



Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club

Versus **Shelford RFC**





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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 of January 1962 at the Bull Inn, Hawkwell, 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 of the Club 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. Bob was Head of PE at the local comprehensive school and brought along many pupils from the school to play for Rochford.

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 several players from Rochford Comprehensive School (now King Edmund), Rayleigh Secondary Modern School (now Fitzwimarc) and Sweyne School. Indeed David Allen (founder of DHL and 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.

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. 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.



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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

In 1971/72, when Malcolm Fleming was captain, there were two memorable games 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 at that time.

The pitches in those early days at Magnolia Road were frankly dreadful but over the years there has been considerable work done on them and the 1st XV pitch is now one of the best plating surfaces in Essex. 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 to the top pitch.

Our youth section started in 1991 has gone from strength to strength and provides players for our 1st XV and other club teams. In past seasons our Mens 1st XV has been almost entirely made up of former youth players and we have a strong, growing ladies' team, the Rochford Hundred Vixens together with a girl's section.

The Mens 1st XV played a lot of its rugby from the turn of the century in the London Leagues, dropping up and down from London 1 to London 3. Around this time the Essex Senior Cup was the major trophy to win and up until 1999 Rochford had never won it. In that year we reached the final and played Basildon at Westcliff in front of huge crowd, Rochford were triumphant that day to record their first ever win of the Essex Senior Cup. After that we reached many Essex Senior and Intermediate Cup Finals, winning them a further 6 times, before the Cup lost some of its glamour, and we are now too high in the league structure to be able to compete in the competition.

In 2017 the Mens 1st XV were playing in London 2 North East when we decided to have a concerted push for promotion. The team then went on an incredible journey to take the title by storm without losing a single league game, gaining a bonus point in every one of them, and knocking up 1280 points in the process. Promotion to London 1 North gave us stronger opposition, but we remained unbeaten for the whole season again, repeating gaining a bonus point in every match, and scoring 1480 points. The London Premier League saw us play at the highest level that the club had ever played at before but gave us our 3rd promotion as Champions in consecutive years. Starting our season again unbeaten and with full bonus points, with that run finally came to an end after 54 matches across 3 seasons.

Covid put an early end to this season, and the RFU league algorithm confirmed us as champions, with Guernsey runners up. Our tremendous performance and win away at Guernsey being the pivotal decider in the league placing, and the fact we only lost 2 matches during the whole season too.

Following two fantastic years as one of the top 81 clubs in the country, playing National 2 rugby for the first time in our history, relegation unfortunately happened at the end of the 2022/23 season by a narrow margin, and we are now playing in Regional 1 South East, renewing some old rivalries, and we can look back on over 60 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.



CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

Good afternoon all and welcome to our presidents Lunch for our 6th game this season v Shelford.

We have not played Shelford in a league for many years. At present our lads are sat 3rd in regional I and a win today will look to secure this position. Our boys have been hit with a horrendous injury count, recently losing Tauren to a shoulder injury and Nathan to a terrible leg break that will not see him back this season. Good luck on recovery lads and let's hope this is an end to this spate of bad luck for the teams injuries.

Your Mascots today are from our U9's, so let's give them a cheer and get behind the lads today for another win.

Today we also see our stags play Harlow 2s in a mid-season friendly. This is a return friendly with Harlow 2s for a 2pm KO.

The stags have played two league games and come away with two convincing wins and looking forward to their next league fixture on 21st October.

Last week saw our Rams play their first game this season. The Rams will be playing a series of friendlies this year to build a footprint, with the intention of entering the team back into a league next year. A fantastic crowd came out to support the lads and although this was a loss against Burnham 2s, this was more about getting lads new and old out playing, than results.

Tomorrow we are busy with our youth sides all playing home and away. Our home fixtures see the U15's play Maldon at 10am. Our U16s play Thurrock also at 10 am. Our Academy play Eton Manor at 10:30 with our girls playing at 12:30.

Come on down have a beer and a bite to eat and support our youth.

Our mini section is away to Southend on Sunday so a good luck to all the kids, coaches and parents.

Well that's about it from me but as the great Winston Churchill said, 'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts'

Regards

Norther Renshaw

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB

- Chairman









Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

LEAGUE LUNCHES

14th October 2023 v SHELFORD

4th November 2023 v SUDBURY

18th November 2023 v LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY

16th December 2023 v WESTCLIFF

13th January 2024 v BEDFORD ATHLETIC

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Association has now definitely been formed..

Club colours will be claret vests with white collars" - and so the story begins for Shelford Rugby Club. The first ground was loaned to the Club by Mrs Goldsmith-Martin and was close to Shelford Railway Station with changing facilities at the nearby Railway Tavern.

Captains and Vice Captains at that time included R A Collard, R P Davey, whose father P L Davey became a great benefactor and long standing President to the Club and T A Arias, who went on to become the President of Panama. Teams were put out for Thursday games and Saturday games, and press comments reported good progress for our teams, albeit that on occasion the enthusiasm spilled over with one game between Shelford and Duxford RAF being abandoned with 15 minutes left because of rough play!

