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Handbook

2021 / 22





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A Warm Welcome to the OWRFC Handbook for the 2021/22 Season!

Welcome back one and all! After a year's break from the great game, we return raring to go in our new divisions following our promotions. Did anyone mention we were promoted? London SW3 beckons for the first time in over 20 years!

That's not to say that nothing was done during our enforced year off. We renovated the 1st XV changing room with help from a grant from the RFU and the work of some unpaid volunteers. The team Captains worked hard to keep in contact with the players and ensured that whenever we were able to train, we had great numbers which made the sessions useful. We welcomed Will Davis to our coaching ranks where his expertise in the front row will be invaluable. We also started bringing our training equipment and environment up to date with the addition of a new storage container (including electricity!) and new training pads.

Given the end of the COVID restrictions we can look forward to the new season with optimism. We have seen a number of new faces at training and look forward to getting the boys involved in the league matches as soon as possible. We have a full fixture list for both teams in their new leagues and look forward to the challenges ahead. Come September we will be ready and can look forward to a home double header on 18th to kick off the season proper. With half of our 1st XV away games in Hampshire, it's time to renew some old long-distance rivalries as well as some more local ones.

We also have a number of social activities pencilled in already to ensure we maintain our strong social side. We must never forget that part of our DNA! What pleases me most about the season that wasn't, is that we were still blessed with continuing support from our players and social members via their subscriptions which were paid unquestioningly for the whole season. This is

testament to the spirit of the club and the love its members have for it. Long may it continue. We must also note two generous donations that were made to the club which in turn enabled us to send some of that money upwards to Walcountians Sports Club (WSC).

On the subject of WSC, it would be wrong of me not to pay tribute to the hard work done during the pandemic by the Committee and Staff of WSC in ensuring that we remained a viable organisation and that we remain financially and structurally secure post COVID. It's all well and fine being a rugby club, but one without a clubhouse and grounds is a hell of a lot harder to pull off!

Here's to next season and a degree of normality!
Up the Counts!

Brambizzle
Mike Bramble, OWRFC Chairman

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OWRFC President's Reunion Lunch

Even without being able to hold a Presidents lunch/match due to Covid restrictions last year, the following kind benefactors still managed to raise £3705 for the club.

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George Cattermole	Mark Cranmer	Brian Doonar	Andrew Evans
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Eric Nicholls	Guy Nicholls	Munge Nicholls	Andy Paice
Norman Parks	Roger Phillips	George Plumbly	Geoff Potts
Terry Ribbens	Derek Ronayne	Dick Sherwin	Mick Staton
Kevin Tierney	Mike Terry	Neil Tolley	Roly Walton
Bunny Warren			

As a result of this I am holding two lunches this year, one on the date of our first game in our new league in September and the other on the last league game in March.

I have requested that the first lunch be donation free to make up for last year asking only for support for the raffle to cover the food costs but Walcountians being what they are, have already sent me over £500 in donations. Thank you all so much for helping to keep this club alive.

We look forward to seeing all our players prosper in their new leagues.

