



CHAMPIONS

From nothing to promotion Our glorious 2XV on not only gaining promotion but becoming League Champions as well!

THE JOURNEY FROM NOTHING TO PROMOTION

Hard to believe that our victorious and amazing 2XV were only formed in December 2014 (following a conversation at an Executive meeting). Initially called the Development Team, it had at it's heart, core values of Enjoyment, Player Development, Player Rehabilitation, Regular Games and Club Development. Now that player development team has not only gained promotion but has finished the league as Champions.

Read the full story of how Glyn Worsley and the 2nd XV started out as a development team and ended up as League Champions on Page 6

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1XV—TONY PEGG

ORUFC are sad to announce that Tony Pegg will be standing down as coach of the 1XV. The 1st XV finished 4th in the league this season after a 9 game unbeaten run. ORUFC would like to pass on their thanks and gratitude for all Tony's hard work and commitment.

Glyn Worley and Andy Carroll will take over as coaching team for the Open Age Rugby teams.



WE HAVE PLANNING APPROVAL FOR OUR VISION—OUR FIELD OF DREAMS

On Valentine's Day, Wigan MBC loved our planning submission so much, they approved it! See Page 2 for more details of our planning application and what happens now we have approval to build our Vision—our own Field of Dreams

The planning decision means that both Orrell RUFC and Winstanley Park Cricket Club will now have a permanent home and an opportunity to boost both our thriving junior sections.

The new venture will be known as Orrell and Winstanley Community Sports Club.

Once up and running, the facility will be available to other community groups, with a particular focus on providing a sporting outlet for children which will help create a more cohesive and sustainable community.

"Now the hard work begins" said Tony Havlin, Chairman of Orrell RUFC "but we are up for the challenge of raising the funds needed to build our new home and provide facilities, albeit in the future, for not just the rugby and cricket clubs but the wider community as well".

Tony Dillon, Chairman of Winstanley Park Cricket Club said "yes, it's going to be hard but the end result will be fantastic for everyone concerned."



Artists Impression of our new Club house

"This is the start of the future for Orrell RUFC. I, like many others, were blessed with the opportunity to be able to join the Club.

I was aged 13 and the years that followed shaped me into the person I am. I was a ball boy, score board operator and glass collector. I met my wife through connections with Orrell. My wedding "do" and two of our three Christenings were at Orrell.

The rugby itself and the mates I played with is at the heart of everything....uniquely.

The point I want to make is just how much a life (mine) benefited from joining Orrell.

The tragedy of being "homeless" is others have missed out on the enjoyment we had. Looking forward, other young people will now have the same chance....they will have their "field of dreams".

Gerry Ainscough

[NEXT STEPS]

It's going to be a busy few months and there are just two of the things we need to do:

Discussions around the structure of the new Community Sports Club will need to take place—and this will include whether or not to apply for charity status.

We will be launching our fundraising campaign, including our new brochure “Our Vision – our Field of Dreams”

Fundraising

Our Fundraising team are working hard to put in place lots of new ideas to fundraise for our new home.

We have our “founding fathers” Trust Fund (see next page); we have our golf day and club dinner dance in the diary and we are hoping to arrange some events over the summer.

In addition, we are looking at grants and lottery funding as well as creating our own crowdfunding site.

We are also seeking sponsorship from the local community and businesses and are busy drafting a new brochure to accompany all such requests for sponsorship or grants.

If you would like to get involved in building our future, then please get in touch.

You can keep up to date on all of these initiatives via our website, Facebook and Twitter.



Community Groups Consultation

Consultation will commence over the summer with the local community, to find the preferred/most favoured types of use for the facility.

The new management committee will comprise people from both sports clubs and representatives from the community user groups.

If you or you know of a club that would be interested in using our facilities, please get in touch and help with our consultation process.

Structure of the new Organisation

One of the tasks we have to complete over the next few months is to rewrite our constitution to take account of the new structure and our partnership with Winstanley Park Cricket Club.

Once we have our new constitution, we will then apply for charity status for both the rugby club and the cricket club (which will help in our fundraising and grant applications).

All of this and a lot more information will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on 31st May.

Don't forget to put the date in your calendars. You can also keep up to date with the latest news on our website www.orrellrugbyunion.com.

WANT TO BECOME A FOUNDING FATHER OF OUR NEW CLUB?

