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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

LUKE BREWSTER

NAME – Luke Brewster

D.O.B – 15/04/1991

POSITION – Centre Back

NICKNAME – Bruce / Brew

WEIGHT – 93kg

HEIGHT – 6ft 3.5"

FAVOURITE FOOD – Lasagna

FAVOURITE DRINK – Port

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Bournemouth away

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – About 5 weeks ago in Norwich #17

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

- 1 – Graham Pratt (always has port)
- 2 – The Hud (#17)
- 3 – Frank (Story time)

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Alan Barker

WORST DRESSED – Beero

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Fombo



Director of Rugby Report

Welcome all to the last home game of what has been another successful season at Magnolia Road. Winning the league is an objective that has now been accomplished, and we must strive for another two wins to complete another perfect season. People can talk about resources etc, but in any book that is an outstanding achievement, and we want to win it in a fashion that hasn't been seen before. We have a tough task on our hands today as we welcome Old Haberdashers, who have had a very good season and will want to spoil the party today.

I mention the long unbeaten run, and this is something, that as a club, we must not expect to win every game for eternity. I have sensed recently that if we are not at 100 per cent, there is a sense of frustration creeping in on and off the field. We must retain respect for the opposition and remember there are 15 other people on the pitch who want to win as much as we do. Things won't go perfectly all the time, and in those moments we must support each other and not show frustration. My fear is we have been spoilt a little over the last two years, and we as a club must show humility and if the dreaded loss comes then we come back stronger from it. There were times it looked like we might lose last week, and there was anxiety more off the pitch including staff also, that has to be parked away. Let's enjoy today and look back on a great season whatever the result.

Moving into next season, we must be ambitious to compete at the top end again. The challenge will be tougher but I feel with a couple of additions we will be in the mix.

The margins between success and failure are very close as you progress, and as a group of players and staff we must improve. We should enjoy today hopefully get a Essex Cup win on the 20th April, then not rest on our laurels. The elite performers are onto the next challenge very quickly, and that is something we must embrace. Thanks to all staff this year, Tracy in the kitchen and also to Wayne and Pete. I personally work closely with Wayne but without Peters input this club wouldn't be where it is today. Good luck to the Harts in their Cup final today and thanks to you for your great support all year.

See you next season.

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club
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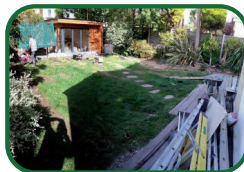
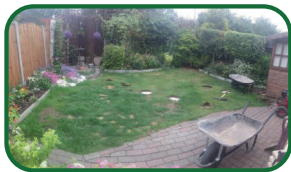
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Chairman's Message

Well today is our last home game of the season and we welcome Old Haberdashers to Magnolia Road. The last time both teams met, it was a wet and drizzly December day, hard for good ball handling and running rugby, but the lads won on the day with Old Haberdashers showing great spirit on the park.

Today our sponsors are Kelly Group who has been a main sponsor for six years. I would personally like to thank them for the support over those years, sponsorship is critical to our success and without them we would not have been able to do what we have over the last two seasons.

Mascots today are our under 6s and under 10s, who will be out doing some pre match training with the 1st XV team coaches. This again really helps to integrate the Mini section. Everywhere we go other clubs always comment on the fact that we have mascots.

Ball persons today will be the under 13s. A big thank-you to all the coaches and helpers who put their time in come rain or shine.

Last week we secured our second promotion on the spin, to now play at the highest level the club has ever played. The squad has been essential to the success and every player has pushed each other fighting for places each week. The lads have trained hard but we must also thank every one of the back room staff for their focus and drive to ensure we are prepared every week. I have seen teams step up to play us as they see it as a chance to knock the great run we have had.

The Harts, which have been a key part of the squad this year have reached Merit table and Essex Cup finals themselves, and the Rams have also reached a Merit table final this season too. I must also say well done to the Stags (Beerbarians) who have managed a few run outs this season, and I'm told more is to come next season. This is great news for us as a club as it shows the progression we have made in the senior section.

The Girls section have also had a great season. They completed a 25 mile walk in aid of charity with a special mention to Darsey Dale raising a £180 and the overall day raised a whopping £1467.01. Last weekend saw the U13s win the Bletchley 7's and the under 18's finishing runners up.

The Academy have also had a very good season taking on some tough (older) opposition winning well, the squad has progressed well training hard and listening to the experience of the coaching team. The youth has also had a good year, with some challenges which I am glad to say have been overcome, so we look forward to having each age group with strong teams.

Our Mini section has also been well support this season with new members. They had a great tour I am told, so a big thanks to Kate Augier and all those that helped to make it a success. We hope to have the paperwork signed very soon for the top

pitches, which we as a club have invested 12k in getting pitches ready to play on. This will allow more space so I hope to see us hold tournaments next year at home rather than having to travel away.

All the changes we have made and will continue to make will ensure that our club has success for many years to come. Income is essential to this and every section has role to play going forward so if you are having parties remember club first. Through the summer why not get together for a BBQ we have the facilities along with a bouncy castle (speak to Gary Barber for training on how to put it up).

Sponsors are also very welcome so if you want to or know someone who does want to sponsor the club 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

ALFIE JUSTICE

NAME – Alfie Justice

D.O.B – 06/05/2000

POSITION – Wing / Fullback

NICKNAME – Alf

WEIGHT – 80kg

HEIGHT – 6ft

FAVOURITE FOOD – Pizza

FAVOURITE DRINK – Guinness

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Beating Eton Manor a week after losing 84-0 to Eton Manor

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Losing 84-0 to Eton Manor

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

1 – James Haskell

2 – Gal Gadot

3 – Joe Rogan

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Jody

WORST DRESSED – Me - cycling shorts

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Ridge - majestic locks





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