Malcolm "Rocky" Stone
President OWRFC



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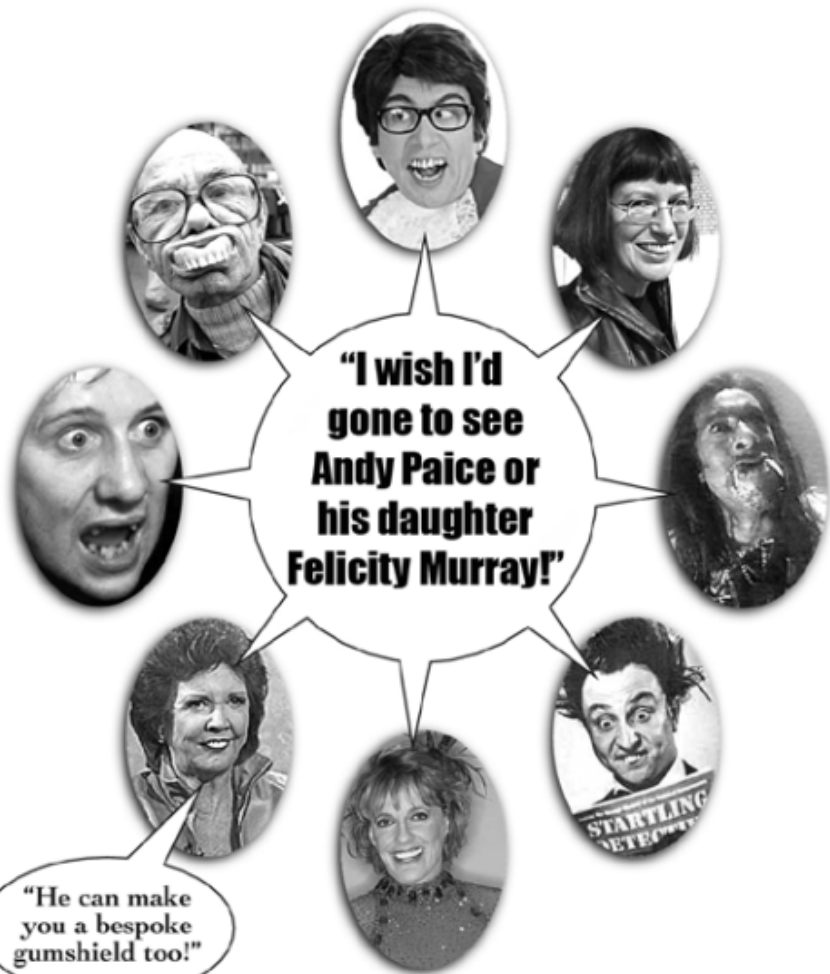
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1st XV - London & SE Division - London 3 South West

2021			Opposition	Venue	Result
Sept	11	F	Old Whitgiftians	H	
	18	L	Alton	H	
	25	L	Warlingham	H	
October	2	L	Old Cranleighans	A	
	9				
	16	L	Andover	H	
November	23	L	Trojans	A	
	30	L	Weybridge Vandals	H	
	6	L	Petersfield	A	
	13	L	Old Georgians	H	
	20				
	27	L	Portsmouth	A	
	December	4	L	Basingstoke	H
	11	L	Old Emanuel	A	
	18	L	Warlingham	A	
	25		Christmas		
	2022				
January	1		New Years		
	8	L	Old Cranleighans	H	
	15	L	Andover	A	
	22	L	Trojans	H	
	29	L	Weybridge Vandals	A	
February	5				
	12	L	Petersfield	H	
	19	L	Old Georgians	A	
	26				
March	5	L	Portsmouth	H	
	12	L	Basingstoke	A	
	19				
April	26	L	Old Emanuel	H	
	2	L	Alton	A	
	9	C	Reserved for Cup	TBC	
	16	C	Reserved for Cup	TBC	
	23	C	Reserved for Cup	TBC	
	30	C	Reserved for Cup	TBC	

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2nd XV - Surrey RFU - Alliance Surrey Reserve

2021			Opposition	Venue	Result
Sept	11	F	Old Whitgiftians	H	
	18	L	Old Emanuel 2nd XV	H	
	25	L	Warlingham 2nd XV	H	
October	2	L	Old Haileyburians 2nd XV	H	
	9				
	16	L	Battersea Ironsides 4th XV	A	
	23	L	Mayfair Occasionals	H	
November	30	L	Wimbledon 3rd XV	A	
	6	L	Old Tiffinians 2nd XV	H	
	13	L	Weybridge Vandals 2nd XV	H	
	20				
	27	L	London Media 2nd XV	A	
December	4				
	11	L	Old Haileyburians 2nd XV	A	
	18	L	Warlingham 2nd XV	A	
	25		Christmas		
2022					
January	1		New Years		
	8	C	Cup	TBC	
	15	L	Battersea Ironsides 4th XV	H	
	22	L	Mayfair Occasionals	A	
	29	L	Wimbledon 3rd XV	H	
February	5				
	12	L	Old Tiffinians 2nd XV	A	
	19	L	Weybridge Vandals 2nd XV	A	
	26				
March	5	L	London Media 2nd XV	A	
	12	L	Old Emanuel 2nd XV	A	
	19				
	26				
April	2				
	9	C	Cup	TBC	
	16				
	23	C	Cup Semi-Final	TBC	
	30	C	Cup Final	TBC	

TOUR 2022

It would be lovely to tell you all about the cultural feast that will be OWRFC Tour 2022, but since the Tour Manager has been far too busy being a key worker (his words), and hasn't provided any information, the following will have to suffice for now:

Dates -TBA

Location -TBA

Cost - TBA

What's Included in the Price – TBA

Tour Manager – Dom Bell (dom_bell@hotmail.com)

Details to follow

(if not forthcoming please feel free to harass Dom!)