FIELD OF DREAMS TRUST FUND

We have come a long way in the past 10 years - we have a thriving and growing junior section with teams ranging from U7s to U16s and two open age sides. In addition, our recently established Touch Rugby team is achieving great results with their O2 accreditation. We now also have two girls' teams U13s and U15s – something we have never had before – and we are also thinking of starting a women's team (so that the mums, grandmas & big sisters don't miss out on this great game). In addition, we have a great set of members and an active social calendar. All of this despite having something of a nomadic existence around the various school facilities in the area!

Both clubs have invested a significant amount into the project and now that we have secured planning permission, are looking to raise funds to start the project. The implementation plan is to phase the development as funds allow, and begins with the preparation and seeding of the land, so that we can use the pitches as soon as possible. We are in the process of negotiating vacant possession with the current agricultural tenant, after which, we will enter a more detailed design stage and start site preparation activities.

This will require even more funding and we are now asking supporters and members of the Club to become a Community Fund Member by donating to our newly created Field of Dreams Trust Fund.

Our fundraising team are working hard researching grants and sponsorship options that we can apply for and are looking at other ways of fundraising such as crowdfunding and major events - but we really need your help to start the rugby ball rolling.

Any donation - big or small, will mean you will become part of the fabric of this new and exciting community hub. You may like to just register your interest at this stage or be happy to give a donation.

We will be sending out more details to all our members over the next few weeks. Don't miss your opportunity to become a part of the regeneration of our club.

Not a member? Don't worry –membership forms are available on the website.

The club will gratefully receive all donations and commitments - large or small and we will recognise your donation. However, if you wish to remain anonymous then we will, of course, honour your wishes.



DONORS FORM

Name

Address

Email Address.....

Date

Amount donated £.....

Method of payment(please delete as appropriate)

Cheque attached

Bank Transfer

Account details for bank transfer

A/c name: Orrell and Winstanley Community Sports Club Development Fund

Account number: 91100348

Bank sort code: 60-24-02

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Yes, I am interested in becoming a part of the Field of Dreams unique opportunity:

Name

Address

Email Address.....

All donations, supported by a donors form, should be sent to

Tony Havlin
Chairman Orrell RUFC
57 Milton Grove,
Orrell
WN5 8HP



Important Dates

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 31st May at St Luke's Church Hall in Orrell. Official invitations will be sent out shortly but we wanted to give you advance notification of the date and venue. This will be an important meeting for all our members. Apart from discussing our successful planning application, we will also be presenting our new constitution (which will define the new club organisation Orrell and Winstanley Community Sports Club), together with the proposed structure of the new club.

19 May 2017

Golf Day,
Houghwood Golf Club

20 May 2017

Mini Rugby
Community Day,
Winstanley College

31st May

Annual General
Meeting, St Luke's
Church Hall

August 2017

Training recommences

16 Sept 2017


Mini Rugby
Community Day,
Orrell Water Park

21 October 2017

Club Dinner Dance
Venue TBA

Rounders at Winstanley College

CHUCK IT, WHACK IT, LEG IT, SMILE!




Inspiring healthy lifestyles

Come and join Orrell and Winstanley Rounders Club and inspiring healthy lifestyles for fun friendly rounders sessions for women and girls aged 14+ years.

Where: Winstanley College (meet on main car park)
Winstanley Road
Orrell
Wigan
WN5 7XF

When: Wednesday 7pm-8pm
Starts: 28th April 2017
Cost: £2 per week



Rounders is a great way to get active with friends and family. Sessions include fun rounders based games and matches to suit all abilities.

No need to book..... just simply turn up and play!

Wigan Council

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WE NEED YOU!

Orrell RUFC Mini and Junior Section need your help ! We are looking for mums and dads (or older brothers and sisters) who would like to get more involved with our Mini and Junior Section. We are looking for coaches (and you don't need to be qualified to volunteer), team managers and general volunteers to help out at our training sessions. Training and coaching qualifications can be provided if you would like to get even more involved.

Training sessions are held at St John Rigby College on a Wednesday at 6.00pm. Get in touch and get involved—it's great fun!



The Journey from Nothing to Promotion

[Continued from Front Page] From that initial meeting in 2014 and a recruitment drive, the “development team” had over 50 players who wanted to pull on the Orrell RUFC jersey and between them won 7 out of their first 8 games.

Determined that the team should grow and develop, Glyn Worley, Manager of the 2XV, entered the team into the Raging Bull League for the 2015-2016 season. They also changed their name to Orrell RUFC 2ndXV – much more fitting – given they had developed beyond recognition!

During the 2015-2016 season, the team continued to grow its player base but due to the inclement weather that season, several games had to be cancelled or rearranged, which impacted everyone in the League. Determination not development should have been their handle at this stage, completing all but one fixture, the team finished the League in 5th place.

