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Tonight we are pleased to welcome our old friends, Dartfordians RFC

Founded in 1928, Dartfordians RFC are just five years away from their centenary season. Although the Old Boys Association was around in 1911

They eventually raised the finances to get the Bourne Road site purchase underway and the building plans/licence in 1952 and opened their new clubhouse in September 1953.

Plenty of disruption was to come with major road developments having considerable effect on the club as the A2 and the slip road, flyover and roundabout took the place of the old pitch. Pavilion demolished and then a new clubhouse was built where they reside today.

Fixtures between our clubs probably go back to the 1940s/50s and onwards, when we would play against each other through the various levels with the points for and against

adding up to make the winner of an annual trophy. A regular boxing day match took place until like many other sporting events these seemed to be

dropped due to league fixtures and more recently family celebrations.

With us both coming into this league for the first time in 2022, we are both looking to improve our points tally with just three or four more games to be played.

Tonight's rearranged fixture from 17 December has fallen on what should have been a rest weekend, but with D's graciously agreeing to the Friday evening kick-off the players do get a two day break and a chance to watch the weekends international six nations fixtures.

Let us all hope for a good game under the lights tonight and go away having enjoyed a good evenings rugby.

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Tackle height consultation

The RFU will be launching a series of initiatives to listen to and learn from people across the game by consulting on the process around implementation of a lower tackle height in the community game. The consultation will allow the game to discuss why this is happening, what the optimal tackle height should be, and what needs to be factored in to make it a success.

The RFU is seeking the support of the community game to implement change in a way that ensures rugby remains the sport we all know and love.

The consultation will formally launch at the beginning of March with a survey

giving everyone across the game the chance to have their say. There will also be an extensive series of online and face to face consultations across the country. Working with Constituent Bodies the RFU will ensure the consultation reaches a broad and representative cross-section of people – from players and coaches, through to match officials and disciplinary officials, and to club volunteers and parents representing both the adult and junior male and female games.

Changing the tackle height is an important step in reducing the risk of player head injuries and concussion in the community game. It's backed by a large body of scientific evidence, and is aligned with recent steps taken by France, other Home Nations and New Zealand.

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LUNCH

Good evening and welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our near neighbours Dartfordians who make the short trip down the A2 tonight.

Tonight gives us the opportunity of playing a Friday Night Lights game and importantly give the lads a weekend off. As we get to the business end of the season the run of matches has been taking its toll both from a fitness and availability perspective so delighted we have been able to put out competitive teams in the senior leagues. Social rugby is also doing well and despite the Gannets being in a very competitive league both they and the Swans have put in some notable performances. We should also not forget that are Vets team are in the semi-final of the Kent Shield which will be played at Dartfordians on Sunday so if you are at a loss get along and support the team. Dartfordians arguably need the win more than ourselves this week as they and Beckenham are in a real battle to avoid that

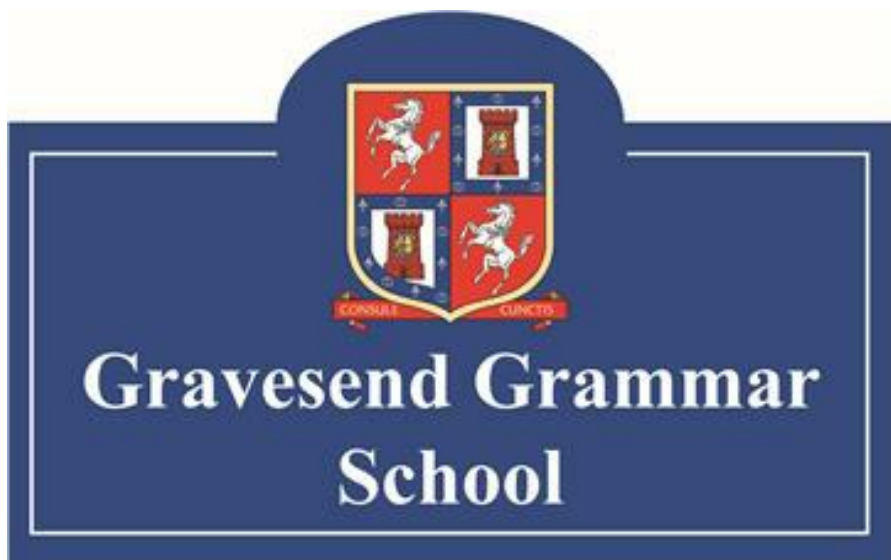
second relegation spot so we will have to be on top form if we are to take the win and arrest our own recent dip in form.