Suffice to say, Tour will happen (this time featuring actual rugby!) and as always, it will be a memorable weekend.

You need to be there!

Again, Dom will be able to provide all the information you need! The Chairman recommends you contact him at about 4am to guarantee a response.

Old Walcountians 3rds / Veterans

Calling OWRFC Legends!!

Rest assured, your playing days may hold fond memories and you may play more spectator these days but that does not mean you have been put out to pasture just yet. Your committee has every intention of organizing some fixtures for the 2021 /22 season. These 'Gladiatorial Matches' will be strategically reserved in the Club Calendar not impacting regular season fixtures.

We will look to accommodate flexibility on fixture date to coordinate your 'Freedom Pass' courtesy of 'Mission Control' aka (The Wife, The Boss, Partner)

The traditional Saturday fixture will take place as always, but we will also seek to provide a dynamic twist of floating the idea with other clubs on the potential 'Flood Light Friday' night fixture. This will provide increased flexibility to the player contingent giving your weekends back.

Strong relationships with the school continue and will be extended further over the new season in attracting both age and beauty. Start limbering up, get those stretches in, get the rust off those studs and start filling up on the Wellness Man Vitabiotics, Paracetamol & Epsom Bath Salts. A remarkable combination and concoction to inspire the 'Dark Arts'

Yours in Rugby

**James 'Mission Critical' Deakin &
Steve 'The Count' Simmonds**

Dates for the diary

International Rugby Fixtures

Autumn Internationals

30/10/2021 - Scotland vs Tonga – Murrayfield – 2:30pm

30/10/2021 - Wales vs New Zealand – Principality – 5:15pm

01/11/2021 - Ireland vs USA – Las Vegas – 1:00am

06/11/2021 - England vs Tonga – Twickenham – 3:15pm

06/11/2021 - Wales vs South Africa – Principality – 5:30pm

06/11/2021 - Ireland vs Japan – Aviva – 1:00pm

07/11/2021 - Scotland vs Australia – Murrayfield – 2:15pm

13/11/2021 - England vs Australia – Twickenham – 5:30pm

13/11/2021 - Scotland vs South Africa – Murrayfield – 1:00pm

13/11/2021 - Ireland vs New Zealand – Aviva – 3:15pm

14/11/2021 - Wales vs Fiji – Principality – 3:15pm

20/11/2021 - England vs South Africa – Twickenham – 3:15pm

20/11/2021 - Scotland vs Japan – Murrayfield – 1:00pm

20/11/2021 - Wales vs Australia – Principality – 5:30pm

21/11/2021 - Ireland vs Argentina – Aviva – 2:15pm

Six Nations

05/02/2022 – Ireland vs Wales – Aviva – 2:15pm

05/02/2022 – Scotland vs England – Murrayfield – 4:45pm

06/02/2022 – France vs Italy – Paris – 3pm

12/02/2022 – Wales vs Scotland – Principality – 2:15pm

12/02/2022 – France vs Ireland – Paris – 4:45pm

13/02/2022 – Italy vs England – Rome – 3pm

26/02/2022 – Scotland vs France – Murrayfield – 2:15pm

26/02/2022 – England vs Wales – Twickenham – 4:45pm

27/02/2022 – Ireland vs – Italy – Aviva – 3pm

11/03/2022 – Wales vs France – Principality – 8:00pm

12/03/2022 – Italy vs Scotland – Rome – 2:15pm

12/03/2022 – England vs Ireland – Twickenham – 4:45pm

19/03/2022 – Wales vs Italy – Principality – 2:15pm

19/03/2022 – Ireland vs Scotland – Aviva – 4:45pm

19/03/2022 – France vs England – Paris – 8:00pm

Supporters Lunches

16/10/2021 - (Andover)

13/11/2021 - (Georgians)

22/01/2022 - (Trojans)

05/03/2022 - (Portsmouth)

Further lunch date TBA

Organisers and details of lunches TBA by Club Secretary

Social Events

Lots of home double headers this year, so no excuse for not hanging around for a beer! Get these dates in the diary early!

13/11/2021 – New Players

04/12/2021 – Xmas Court

10/12/2021 – Countryman's Lunch

08/01/2022 – Club Social

12/02/2022 – Ladies Night

05/03/2022 – Club Social

02/04/2022 – End of Season Party

More to be advertised!

OWRFC Code of Conduct

(Incorporating Notes for Players)

1. Match Fees will be not be charged to members (i.e. those who have paid their subscriptions in full or pay by standing order). Match fees will be £10 for non-members or those who have not yet made arrangements to pay their subscriptions. For students or unemployed members, this will be reduced to £2.50. Match fees for substitutes and reserves will be agreed with the team captain on an arbitrary basis.
2. Weekly Selection and news will be published via our website (oldwalcountian-srfc.com) or other social media channels. You are expected to regularly consult the website for selection and other news. If you have not heard from the club by Wednesday evening, you should immediately contact your captain from the previous week.
3. Availability. It is assumed that you are available for selection every week unless you have advised a captain otherwise. Captains may contact you via phone, text, email or social media during the week when confirming that weeks' team. You are expected to return/respond to that contact as soon as possible. Not responding may result in future non-selection.
4. Unavailability. If you are unavailable to represent the club on any occasion, you should advise the team secretary or your team captain. If you are aware on a Saturday of your unavailability the following week, you should make this known to your captain immediately. Giving insufficient notice that you cannot meet your commitment to play or not attending a match when expected to, will result in being "named and shamed" and may result in future non-selection.
5. Cancellation of Matches. If it seems possible that play will be cancelled owing to bad weather or any other reason you should contact the Team Secretary or captain on the Friday evening prior to the match. You should not assume that your match has been cancelled.
6. Punctuality. You should arrive at the club at the time specified on the team sheet or exceptionally, as advised by the captain. If you wish to travel to an away ground directly, you should advise your captain no later than Thursday evening.
7. Dress. You should ensure that you come to each match suitably equipped with

clean kit which should include black shorts, black socks and rugby boots. A club jersey will be provided on the day. For League and Cup matches the 1st XV squad are expected to wear trousers, shirt and club tie or club polo as agreed by the team captain. All other teams are expected to wear club shirts/polos where issued.

8. Valuables. The club cannot accept any responsibility for the loss of personal belongings, so please make certain that any item which you value is adequately protected during play. Valuables are normally held behind the bar during a match but this is not a fool proof arrangement. Personal insurance should be arranged through your own household policies.
9. Substitutes/Reserves will be selected for 1st XV league and cup fixtures and where possible for other sides. Lower sides will go without reserves where another side would otherwise be short of players.
10. Training will take place at the club on Wednesdays (or as otherwise advised). You should meet at the club at 7.15pm in readiness for a 7.30pm start. We provide professional coaching for all players of all abilities and expect members to make an effort to train regularly. 1st XV players are expected to train on a Wednesday as a minimum and must advise the 1st XV captain or coaching staff if they are unable to train for any reason. Any alterations to the times and frequency of training will be advised by the coaching staff. A qualified physiotherapist is usually available for consultation/treatment during Wednesday night training. Treatment may be subject to a nominal fee, subsidised by the club, and will be advised to you at the time of booking.
11. Kick-off times (unless otherwise advised) – Source: London Referees Society
 - 3.00pm September, October, March, April
 - 2.30pm November, February
 - 2.15pm December, January
12. Social Events. From time to time the rugby club will organise social events at the club house. Your support and attendance at these events will be highly valued and help contribute toward the strengthening of team spirit as well as, where applicable, the finances of the club. Please make every effort to attend where possible. Details of these events will be advertised in the club house, on team sheets, on the web site, via email and social media and directly by captains and committee members.

13. The use of performance enhancing or recreational drugs by players, members or supporters is strictly prohibited. Anyone found to be in possession, or under the influence of such substances, whether on club grounds or at any other location when representing OWRFC, will be immediately referred to the Committee to instigate disciplinary proceedings. This in turn may ultimately lead to expulsion from the Club and a referral of the matter onto the Police.

