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# Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

Welcome to Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

## Our Club History

Rochford Hundred was the brainchild of John Roden and Ernie Mills and was first discussed in November 1961 when the two met at the White Hart in Hawkwell. John had played at Ilford Wanderers and Ernie was an Old Tottonian so both were keen to play on their own doorstep. The inaugural meeting was held on the 4th January 1962 at the Bull Inn and was attended by a small group. The club now needed a ground and the assistance of County Councilor, later Alderman, Bill Wright was sought. He was appointed Chairman and very quickly secured the use of Rocheway School which had been closed due to its proximity to Southend airport.

This of course gave the club changing rooms and rugby pitches immediately. To get players an advert was placed in the Southend Pictorial and no less than 45 replies were received. Old Westcliffians had seen the advert and invited the new committee to a beer and cheese evening at the Gables. From this Rochford secured a fixture and an introduction to the London fixture Exchange. The first fixture was in fact against Billericay and not Old Westcliffians however. The name of the club had been suggested by John Roden after he saw a poster by Rochford Hundred Licensed Victuallers Association in the White Hart. Rochford Hundred was after all the name of the district.

The club also managed to secure a clubhouse in the car park of the Horse & Groom thanks to Mrs Innell, the licensee, and quickly set to work to make it ready for use for season 1962/63, although it was in use from March 1962.

It is worth noting that the first games were played in March and April 1962 and that Bob Light was captain.

In Season 1962/63 the club fielded 2 senior teams and a Colts team which is remarkable for a first full season. It is recorded that over 70 fixtures were arranged for this first season. Tony Davies was the 1st XV captain in this season. The Colts team was made up of a number of players from Rayleigh Secondary Modern School (now Fitzwimarc) and Sweyne School. Indeed David Allen (then a 16 year old) remembers being at one of the formation meetings at the Bull when he was still at school.

The first few years were not particularly successful but things changed when the likes of Mike Treasure came onto the scene. He was captain in 1965/66 and 1966/67 and was our first full Essex cap. His team went unbeaten for 18 months and were one of the highest scoring teams in the country. He was fortunate in having players of the calibre of Peter Coster, who was a great centre. Regrettably, Peter died recently in America, where he had been living for many years.

With playing success there came a desire to move to our own ground and in 1968 Jim Sowter, who used to write a column in the local press, printed a story that the club wished to purchase a field in the Rochford district big enough for pitches and a clubhouse. He received a letter from the lady secretary of Southend Manor Football club stating that they had an option on 10 acres of land in Magnolia Road. They were unable to raise the money to proceed and suggested that we might like to take over the option. Jim arranged a meeting between her and Ernie Mills and Ernie liked what he saw and took up the option. The land cost £3,200 and the purchase was completed in March 1969. The Rugby Football Union provided a loan of £2,100 towards the purchase.

The lengthy process of obtaining finance, building the clubhouse and preparing the pitches could now be started. In September 1970 a grant of £5,592 was offered by the Ministry of Housing and local Government and this was supplemented by grants and loans from the Essex Playing Fields Association and the National Playing Fields Association. In July, 1971 the Club gave the go-ahead to Muggleton's to start building based on an estimated cost of £11,320 of which we had raised only £8,000. The clubhouse was officially opened by Dickie Jeeps in April, 1974 when the 1st XV played against a strong Eastern Counties XV.

In 1971/72, when Malcolm Fleming was captain, there were two memorable games both in the Essex Senior Cup. The first game was against Old Bancroftians when Dickie Kent, who played scrum half for England, and Howard Waller, who was a renowned sevens player for Richmond, were in the Bancroft side. Rochford won 21-6 in a tremendous match and demonstrated that they had joined the top echelons of Essex rugby. The next round was against Barking Park Modern Old Boys at Rocheway and a pulsating match was finally won by Barking 14-12. To those who were present these were two of the finest matches played by Rochford.

The pitches in those early days at Magnolia Road were frankly dreadful but over the years there has been considerable work on them and they are now adequate for the task, if not perfect. In the late 1980's and early 1990's the clubhouse was expanded substantially with new changing rooms a gym and a new clubroom and kitchen. Floodlights were also installed.

