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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

## LEWIS BRUNGER

**NAME** – Lewis Brunger

**D.O.B** – 12/08/1995

**POSITION** – Loose/Tight head prop

**NICKNAME** – Gussy

**WEIGHT** – 112kg

**HEIGHT** – 6ft 2

**FAVOURITE FOOD** – Turkish

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Water or orange juice (I don't drink)

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Getting selected for Sharks under 21's Currie Cup team

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Then being told I didn't have the right documents, so not only could I not play for the Sharks, I'm also banned from South Africa until 2021

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

- 1 – Charles Bronson
- 2 – The Krays
- 3 – Lennie McLean

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Strachan

**WORST DRESSED** – Beero

**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Fombo



# Captains Corner

It's been a promising start to the beginning of the season. We couldn't have any more points but as a group I would say we are a little bit disappointed we haven't hit top gear yet. Players, coaches and I will need to improve otherwise we won't be achieving our goals come the end of the season.

Looking forward to October will be our toughest month of the season with Colchester, Sudbury and North Walsham on the horizon but today we welcome Diss for what will hopefully be a good game of rugby and one that we will not be going in to with an eye elsewhere.

Unfortunately, I'm not able to play due to an injury which is frustrating as both Fombo and Dougy are now ahead of me in terms of tries. But I expect a big performance from Mark Ikhifa who has been challenged by the leadership group to bring the 'hammer.'

Lastly, I'd like to welcome Sam Nash to the club. A big physical centre/wing who will add a lot to us on the pitch and off it.

I've been enjoying my time since signing in the summer and getting to play with

my close friends again. Since coming in and joining up with the leadership group we've instilled some fun ways to maintain discipline within the group. We await both a James Kellard and Mark to roll the dice, fingers crossed it's a 6. While also organising pre match meals and allowing the Chief Boozing Officer (Lewis) to sort our socials.

We all hope to buy into the long history of the club I hope you enjoy the game on the field and share a drink after.

*Harry Hudson*

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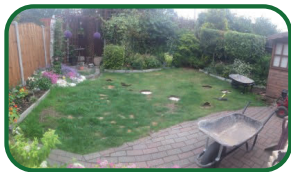





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**James Kellard**

Defence Coach



**Danny Cleare**

Attack Coach



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Manager



**John Branch**

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**Mark Williams**

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**Dick Gibbons**

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**Kevin Anderson**

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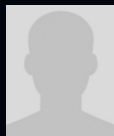
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# Chairman's Message

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

Today we welcome Diss back to Magnolia road last time we met it was a difficult day with Diss running out winners by 59-26 back in April 2017, but both teams have come a long way since then, so I look forward to a better battle today. Our Lunch sponsors are Hills Prospect, we have the under 8s mascots and under 13s ball persons. I would again like to thank the Managers, parent helpers and of course the children for choosing to play rugby at Rochford Hundred. Please encourage all your friends to bring along there children of all ages and abilities.

He will not thank me for this but a good friend will finally join the 50 club, congratulations to John Archer. Also I would like to take the opportunity to say thanks for your support every Saturday morning setting up ready for the game and clearing it all away again after.

Advertise your company in the hand book, on pitch side boards or on our social media sites. If you or anyone you know wants to be involved please talk to Adam Faherty who will be willing to talk costs to fit your budget his telephone number **07981 965669**.

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.

We are away to Sudbury next week so will be a tough game so please come along and cheer the lads on.

13th October is the cup weekend we play against local rivals Westcliff. There will be a buffet Lunch cost will be £15 per person if you wish to attend please give names to John Drinkwater.

## **PARKING**

This season we have seen issues with parking, people not thinking and even upsetting our neighbours through

inconsiderate parking. Can I ask that all members park after Durham road but leave room for any emergency vehicles that may need to get **YOU**? Parking at the top past the club nose first at an angle into the fence line will help park more cars rather than flat against the fence. If you are attending lunches please take a taxi as parking is at a premium on match days.

The car park will give priority to players and disabled members.

Always remember that our beautiful game is built on **RESPECT** so jeering or bad language is not acceptable at any time.

*Peter Van Den Broeck*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman



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No.	Name	Referee
1	Matt Richards	Richard Arthur (Yorkshire Society)
2	Jake Girdler	
3	Michael Jones	
4	Matt Cullum	
5	James Winterbottom	
6	Nick Garnham	
7	Ally Brooks	
8	John Laurie	
9	TBC	
10	George Jones	
11	Jorge (Cutu) Serruys	
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15	Chris Beard	
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17	Matt Warren	
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# PLAYER PROFILE

## NORBERTAS RADZEVICIUS

**NAME** – Norbertas Radzevicius

**D.O.B** – 21/10/1998

**POSITION** – Wing

**NICKNAME** – Bert

**WEIGHT** – 90kg

**HEIGHT** – 6 ft 11 (I think)

**FAVOURITE FOOD**

– Steak (medium rare)

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Womanizer

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Playing at Allianz

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Losing every week

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

1 – Harry Hudson - so he can teach me how to tackle

2 – Adam Sandler - for the comedy

3 – Deliveroo on their way to make a delivery - so we can have some grub till we get out

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Everyone other than Brunger

**WORST DRESSED** – Beero (not just in the team, probably in the whole of Essex)

**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Fombo





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