

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB  
LTD** . ( Incorporating Old Edwardians)  
**Company Registration No: 06695060**  
**A Company Limited by Guarantee**



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**Invitation to be a VP Season 2020/21**

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Dear esteemed Stratford RFC Vice President, (and those wishing to become a VP,)

As the club enters its 144<sup>th</sup> season, the first team has moved from being the Champions of the Midlands 2 West (South) back up to Level 6 in Midlands 1 West. To put that simply, after 5 promotions, we will be in the English Premiership. Last season was a remarkable achievement. Due to **Covid-19**, there will be no competitive league competition this season. The Club therefore this year still has on-going fixed costs, but less income this year. We ask therefore the Vice Presidents to maintain their membership and contribution, so that rugby can continue to be played at Pearcecroft for another 144 years.

The Club's objective is to promote **rugby excellence** at all ages and for both genders, incorporating fair play, team-work, attacking rugby and robust defence. This historic Club is proud to represent the **Stratford and wider community** and our teams (men's and ladies') feel this pride when putting on the black and white shirts with the badge of the 3 Stratford Leopards. The Club wants to retain its **amateur ethos**, so we also expect playing to be enjoyable and fun for all club participants. We have an excellent set of qualified coaches through Mini & Junior and on up to the senior teams. We are also very proud of the Mini & Junior section with 300 players (now including girls tag rugby) and the mini's have been able to continue training through the summer and autumn until the latest current lockdown.

The club very much appreciates its Vice Presidents and I hope that shortly when we return to more normal times, that you can continue to make full use of the Club facilities, the bar and VP events hopefully from some time in 2021.. As a VP, this is also **your club**. The club appreciates your annual contribution and I **thank you** on behalf of the Club for the VP's who have paid already. (In case your VP donation has so far eluded your attention, you will find a copy of the payment form on the website).

I normally put here the important dates of our pre-match lunches and annual VP Dinner, but I will have to inform you of those when the restrictions on gatherings are over.

My best wishes to you for a healthy and successful year.

*John*

John Martin  
Chairman of VPs