor Coles	
Committee:	Club Chair	Louise Goodall
	Honorary Secretary	Christine Morrell
	Treasurer	Peter Lambert
	Rugby Committee Chair	Alasdair Heath
	Rugby Committee Vice Chair	Chris Smith
	Chair of Senior Rugby	Brian Trott
	Chair of Ladies Rugby	Lauren Price Richards
	Chair of Junior Rugby	Abdi Hamisi
	Chair of Mini Rugby	Sarah Tunstall
	Rugby Resources Lead	Peter Benson
	Rugby Safe Lead	Nick Spain
	Co-opted	Alan McDermott
	Co-opted – Community Rugby Lead	James MacCarthy
	Co-opted – Rugby Income Lead	Ian Jack
Trustees:	Steve Gibbs (Chairman), Estelle Dessiaume, Adam Prickett, Mark Trumper	
Life Members:	D.Barratt, N.Booth, T.Coles, R.Cooper, R.N.Cripps, D.Eggbeer, D.J.Feltham, G.Feltham, D.M.Fishleigh, R.Golby, L.J.Goodall, R.Grove, D.Hawkins, C.O.Hobbs, A.Keaney, S.Leonard, J.Lewis, V.Lewis, A.Pankhurst, H.Price-Richards, R.Pratley, P.Simmons, I.Skipworth, D.G.H.Smith, R.Tucker, C.Vare, A.Widdop	

SCORE FORECAST – THE RULES

THE JACKPOT

Any ticket holding the correct match score at the end of the match wins the Jackpot.

MATCH DAY PRIZE

If the Jackpot is not won, a £50.00 prize is awarded to the nearest score at the end of the match. The nearest score will be determined in the following sequence

1. The winning score correct, in combination with the nearest losing score (above and below)
2. The losing score correct, in combination with the nearest winning score (above or below)
3. In the event of a draw, the nearest other draw (above or below)
4. In the event of no ticket forecasting the draw, the smaller margin or any ticket holding the draw number of points win or lose.
5. If no ticket holds the draw number of points, then any ticket holding plus or minus one of the drawn points score with the smallest margin. The plus or minus two and so on.

Notes

- In the event of more than one winner the Jackpot or Match Day prize will be shared equally between the ticket holders.
- The end of the match is at 80 minutes or at time of abandonment. Extra time will not count.
- No prize will be paid without the winning ticket being presented.
- Winners have 28 days in which to claim their prize.

THE REFEREE

The referee has volunteered their services today which ensures the players have a game and that you, the spectators, get to watch it. They referee what they see which is not necessarily what you see or think you see, and they deserve your thanks and courtesy not your anger.

Please be advised that abusive language towards officials, players, coaches, staff or other spectators will not be tolerated, and you may be asked to leave the ground.

Thank you.

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