Ever thankful to Bucket and Sponge’s Vanessa, our Team Physio, who dealt with the large number of injuries sustained (although not as bad as the oppositions) – even having to call out the ambulance service on 3 separate occasions.

Hoping not to have to continue its relationship with the local Ambulance Service, the 2XV limped into the 2016-2017 season with a player base that had now increased to 109 and an increased determination to develop the players on that list and create some team stability. The team’s relationship with Winstanley College also continued to grow.

At the beginning of April, the team were equal with Leyland on 68 points. However, in their current league, when those points are equal the determining factor is the number of games conceded.

As Leyland had conceded a game, the 2XV were actually in first position! Following the match against Kirkby Lonsdale on 8 April, promotion was still beckoning by scoring 1 point in the next game but to become League Champions the lads would have to win both of their remaining games. Now we know that is something they had planned to do anyway but it was still a nail-biting and nervous point for the team and Manager Glynn.

A win against Preston Grasshoppers on 22nd April, followed by a win against Garstang on 29 April saw the 2XV not only gain promotion but also finish as League Champions.

On a 21 game winning steam (2 of the teams we beaten have dropped out of the league – no pressure from us honestly); the team now has 138 people registered on the Second Team contact list. The team have played all their games at Winstanley College for the last 2 seasons and have a 100% home record over both seasons.

Everyone in the ORUFC family is extremely proud of our glorious 2XV and they certainly promote the Proud History – Bright Future



Orrell RUFC

Orrell Rugby Union Football Club
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**In support of “Our Vision— our Field of Dreams”
ORUFC proudly present**

**The 7th Annual Golf Day at
Houghwood Golf Club
Crank Road, St Helens, WA11 8RL**



Friday, 19th May 2017

Entry Fee £180 per team

1.30pm Shot Gun Start
7.00pm Prize Ceremony and 3-course dinner

Golf Format

4 Man Team Event—3/4 Handicap (maximum handicap 24)
Stableford—Yellow Tees
Best 2 scores count—Best 3 scores on Par 3s
Prizes for nearest the pins on all Par 3s and Longest Drive

Entry forms can be found on the ORUFC website www.orrellrugbyunion.com
Email: orrellrugbyunion@gmail.com
Telephone: 07900 101014

RUGBY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, 20TH MAY 2017—1.00PM—5.00PM

Orrell RUFC Mini and Junior Section will be hosting a Rugby Fun Day on Saturday, 20th May at Winstanley College between 1.00pm and 5.00pm.

This is a free event open to boys and girls aged between 6 and 10 years of age.

No special kit is required to join in the fun, just trainers (or rugby boots if you have them).

There will be lots of fun on the day, including rugby assault courses, mini games and tag competitions—plus learning some basic rugby skills

Good bag and water bottle for all participants. Drinks will be provided on the day (but please bring your own snacks).

Further information available from Jason Lloyd (Jason@bestproperties.com or mobile 07798

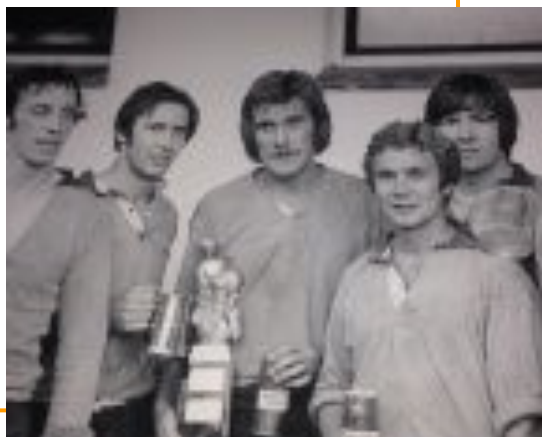


Orrell RUFC Minis flying the flag for Orrell at the Wigan home game on Good Friday.

Rain does not stop play When it's Touch Rugby

Despite the weather, a great day was had by all at the Orrell RUFC 02 Touch Open Day . Whoever said rain does not stop play was right when it came to Orrell Anvils 02 Development Day. Our thanks to Halton Touch and Wigan Youth Zone Touch who played some great rugby in difficult weather conditions. Huge thanks goes to everyone who helped set up and pull down the tent, get the pitches ready and general organisation. Special thanks go to Graham Winstanley for his continued support and a huge thank you to Ian Hollis for making it all happen. Well done everyone and here's to the next one.