Off field we have the 6 nations on the large screens this week and the VP lunch coming up on 11 March so if you haven't yet speak with Graham Haggard and get your names down. Our regular season is now due to finish in less than a month but worry not we have the Papa Johns Community Cup which will run through April. Look out for some special offers and the opportunity to watch some more rugby. Our Senior mens teams are off to Holland on a Club Tour at the end of May which will be a good opportunity to celebrate and look back on a long season. Enjoy the game tonight and come on you Gssss!!

Mark, Chairman, Gravesend RFC



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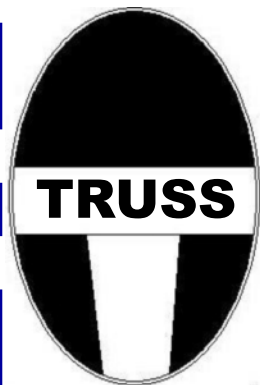
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Wales vs **England** – Sat 25 Feb, 4.45pm

France vs Scotland – Sun 26 Feb, 3pm

Round 4

Italy vs Wales – Sat 11 Mar, 2.15pm

England vs France – Sat 11 Mar,
4.45pm

Scotland vs Ireland – Sun 12 Mar, 3pm

Round 5

Scotland vs Italy – Sat 18 Mar, 12.30pm

France vs Wales – Sat 18 Mar, 4.45pm

Ireland vs **England** – Sat 18 Mar, 5pm



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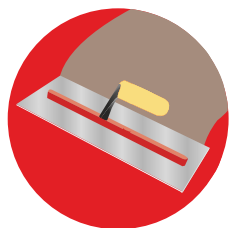
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RFU Regional 2 South East - as at 17 February 2023

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts	Adj
Horsham	20	16	0	4	674	299	375	15	2	81	
Farnham	18	15	0	3	379	322	57	7	0	68	
Reeds Weybridge	19	13	0	6	514	442	72	8	4	64	
Old Reigatian	20	11	1	8	560	534	26	13	4	63	
Battersea Ironsides	19	10	1	8	537	438	99	11	1	54	
Old Colfeians	19	10	1	8	432	453	-21	7	3	52	
Gravesend	18	10	0	8	375	400	-25	5	1	47	
Guildford	19	7	1	11	416	442	-26	9	7	41	-5
Chichester	19	7	0	12	418	470	-52	6	4	39	
Beckenham	19	5	0	14	412	443	-31	6	8	34	
Dartfordians	19	4	0	15	355	535	-180	8	9	33	
KCS Old Boys	19	4	0	15	291	585	-294	5	2	13	-10



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1st XV - Regional 2 South East

