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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 Totonian 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 Councillor, 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 & South East Premier and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

LEAGUE LUNCHES

- 7th December 2019 v **SEVENOAKS**
4th January 2020 v **BEDFORD ATHLETIC**
18th January 2020 v **SIDCUP**
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PLAYER PROFILE

Sam Arnott

NAME – Sam Arnott

D.O.B – 13/09/1990

POSITION – Scrum half

NICKNAME – Arnie / Slit addict

WEIGHT – 80kg

HEIGHT – 5ft 9"

SPORTING HERO – Tyson Fury

NON SPORTING HERO – Liam Gallagher

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW

– I live 6 miles from Wales.

WHAT SPORT DO YOU LIKE APART FROM RUGBY?

– Golf

HARDEST OPPONENT FACED – My Mrs!!!!

MOST ANNOYING TEAM MATE – Beero!

ROCHFORD RUGBY HERO – The “old” Mark Williams



Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to our Christmas game which seems rather early on the 7th of December... however we have excellent numbers against very good opposition. Sevenoaks are having an outstanding season and we really must be at our maximum to gain the points today.

Our last outing at home saw a performance that in all honesty has been coming, but is one I think we will be better for in the long run. Dorking saw us back to working hard for each other, fighting for every inch and that game is a benchmark I expect us to work from for the rest of the season. We scored 4 tries to one and was a victory that was well deserved. You can never slip on a human level in this sport and it is a lesson we must learn from... one I think we have.

For the first time we will be selling Christmas draw tickets, the winner of which will be revealed on December 21st at the club. As a first team we will be travelling back for this and those tickets will be available to buy today, please buy as many of these as possible which will be a massive support for the club. There will be entertainment on after the game today so please don't disappear too early, hang around after the game and enjoy the entertainment.

The second team has seen them record three wins consecutively before last nights game to Southend, regardless of how this game went we are making strides here but people who want to be at this club must buy into our vision and pursuit of excellence. A few players have left for pastures new but we must emphasise our standards of professionalism

and strive to uphold them, but its also key at the same time that we focus on both sides as one squad together. I write this not knowing last nights' score but I'm sure it was an excellent game played at a good intensity.

I will now take this opportunity to wish you all a good Christmas! The next couple of months will be vital for us but overall its been another outstanding year. We make no bones about our ambitions but it does look like one team out of the top three will miss out, we just need to keep working hard and make sure we get ourselves into that top two position. Have a great day and Christmas!

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club
- Director of Rugby



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Chairman's Message

Welcome everyone to our only game at home in December. We again have drawn the RFU short straw! Today we welcome Sevenoaks to Magnolia Road... again this is going to be another new experience for us as we have not played them here before.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people: firstly the committee for all the hard work they put in over the year, sometimes it is a thankless task but also rewarding; I would also like to say a big thanks to one of our main sponsors, without whom this journey would not have started... I will not name him as he is too modest lol!

In the past 2.5 seasons we have had some changes which we cannot deny has seen the rugby on the field improve across all levels. We have a ladies team for the first time in many years, the academy has also developed well achieving some great results.

Now more than ever we need to push on with securing more sponsorship and developing our young talent for them to progress to the first team. By focusing on this we will see more and more home grown talent playing in the national leagues. Sometimes it has been a bit scary sitting in the chair, but we always wanted to be playing the best teams around in this league.

We have had many great sponsors this year.. I hope you have enjoyed the rewards of being part of a fantastic club and please come back again next season. I would also like to thank the group who have tried hard to put on entertainment throughout the year, this does take up a lot of their time and effort. We still have the Christmas party on the 21st December and the New Year's Eve celebrations...it's your

club so please come along and support all of these great events.

We will focus next year on the development of the much needed floodlights which we have full planning permission for as you all know.

Lastly from me, I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

P.S.

Always remember... without the referee we would have no game so cheer them on. If you think they made a mistake and you can do better then I will be more than happy to put you through the course to stand in the middle every week!

Peter Van Den Broeck

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club
- Chairman



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RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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George Phelps-Knights

NAME – George Phelps-Knights

D.O.B – 24/07/2001

POSITION – Hooker

NICKNAME – PK

WEIGHT – 130kg

HEIGHT – 5ft 9"



SPORTING HERO – Jamie George

NON SPORTING HERO – My Mum

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