



Guard of Honour and Big Shirt Wavers from the club at the Saracens v Wasps Gallagher Premiership game at Allianz Park on Saturday 1st December



What's the Buzz



Billericay Rugby Club Newsletter

Winter 2018

Welcome to "What's the Buzz"

From Your Club Chairman –
Neil Jarvis

Hello everyone

This is the first edition of our new Billericay RFC newsletter that we will be sending out during the season, just to keep you appraised of what's going on at the club. For those of you who don't know me, I sit on the club committee as Chairman. AKA Jarv, TC (among other things...). My role is to ensure that all of the amazing volunteers who do so much for the club have everything they need in order to make this the best club possible.

You may have heard about a few people leaving the club at the start of the season, it was a bit rocky for a while but our aim was to ensure that these things shouldn't impact on the smooth running of the club and that you shouldn't really notice a difference. I hope that was the case.

I'd love to list thanks to everyone who volunteers for the club but, as you can imagine, that would make for a very long update and I'm sure they get a mention in Andy's update later but I would just like to mention a few if I may.

Firstly thank you to Angela Jasper who has decided to step down from her roles. I say this in the plural as Angela has taken on a huge amount of jobs over many years and has helped build the club to what it is today. She will still be making appearances at the club so please say Hi

Next, Andy "Rew" Collings who you will know as the Youth Chairman and Groundsman.. He has kindly stepped up to the hotplate to take on the management of the kitchen. He, along with his team, will oversee proceedings on the kitchen on Sunday which will take a lot of pressure off of the team volunteers.

Lastly huge thanks to all of you who help out with car park duty, kitchen duty, team admins, fund raising among other things. I do feel that we're all building something very special at the club and it makes me feel immensely proud to be a part of that.

We have some exciting projects coming up next year including new flooring in the clubhouse, upgrading flood lights, regenerating the old allotment area and we will need you all to help out wherever you can.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Kind regards

Jarv – Chairman



Youth and Mini Section "Rews" Review

Whether this is your first season at the club or your 10th, I hope you and your child have enjoyed the first half of this season. We're still growing and most age groups have welcomed new players this season.

Thank you to all the coaches for planning and taking training sessions and also to the managers who do just as much, if not more work, behind the scenes with umpteen emails, WhatsApp's and attending meetings etc. Hearing from them each meeting about their team's improvements every month gives me great pleasure.

A huge thank you must go to Alex Walker and the managers for organising our car park volunteers each week especially the mammoth task when Brentwood came to visit. I think that broke club records in numbers of cars parked in one day! We do however tend to see the same people volunteering from their age groups so please if you haven't done so this half of the season make sure you step forward in the second half of the season to help share the load. The club have purchased a box blade for the tractor to enable regular maintenance of the car park so hopefully potholes will soon be a thing of the past.

There have been a number of changes in roles this season and we welcome Mark Martin in to the role of **First Aid Officer**. Mark has a paramedic background and is to oversee the first aid bags and provide some regular training to keep our volunteers up to date. We also welcome Sarah Curtis in to the **Safeguarding Officer** role. If you need to raise an issue with Sarah you can contact her on billericaybeeswelfare@gmail.com. Thanks to the new bar team for their work each week too.

I would like to say thank you in advance to the team of volunteers that I've put together to run the kitchen. They will ensure that match day food is all prepped and ready to serve each home match for your age group. We will still need volunteers to help serve up but this team will reduce



Pitch Perfect !

Hopefully you've all noticed the improvements in the pitches this season.

The club provided, at a great cost, the tractor, mower and sport play (aerator, rake, roller & brush on one frame) and GreenTek slitter over the last 18 months and this winter we're seeing starting to see the benefits (It's also been much dryer than last year so far!).

The pitches were cut 2-3 times a week over the summer and moving in to the season were cut once or twice and deep slit once a week and the pitches all marked each week.

At this time of the season the sport play is used once/twice a week to do all four jobs in one pass. This takes about 6 to 8 hours a week to complete.

Club funds will also go towards fertilizing, top dressing with sand and over seeding once the season ends.



Christmas Work Party

Not quite a party in the fun sense !!!

We are planning a works party for December 28th. We plan to tackle the driveway entrance, clean, paint, tidy the clubhouse and possibly the hedge's on the boundaries. Keep an eye out for a message from your managers for more info and if you are on hand to offer help then please get in touch



the amount the volunteers will be asked to do which was the main concern I was hearing about helping in the kitchen. There will also be some additions to the menu choices that I hope you'll enjoy.

Many thanks to each and every one of you that support this club. We couldn't do it without your help.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas,

Andy

Bees and Wasps !

A huge thank you to Lawrence from the U14's that organised a great club day out at Allianz Park, home of our partner club Saracens. Kids from many age groups took part in pre match activities holding the big shirt and being guard of honor as the team came onto the pitch. What a fabulous experience for those involved

October Rugby Camp

Once again, nearly a hundred kids turned up in October to be coached by the Saracens Community Team. These are a great occasion and raise funds for the club as we receive cash back for every child that attends. Plans are being discussed for another camp in Easter and maybe a 2 day camp next October.

Derby Day - March 23rd

<https://saracens-londonstadium.shop.secutex.com/list/events>

The club has a block of 400 seats reserved until early January - children have an opportunity to take part in a pre match parade Those of you that went last year will know how much fun that was so we urge you to use the link above to book early. PLEASE USE THE CODE **BEES2019** WHEN BOOKING SEATS AS THE CLUB GETS CASH BACK FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD .

Many thanks to Paul from U13 for organizing the camps and Derby Day

Coming up

Some events are being planned for next year and more details will follow but the '**BeeFest**' end of season fun day will be taking place on **Saturday 27th April**. This will be the mini's end of season presentations. The usual BBQ, Hog Roast, Bouncy Castles will be there and we hope to have a team from each age group for the friendly 'Touch Rugby' tournament.

The Youth (u13 to u17) presentations will take place on evening of Friday 26th April

There will also be the Summer Ball in May to celebrate 60 years of Billericay Rugby Club and hopefully a Race Night in February.

We are looking for someone to fill the role of social secretary

Please contact Andy or Karolyn

billericaybeespyc@gmail.com if you are able to help organize these great events.

WINTER BALL

The club would like to thank Angel Jasper and her team of volunteers that helped organize a fantastic Winter Ball and Stock Brook Manor recently. We had comedy from Jarv with his nearly funny jokes, a grand draw and auction that raised over £1500 for the club and dancing and drinking into the early hours.

Money raised from the night will go towards improving the flooring in the clubhouse.

Many thanks to all of you that attended, donated prizes or bid for auction items on the night.

And finally ...the coaches

Nothing would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our coaching team , for many what starts with a tap on the shoulder and a polite question asking if they could help with some U6's then results in years of dedicated work in planning and delivering sessions and also taking on the role of teacher, mentor and friend to the players. The coaches at Billericay take their responsibilities seriously and we are proud to see so many taking the time to learn their craft by attending qualification courses and ongoing personal development . Most pleasing is the number of U17 boys that are helping with coaching the minis and refereeing some games.

Since the start of the season we have been lucky enough to have been visited a number of times by Sally Tuson, England Ladies Player, she has coached the U16, U17 and Seniors and we hope to arrange more visits in the future.

We were also tremendously privileged to have been visited by Russell Earnshaw England U18 Elite Pathway who coached the U16 in front of over 50 coaches from the club and other clubs in the area.

Many thanks to Ian Hollingworth for organizing this event. Ian joined the club this season after playing here many years ago and is our Club Coaching Coordinator. His aim is to make coaches the best they can be so that our players can in turn be the best they can be.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR .