

### Saturday 17th December 2016 - Kick Off 2.00pm

**Referee** - David Stronge **Ball boys** - Under 14's

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Girls - Wednesdays 7pm

Ladies - Wednesdays 7pm

Mini (U12-U6) - Saturdays 10am

#### 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 goahead 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 2 (North East) and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.



## **LEAGUE LUNCHES**

#### 17th December 2016 v South Woodham Ferrers

#### 14th January 2017 v Cantabrigians

#### I I th February 2017 v Woodford

#### 4th March 2017 v Campion

#### 25th March 2017 v Norwich

All members and friends are invited to attend any of the sponsored lunches at a cost of **£20.00** per head (£18 for members). Book your seats through **John Drinkwater** on **01702 204237** or directly at the club. If you wish to be a match sponsor please email

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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 is our last lunch before we go into the Christmas break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the club for the support I have received so far this year. Christmas is a time for enjoyment and families, eating and drinking lots but please remember if you are drinking to use a cab.

Our lunch sponsor today is Swiftclean, who are a long standing supporter of our club and we thank you for your continued sponsorship.

We also welcome our opponents for today's game South Woodham Ferrers.

I am fully expecting a tough well contested game today with both teams playing some great rugby. We have been struggling with injuries and availability due to work commitments but the lads do continue to train as well as play hard so please cheer on the lads from both teams.

Please remember to respect the players and officials at all times. Our ball boys today come from our under 14s team.

Warm welcome to friends and employees of SeaBro Scaffolding here today, choosing us to enjoy their Christmas celebration. They have supported the club and local rugby for a very long time now, with many players in the Essex rugby community finding work with them.

We also have our 3rd XV playing at home today so plenty of rugby to be seen.

Everyone is welcome to stay after the game as we have live music from Lithium and I am sure Matt Stewart and Mike Guess will have some awards to be handed out to the lucky/unlucky Ist XV Man of the Match etc. Some news from Gordon Horsburgh and the events team is that we will see the return of the Ball next May. Please collect booking forms from behind the bar and try and fill a table or contact Gordon for more details **events@rochfordrugby.com** 

To finish the club relies on Members paying membership every year as well as sponsorship so please ensure that you have paid your membership.

Should you know anyone that would be willing to sponsor our club, please pass any details to Adam Faherty or email **commercial@rochfordrugby.com**. All packages can be tailored to suit.

Peter Van Den Broeck

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman



## HOME TEAM SQUAD

## **Rochford Hundred RFC**

Director of Rugby - Michael Guess Physiotherapist - John Branch

- No. Name
- 1 Michael Mark
- 2 Tom Corbet
- 3 Ricky Wiseman
- 4 Scott Horsburgh
- 5 Max Bacon
- 6 Greg Whight
- 1 Nik Grier
- 8 Andrew Bevan
- 9 Jack Doherty
- **10** Matthew Stewart (*Captain*)
- 11 Louie Marshall
- 12 Marcus Spremulli
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## AWAY TEAM SQUAD

## **South Woodham Ferrers RFC**

Coach - Tony Woods and Gareth Harper Physiotherapist - Alex Evans

- No. Name
- 1 Neil Gittos
- 2 John Murphy
- 3 Ricky Turner
- 4 Ryan Marshall
- **5** David Bull
- 6 Liam Searles
- 1 Lewis Gilbert
- 8 Ross Noakes
- 9 Ryan Gateson
- **10** Adam Brown
- 11 Leon Gateson
- 12 Jake Rawinsky
- **13** Joe Dukelow
- 14 Warren Duggan
- **15** Jordan Harper Subsitutes
- 16 Andy Williams
- **17** Greg Tighe
- **18** Alex Baker

Referee David Stronge Waterboy Jack Kershaw

#### **Rochford Hundred Upcoming Events**

Live Music Session - After todays game.

#### **NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

All club members, family and friends welcome. Tickets £5 per Adult, kids are free. Bring your own nibbles. Tickets available at the bar.

#### Pre Match Lunch vs Cantabrigians

Saturday 14th January - £20 per person (£18 members) book your place via John Drinkwater on 01702 204237.

#### **London 2 North East League**

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2.	South Woodham Ferrers	9	4	0	0	4	0	1	8	0	1	299	170	129	41	9
3.	Cantabrigian	11	3	1	2	4	0	1	7	1	3	334	182	152	39	9
4.	Old Cooperians	11	4	0	1	3	1	2	7	1	3	271	221	50	34	4
5.	Epping Upper Clapton	10	3	1	1	1	1	3	4	2	4	223	232	-9	28	8
6.	Woodford	10	5	0	1	1	0	3	6	0	4	202	230	-28	27	3
7.	Romford & Gidea Park	11	4	0	1	1	0	5	5	0	6	255	282	-27	26	6
8.	Nonwich	11	4	0	2	1	0	4	5	0	6	245	228	17	25	5
9.	Rochford Hundred	11	3	0	3	1	0	4	4	0	7	273	295	-22	24	8
10.	Ipswich	11	2	1	2	2	0	4	4	1	6	260	248	12	21	3
11.	Holt	11	1	0	4	1	0	5	2	0	9	178	296	-118	13	5
12.	Campion	11	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	11	136	501	-365	-5	-5

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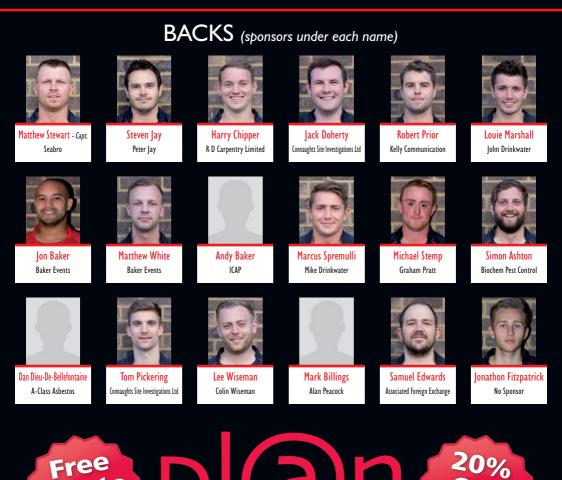
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## Club Social Events 2016-2017

This season we are arranging more social events for the whole club, we welcome all member's and there guest's, from all age groups, to come along and support the club together.

## **INITIAL EVENTS**

24th September 2016 Live Music Session

14th October 2016 Race Night

4th November 2016 Fireworks Night

17th December 2016

**Club Xmas Lunch - Live Music Session** 

31st December 2016 New Years Eve Party

27th May 2017 May Ball

Add these dates to your diary, more information will follow. For more information please email events@rochfordrugby.com

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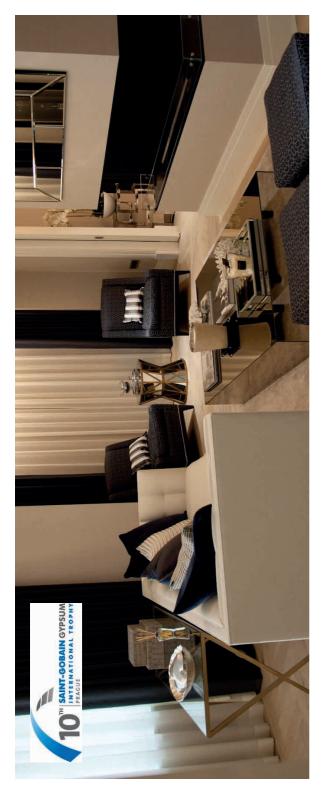
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