RFU PRESIDENTS VOLUNTEER LIFETIME AWARD BILL LYONS

It is with great pride that we can announce that our President Bill Lyon has received an RFU Presidents Volunteer Lifetime Achievement award.

Bill has been a club member for over 50 years. As a player Bill was a member of the Orrell side of the seventies that started to put the club on the map. He represented Lancashire on many occasions in the 1970s and was a member of the Northwest counties squad that beat the All Blacks in 1973. He captained the Seven Team in the years where the club had great success in seven's tournaments around the country—further helping to add to the clubs growing reputation at that time.

When he retired from playing Bill applied his intelligent rugby brain to coaching, he was an ever present on the various coaching teams through the years of success and during the club's decline. Bill carries great respect around the clubs of Lancashire and amongst the coaches and players that he has dealt with. His experience and unstinting effort have been a key factor in helping Orrell RUFC survive.

Congratulations Bill—well deserved



MEMORABILIA REQUEST

Any Club Historians out there who would like to help us collate all our old stories, press releases, programmes and general memorabilia? Whilst we are moving onwards with our Bright Future and our "Vision-Our Field of Dreams", we would also like to remember our Proud History.

If you have any photographs, documents, programmes or anything that relates to the history of ORUFC, then please let us know. We can copy and return any originals to you or you can send any copies to us at orrellrugbyunion@gmail.com. © Copyright will be acknowledged.

PRIDE OF LIONS VS SCHOOL OF SHARKS

Josh Charnley and Mike Forshaw Visit Orrell RUFC Mini and Junior Section



On Wednesday, 19th April, Josh Charnley and Mike Forshaw, Sale Sharks Defence Coach, attended Orrell RUFC Mini and Junior Section as part of Brookhouse Contracting's sponsorship package

"It was very special to have two of Wigan rugby's finest former players attend our junior training session, especially seeing the youngsters faces light up when Josh and Mike appeared on the pitch. Orrell Rugby Union club is a club which holds some wonderful memories for the people of our borough and hopefully with the new ground getting full planning approval we can make our new home a place for all ages to enjoy the game of Rugby Union, a proud history with a bright future" said Colin Ratcliffe, MD of Brookhouse Contracting.





It was a fantastic and fun evening with Josh and Mike meeting all the age groups during the training session, offering help and advice and some hands on tactical tips from Mike Forshaw for our U14s Lions Squad. The training session was followed by a Q&A session with Mike and Josh. Our Minis and Juniors showed great interest in how both Josh and Mike got involved in the game, asking questions on how they were inspired, fitness levels, keeping motivated, the move from Wigan to Sale Sharks and even how much they got paid ☺ All of which were answered with honesty and a smile!

Overall, the message from both Josh and Mike to our Minis and Juniors was to keep up the hard work and practice. This seems to be working for the Club as we have a number of the U13s and U14s selected for the Sale Sharks Developing Player Programme for the first time this season.

Jacqui Campbell Vice Chair of Orrell RUFC Mini and Junior Section said: "ORUFC Minis & Junior Section have a close relationship with Sales Sharks and we are proud to be a member of Sale Sharks 100 Club. We are a thriving section with boy and girl teams with players from aged 6 to 15 so it is very special to know that we have a local Premier League RFU Club that supports and helps nurture our young players. Sale Sharks are a Club that puts so much emphasis on Community involvement and also go the extra miles to support local clubs - it was fabulous seeing so many smiles on our players faces when they met both Mike and Josh and it showed the true spirit of RFU - so thank you." As a thank you for an amazing evening Sale Sharks were presented with a framed shirt for the Sale Sharks 100 Club.

Brookhouse Contracting Ltd are Commercial, Educational, Refurbishment, Residential & Affordable house building contractors from Wigan, who support both Orrell RUFC and JoiningJack.

Spotlight on our Sponsors

The spotlight will be a regular feature of future newsletters where we will showcase our sponsors, how they got involved with Orrell RUFC and why they support or sponsor.

This feature will also be reproduced on our website and social media pages.

Without out sponsors, the club could not continue as it does and so we want to show how much we really do appreciate them.

For example, where would we be without **John Morgan of Bucket and Sponge**? Not only the 2XV shirt sponsor but our match day medics.

This last season we would especially like to thank **Colin Ratcliffe of Brookhouse Contracting** our 1XV sponsor.

Another big thank you goes to **Brian Halliwell of R Banks & Sons Ltd**, who have supported the club over many years.

Club Sponsors, **Alan Belshaw of Times Engineering** has also given great support over the years. Thank you so much to everyone concerned; the club, its' players and its supporters are all very grateful for your support and generosity.

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A BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO

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