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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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IAIN MEADS

NAME – Iain Meads

D.O.B – 31/03/1993

POSITION – Full back/ Centre

NICKNAME – Meadsy

WEIGHT – 88kg / 13st 8lbs

HEIGHT – 181cm

FAVOURITE FOOD – Prawns

FAVOURITE DRINK – Diet Coke

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Signing for Rochford

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Signing for Southend

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

- 1 – Frankie Boyle
- 2 – Noel Fielding
- 3 – Julian Barratt

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Craig Strachan due to his sheer negativity

WORST DRESSED – Craig Strachan

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Ricky Gould



Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to Southend in what should be a great occasion and a feather in the cap for local rugby. Southend have been on a decent run recently and are in good hands with the appointment of Josh Ward as DOR, myself and Josh talk regularly, share videos and the club is certainly on an upward curve and I wish Josh and Southend well. Southend was the dominant part of my life for 16 years or more and I genuinely wish them well and will always have an affinity to the club. I welcome all old friends on behalf of the club and would certainly encourage everyone to hang around for the band after the game whatever the result.

The last few weeks has seen us move through the gears leading into this local derby. Players have overcome knocks and niggles and are desperate to express ourselves in front of a healthy crowd today. Some potential banana skins have been dealt with in a highly professional manner and I don't see the lads letting off any time soon. Harry Hudson is a massive driver of standard here and his team are epitomised by his focus and drive.

2018 has seen us not drop a point in the calendar year up until today, and despite chat about finance or players we have at our disposal, that is some achievement. The main focus is promotion and we are anxious to reach that goal as quickly as possible and we take nothing for granted. We will be training at points over Xmas which reflects the point I make above.

Today sees a sell-out dinner and an early kick off for the Harts, who are in need of a win after a few close shaves recently. I have to say the standard of that league is the highest I've ever known it and is a valuable thing for players swapping between the two teams and also those wanting competitive rugby every week. Finally I'd like to pass on my personal condolences to John Dixon of Southend Rugby Club who lost his wife Traci at a very young age recently and although I understand he isn't present today I hope this message is relayed back to him. Have a great day and happy Xmas.

Chris Green

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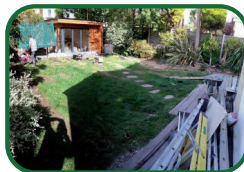
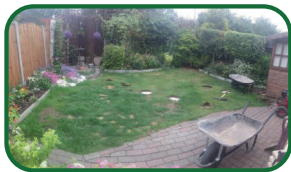
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Chairman's Message

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

Let me start by wishing every one of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Well today we welcome our local rivals Southend to Magnolia Road. Earlier in the season we had a tough encounter at Southend and I look forward to another tough afternoon on the park with both teams keen to play well against, in many cases, their friends having seen many players move between both clubs over the years. This is the first game of the turn around and to date we have been able to secure 5 point wins in each game played this season.

Today we are extremely lucky to have three lunch sponsors in SEETEC, Silver City Estates and Swiftclean. SEETEC are also sponsoring the match ball. Our sponsors are key to our success and future plans for the club and we thank you all for your continued support.

Ball boys are from the under 14s today and all of them this season have done a sterling job so far, ensuring the ball is ready for players so the game flows fast for every one's enjoyment.

As you can see, we have over 240 people seated today for lunch which is not quite a record, but very close. I will of course aim to have everyone out ready for the game. After the game we have a short period before we start the entertainment at 18.30 with the fantastic band "Live Forever" playing until late.

Sponsorship has real benefits which includes advertising your company in the hand book, pitch side signs 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 build a package to suit your budget his telephone number **07981 965669**. Player sponsorships 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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PLAYER PROFILE

STEVEN JAY

NAME – Steven Jay

D.O.B – 23/05/1986

POSITION – Scrum half/Fly half

NICKNAME – Stevie J

WEIGHT – 84kg

HEIGHT – 5ft 6¾"

FAVOURITE FOOD – Thai

FAVOURITE DRINK – Guinness

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Representing England at age group

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Rupturing my ACL, twice!

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

- 1 – Lee Evans for some laughs
- 2 – Jonny Wilkinson (childhood hero)
- 3 – Margot Robbie for obvious reasons

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Strachan

WORST DRESSED – Beero

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Fombo





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