Our youth section has gone from strength to strength and provides players for our 1st XV and other club teams. In fact our current 1st XV is almost entirely made up of former youth players. We have a ladies and girls section which is unusual among Essex Clubs. The Club is currently playing in London 1 (North) and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## SAM FOMBO

**NAME** – Sam Fombo

**D.O.B** – 31/12/92

**POSITION** – Flanker/Winger

**NICKNAME** – Anyone black

**WEIGHT** – 106kg

**HEIGHT** – 6ft 5in

**FAVOURITE FOOD** – Double  
cheeseburger

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Old fashion

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Harry losing it in training

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Ricki Gould being captain

**IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE 3 PEOPLE TO GET STUCK  
IN A LIFT WITH. WHO ? WHY ?**

1 – You know who's, sister

2 – Tyrone

3 – Michael Redding

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Beero

**WORST DRESSED** – Beero by a country mile

**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Kellard



# Coaches Corner

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone had a nice Christmas. Today opens our home account for 2019 and we hope to replicate our unbeaten home record which we achieved last year. 2018 was full of exciting running rugby full of tries and I am sure 2019 will follow suit.

Last week we had our first 'real' test losing Jody Allen to a red card after 20 minutes and then losing Steve Jay our scrum half 5 minutes later due to concussion, which resulted in a reshuffle to the back line and ultimately an early debut for Chris Dudman. A lot of teams would have folded especially with momentum well and truly in H.A.C.'s favour, but our boys maintained composure and showed great character to dominate the final 20 minutes of the game to secure another bonus point win.

Today we welcome Fullerians to Magnolia Road who despite their position in the league table actually gave us a tough game and was certainly one of our more physical games we've played this season. I am sure today will be much of the same in terms of intensity and aggression and one I know our boys are looking forward too.

I would like to formally congratulate Chris Dudman and Alfie Justice for their first full debuts at the club. I have had the privilege of coaching both players at

Seevic College and am fully aware of how good they both are and wish them well today. For Alfie it has been a long time coming, he has worked hard in the 'Harts' scoring a bundle of tries and fully deserves his opportunity today. Another special mention to Jack Doherty who makes his first start for the first team this season. A proper club man who I know the crowd will love seeing out there today.

I hope you all enjoy the game today and fingers crossed it isn't as cold as our last home game against Southend.

*Danny Cleare*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club  
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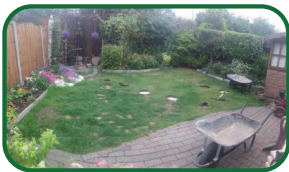





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# Chairman's Message

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,  
welcome to Rochford Hundred Rugby Club,  
I hope you enjoy your day with us.

Today we welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas with Santa bringing you all you wanted. I wish every club member and our guests today a happy and prosperous new year.

Well onto today and Fullerians RFC are our guests today, Fullerians are a club I played for many years ago, and I have some very good memories even painful ones. The last time we met earlier in the season it was a very wet occasion with both teams fighting hard to keep the ball. Overall the game was hard fought in a true rugby spirit with all sharing a few beers / soft drinks for the athletes after. I for one probably over indulged in the free flowing beverages but it was great to see people I had not seen for many years and to round of the night at the Indian up the road, which is still as good as ever from what I can remember thanks David for escorting me nicely to it.

The Ball boys are the under 13s today and our mascots are the under 7s. Please clap these guys as they lead out the team today, I for one am very proud to see our minis so involved with the club and joining the first team on match days.

We are currently selling RFU raffle tickets and for every ticket we sell the RFU gives us back 90p, the prizes are great, so I would encourage everyone to buy a ticket. John Archer is the main man so if you want to buy one or even take a couple of books to sell to your friends he will be happy to help. The money raised will be going towards the new floodlights we need for the coming seasons, we are now talking to companies and will always talk to others about installation and costs associated to having the lights installed.

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are still available, so if you would like to sponsor a player from the squad please let us know.

Always remember that our beautiful game is built on **RESPECT** so jeering or bad language is not acceptable at any time during the game. Without the person in the middle we would not have a game and if you think you could do better then let us see you sign up to be that person we always need referees.

Lastly the club relies on Members paying membership every year so if you have not done so yet please ensure you make your donation or sign up today for direct debit forms behind the bar. Being a member has benefits on club house hire also reduced prices on alcohol.

*Peter Van Den Broeck*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman



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2	Not Supplied
3	Not Supplied
4	Not Supplied
5	Not Supplied
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*Referee*

Douglas Hampshire (RFU SEG)

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**Saturday 20th April 2019**

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## WILL FERRIER

**NAME** – Will Ferrier

**D.O.B** – 02/11/1995

**POSITION** – Wing

**NICKNAME** – Fez

**WEIGHT** – 85kg

**HEIGHT** – 6ft 1"

**FAVOURITE FOOD** – Chinese

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Stella

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Playing with my brother

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Losing to Rochford 97-12

**IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE 3 PEOPLE TO GET STUCK IN A LIFT WITH. WHO ? WHY ?**

- 1 – Jimmy Carr because he's funny
- 2 – Emily Ratajkowski for some eye candy
- 3 – Selena Gomez same as above

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Fombo

**WORST DRESSED** – Beero

**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Billings





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