



Warrington RUFC Newsletter

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Welcome to the Warrington RUFC Newsletter. We hope that despite these current challenging times you are all keeping well. On a positive note, training has begun to resume at the Club and Bridge Lane and we are awaiting news that we can move to the next phase (stage 3) of RFU's return to play continuum.

Life during Covid-19



Teddy from our U10s hits the headlines with his Youtube fitness channel.

In response to the Corona outbreak stopping the rugby season for all of our age groups, Teddy from our U10s has come up with the idea of his own fitness based Youtube channel to help keep him and his team mates fit during the break and off season. Teddy's story has been featured in the Warrington Guardian and the national press.

To go directly to his Youtube channel you can click on <https://youtu.be/gGo5BAQ9pkg> You can also follow him on his Facebook page on @TedFit2020 or, <https://www.facebook.com/TedFit2020/>

SWSC Update

Pitch maintenance has been the priority at SWSC. The 1st Team pitch has had new drains put in and work has begun on the multisport pitches which will give us more playing space once the season begins. The other work that is due to be completed soon, will be to re-surface the carpark – as always, we ask that you respect our neighbours and park considerably.

The real good news is that the bar and Clubhouse are now open!! Track and trace, social distancing measures, one-way system, table service are all in place. Opening hours are Saturday and Sunday from 3pm until at least 6pm. The main room can be booked for functions, please check availability via secretary@warringtonruffc.co.uk



Ashley Rockey – former player – Armpit Rip for the NHS

Somehow after a Facebook post and the boredom of lockdown setting in, Rockey agreed to let Jo wax his armpits for charity. Clearly, he's never waxed before, so he had no idea of the horror he was letting himself in for 😈 It was all for a good cause of course, for the NHS Charities Together, to support NHS heroes looking after everyone in the COVID-19 crisis.

One hilarious video later Ashley has 2 very smooth armpits and they've raised £460 for our NHS Heroes. A huge thank you to all those that have donated so far, and any further donations, or likes and shares, will be hugely appreciated, much love 💙💙💙

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jo-broadbelt>

Well Done Ash!



It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of Dave Williams. After battling with illness for the last couple of years he peacefully passed on 5th July 2020. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

U7's Pass it on video with special guest

During the lockdown social media was flooded with 'pass it on' videos. Our then U7's coaching team decided it would be fun to put together their own video as well as helping to keep the kids engaged with rugby and to get them practising their core skills of throwing and catching. They did fantastically well and even had an appearance from a special mystery guest at the end with a personal message for them – check out the video on our website to find out who. Well done U7's great effort!



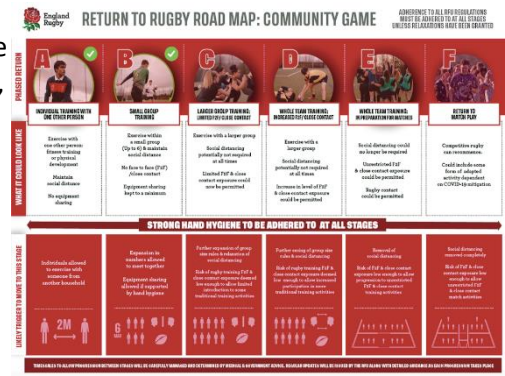
Return to Training

All Senior and Junior age groups have returned to training following, Juniors at Bridge Lane, Seniors and Senior Colts at SWSC. The RFU have released guidance for coaches, which along with a Risk Assessment carried out by the club, can be found on the club website.

The RFU have set out a phased return to rugby, as per the infographic, and we are currently on phase B.

Return to Playing

The latest news from the RFU this week is that a September start for the season for club rugby has been ruled out and a further announcement will be made at the start of September.



How you can help? / Want to be apart?

The best thing about a rugby club is that you are part of the rugby family. We always need more help in the running of the club. Currently we need to have volunteers for the following roles:

- M&J Team Safeguard Officers
- M&J Team First Aiders
- Volunteers Co-Ordinator
- Welfare & Safeguarding Officer
- M&J Coaches
- Membership Secretary

AGM

The AGM has been postponed until we can meet in person as a group. In preparation for the AGM, the nominations for committee positions has been published on the club website. If you wish to put yourself forward please contact the club secretary and ensure that your proposer and seconder does the same. Thanks

Finances

The full breakdown of our finances is listed in the Annual Report. However, despite a number of challenges this season we have had some positive news about some grants that we have received:

- RFU Lancashire COVID-19 Fund
- Football Association to SWSC for the work on the multisport pitches
- Warrington Borough Council COVID-19 Fund to SWSC
- £3000.00 Natwest Rugby Force in association with the RFU. We have been chosen to be supported at a club working party – full details TBC.

Thank you!



Changes to the Senior Setup.

After 7 years, Head coach Andy Roberts has decided to stand down from his role. To quote Andy “I am immensely proud of what we have achieved on the pitch during this time, competing in an extremely competitive semi-professional League and becoming a well-respected and formidable team.” Our thanks go to Andy, John and Nigel for all their dedication and efforts over the years. Thanks also to Fiona Kellett, who has supported the team in her capacity as physio.

So after a successful period of nine years, the Warrington RUFC Senior squad will have a new coaching team at the helm for the 2020-21 season: Stuart Beeley will become Head Coach; Conrad Morris, has agreed to assist; Josh Riley will act as 1st Team Manager and also assist with coaching and, of course, Josh Downes will continue as club captain. It will be one Senior squad vying for places rather than separate 1st and 2nd team entities.

Stuart remarks, “I genuinely cannot wait to have a proper sit down, face-to-face meeting with the players to discuss goals, set parameters, establish expectations of each other and just become familiar. I have high expectations of both myself and everyone I work with. We will enjoy ourselves and have fun in the process but, personally, I’ve never enjoyed losing at anything and it is not my intention to start now.”

We look forward to seeing you again soon!

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