After 1945, the Recreation Ground at Shelford became the regular playing field and the new "headquarters" became the nearby Peacock Inn – the origins of the Club emblem. New changing rooms were built alongside the Peacock in 1950, thanks to the generosity of the Fordham brothers, the owners of the Peacock. The Club continued to grow during the 50's and early 60's. In 1965, the Club reached a major milestone in its development when Mr P J Davey honoured the Club by donating the playing field at Cambridge Road, Gt Shelford – the present

home of the Club, which became known as "Davey Field". The official opening of the ground and new Clubhouse on 19 September 1966 was marked with a game against Andy Hancock's star-studded team from Northampton.

The Club flourished during the 60's and 70's from its home at Davey Field. On the field successes with a string of County Cup victories were matched by off the field improvements –a tradition at Shelford. Another pitch was added from land provided Mr Davey in 1972, and floodlights were added in October 1973.

Into the 80's and 90's, and progress has never faltered with Shelford seeing the start of its hugely successful Youth section in 1989, the formation of its Ladies team, which has gone on to provide numerous international players to the game, and the continuing growth of rugby for senior male players with five sides turning out on a regular basis.

With the help of the Shelford Parish Council, a fourth pitch (the Allotments") was added in 1995 Into the new millennium and another milestone was reached. Through the determination and hard work of its members, and the support of many sponsors, Shelford opened its new Clubhouse facilities including spectator terracing, which is the best in the County. To cope with the growth of the Club, further land was bought to add another pitch. This pitch was called "Jakes Field" after the Clubs long standing Chairman who sadly died in 2002.

We are now for the first time in our history playing in the National leagues. We aim to secure our status over the coming years so we can offer high level rugby to our young up-and-coming players



COACHES CORNER

Welcome Shelford to Magnolia Road, and hello again to the Rochford faithful.

Although just having a week off it seems a while since we were last down here against Hertford in what was a hell of a game. The first 40 minutes was some of the best rugby we've played for a while both in attack and defence.

We secured the try bonus point before half time and shut Hertford out to I score, and our line speed and power in the tackle were brilliant.

Unfortunately, we couldn't maintain that for the next 40 minutes, and losing Tauren in the first half and not having a back sub due to a high injury list certainly didn't help matters. But despite the long injury list to the back line, the backs still scored all 7 tries that day and looked sharp, however a huge amount of credit must go to the forwards who were excellent all game giving our backs front foot ball. But we did enough to secure the 5 points and despite the late scare it wasn't anything less than we deserved.

The week after against Bedford was arguably our worst performance of the season, and I hate to blame injuries, but it was a factor. We were missing many regular first team backs that day, we had a back row starting at 12, and to compound things, we lost 3 key forwards all in the first half in Craig Strachan, Josh Cavey and Ben Thomas. So losing 3 influential forwards in the first half and having a back line that has never played together made things very difficult. That being said, we still got ourselves into a position to win the game, we were dominating at scrum time, had the numerical advantage, and all the momentum, but unfortunately we couldn't

maintain our dominance at that stage of the game and momentum swung again in their favour and deservedly beat us.

The week off has definitely helped and we hope to welcome back a number of mid-long-term absentees into our backline. We are certainly going to need to be strong today against a Shelford team that finished 2nd last season and have recruited well. There are some familiar names I recognise from the National leagues, so no doubt we will be in for a real tough game today. But on our day we know we can beat anyone in this league, our attack is fantastic at times which is evident in us scoring a try bonus point in every game we've played. However, we know we must stop shipping points if we want to be competitive in this league and fight for promotion.

Enjoy the Game.

Yanny Cleave

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach





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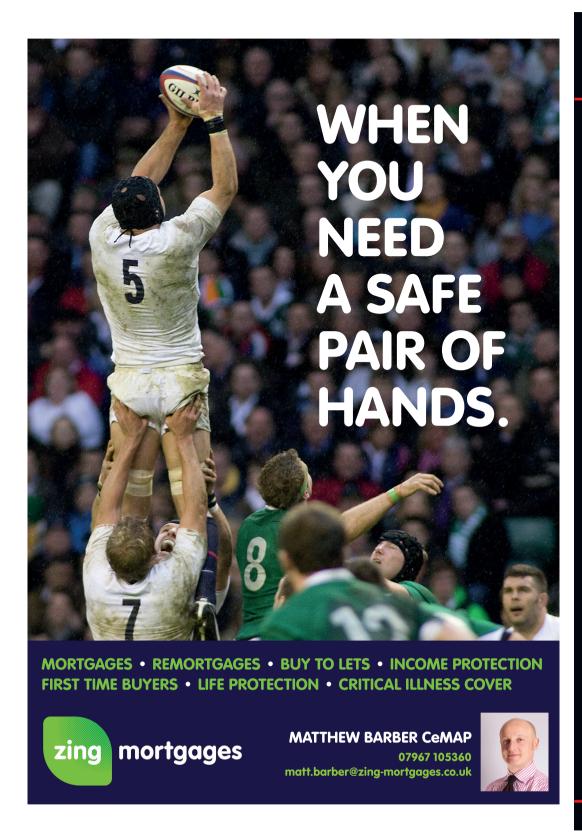
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