Membership

There are two classes of membership:

- 1) Playing membership
- 2) Non-playing (Social) membership.

Application for membership must be submitted in writing to the club Secretary for approval by the committee.

Subscriptions

Subscription and playing year starts 1st September 2021.

- Playing Subscriptions are £264 (£22 per month).
- Non-playing (Social) Subscriptions are £72 (£6 per month).

Subscriptions are payable by cash, cheque or standing order. It is preferred that subscriptions are paid by standing order – please contact the Treasurer, Secretary or Captains for details.

2019/20 Awards

Player of the Year

Joe Henderson

Most Improved Player of the Year

Ed Bellringer

Dave Rees Players' Player of the Year

Rob Fleming

Supporters' Player of the Year

Harry Wrightson

2nd XV Player of the Year

Jamie Blackmore

Clubman of the Year

Mark (Monty) Montgomery

New Player of the Year

Johnny Wehbe

OWRFC Special Recognition Award

Florin Ciocan

Coach's Player of the Year

Rob Fleming

Chairman's Award

Will Thornton



From the Pen of the Club Captain

I am delighted to be taking on the role of Club captain this year, with Deaks stepping down after putting in an excellent shift. There is certainly potential for both teams to do well again this year and I personally am looking forward

to getting back out on the pitch this season. As Summer nears its end, the lads have been gearing up for what is no doubt going to be a tough season. With both teams being promoted in our last pre-COVID season, we can expect stronger opposition and longer away journeys – a challenge that all players and coaching staff are relishing.

Whilst our promotion party was cancelled and delayed time and time again, it was fantastic for those involved to finally get recognition for their hard work and determination throughout a stellar season. With the new challenges for the year ahead, the 1st XV will look to maintain a place in their new league as a minimum, whilst also looking to defend their cup title if possible. With good availability, the 2nd XV are more than capable of a push for glory as well. Pre-season training has seen a handful of new players join the club, and we have also been able to welcome back some university leavers. As we move towards the new season, it is important that the high standards and attendance at training continues – even when the Clock House microclimate turns.

The 3rd XV and Vets XV will continue to be pushed this season, with a possible introduction of 'Friday Night Lights' fixtures. We have already had an U23 fixture this year, and with strength and numbers from schoolboys and university leavers, the U18 and U21 sides should see some success too.

The social calendar for this year is a busy one, and the friendly, sociable atmosphere at the club is definitely something that the Counts pride themselves on. We have already booked in dates for the New Players' Evening, the Countryman's Lunch, and Ladies Night, with more events and details to follow throughout the year.

I am sure I speak on behalf of all players when I say how much I am looking forward to pulling the Counts shirt on again, and cannot wait to see all of the Wultras on the touchline.

Take me home, Carshalton Road...

Joe Henderson
OWRFC Club Captain (and Yellow Card Magnet)

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Andover RFC:

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Basingstoke RFC:

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Old Cranleighans RFC:

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Old Emanuel RFC:

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Old Georgians RFC:

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Petersfield RFC:

The Clubhouse, Penns Place, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4EP

Portsmouth RFC:

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Trojans RFC:

Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 9HT

Warlingham RFC:

Limpsfield Road, Hamsey Green, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9RB

Weybridge Vandals RFC:

Brownacres, Off Walton Lane, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT12 1QP

2nd XV Opponents

Battersea Ironsides RFC:

Openview (off Burntwood Lane), London, SW17 0AW

London Media RFC:

Pitch : Battersea Park, London, SW11

Clubhouse: The Lighthouse Pub, 441 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 4LR

Mayfair Occasionals (Barnes 4th XV):

Barnes Rugby Club, Queen Elizabeth Walk, London, SW13 0DG

Old Emanuel RFC:

See Above

Old Haileyburians RFC:

27 Ruxley Lane, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 0JB

Old Tiffinians RFC:

Old Tiffinians Association Sports Ground, Summer Avenue, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9LU

Warlingham RFC:

See Above

Weybridge Vandals RFC:

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Wimbledon RFC:

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Note: For additional fixtures, opposition ground details will be made available as necessary



Good luck to OWs over
the coming season

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