		Score	H	A
Sat, 10 September	Beckenham V Gravesend	14		26
Sat, 17 September	Gravesend V Old Colfeians	21		20
Sat, 24 September	Dartfordians V Gravesend	10		17
Sat, 1 October	Gravesend V Battersea Ironsides	40		31
Sat. 8 October	Guildford V Gravesend	AWO		
Sat, 15 October	Old Reigatian V Gravesend	45		27
Sat, 22 October	Gravesend V Farnham	12		24
Sat, 29 October	Chichester V Gravesend	45		03
Sat, 5 November	Gravesend V Reeds Weybridge	24		23
Sat, 12 November	Horsham V Gravesend	19		10
Sat, 26 November	Gravesend V KCS Old Boys	71		05
Sat, 3 December	Gravesend V Beckenham	33		27
Sat, 10 December	Old Colfeians V Gravesend	Postponed		
Sat, 17 December	Gravesend V Dartfordians	Postponed		
Sat, 7 January	Battersea Ironsides V Gravesend	14		8
Sat, 14 January	Gravesend V Old Reigatian	29		21
Sat, 21 January	Farnham V Gravesend	Postponed		
Sat, 28 January	Gravesend V Chichester	20		10
Sat, 4 February	<i>Old Colfeians V Gravesend</i>	36		15
Sat, 11 February	Reeds Weybridge V Gravesend	39		14
Sat, 18 February	Gravesend V Horsham	5		17
Fri, 24 February	<i>Gravesend V Dartfordians</i>			
Sat, 4 March	KCS Old Boys V Gravesend			
Sat, 11 March	Gravesend V Guildford			
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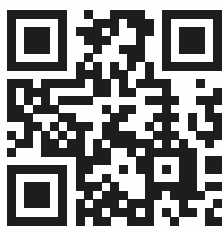
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17 September	Nathan Fouche	Connor Martin
24 September	Brendan Kelly	Matt Hewitt
1 October	Jamie Fautley	Ben Woodbine
8 October		Stan Dadson
15 October		
22 October 2022	Chris Shorter	
29 October	Jamie Fautley	Aaron Raynor
5 November	Josh Smith	
12 November		
26 November	Brendan Kelly	No selection
3 December		
7 January		
14 January	George Bruce	Stan Dadson
21 January 2023		
28 January	Tom Bird & Thor Hampshire	
11 February		
18 February	Terry Papworth	
4 March		
11 March 2022		



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#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts	Adj
1	Medway II	16	14	0	2	547	143	404	11	1	70	
2	Dartford Valley	16	13	1	2	434	137	297	8	1	65	
3	Old Alleynians II	15	9	1	5	402	349	53	7	0	45	
4	Old Elthamians	16	10	0	6	372	272	100	6	1	43	-5
5	Faversham	16	7	2	7	403	291	112	4	5	41	
6	Whitstable	16	7	0	9	428	334	94	5	4	37	
7	Gravesend II	15	7	0	8	198	302	-104	3	1	29	-5

RURAL LEAGUES KENT B

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Rye	12	10	0	2	469	127	342	0	1	43
2	East Peckham and Paddock Wood	10	8	0	2	331	126	205	0	2	36
3	Folkestone 2nd XV	10	6	0	4	261	175	86	0	1	28
4	Ashford Barbarians	10	5	0	5	204	151	53	0	2	27
5	Canterbury 4XV Deacons	10	4	0	6	148	288	-140	0	1	21
6	Leigh (Kent)	10	2	0	8	206	388	-182	0	1	17
7	Gravesend 3rd XV	9	3	0	6	111	303	-192	0	0	15

RURAL LEAGUES KENT C WEST

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Edenbridge	13	11	0	2	454	165	289	0	1	47
2	Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV	11	9	0	2	406	165	241	0	1	39
3	Maidstone Mustangs (2nd XV)	12	7	0	5	338	223	115	0	2	35
4	Gravesend 4th XV	11	6	1	4	287	284	3	0	0	30
5	Aylesford Bulls 3rd XV	11	5	0	6	253	269	-16	0	1	26
6	Sheppey 2nd XV	11	4	0	7	256	380	-124	0	0	23
7	Lordswood 2nd XV	12	3	1	8	183	407	-224	0	0	22

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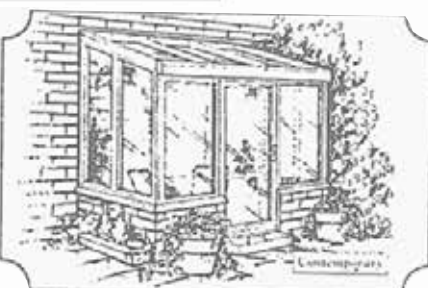
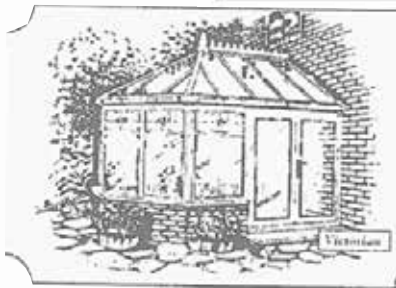
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