



Olney Rugby Football Club

Tom Salsbury's President's Comments 2018 -2019

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this year's AGM at the end of what has been an extraordinarily successful season for the club.

Firstly please accept my apologies for my non-attendance, but Janet has dragged me kicking and screaming to a beach somewhere in the Canaries for 10 days R&R, who am I to argue?

As mentioned before, this has been a massively successful season on the playing side of things all the way through from the minis to the 1st XV. My thanks to all who have pulled on THE shirt, put in the hard yards and represented the club with pride and passion. Thanks also to the coaches and team managers, to get 3 senior and a Colts side out every week takes a lot of work. Dan and Brendan have done a fantastic job as coaches of the senior section and we are delighted to have retained their services for next season.

Congratulations to Mark, Gareth, Justin and Smudge for bringing the Colts through another successful season, all have stood down as coaches but thanks should be given for their time and efforts over the last few years, particularly Mark who has done a 4 year stint as head coach.

The Ladies team must be congratulated for their commitment, finishing 3rd in their league when playing most games with 13 or 14 players (sometimes less) is no mean effort.

Thanks also to Sinead for all the work she has done to keep the players fit, Cam Kok for pitch side duties with the 2s, Alec for getting the kit ready for all the teams every week, Bob for running the baths, Jim Ford for turning up week in week out, rain or shine to provide a match report and Steve Micklewright and Robbo for the work they have put in.

Special mention to 2 alleged retirees - Deights who is hanging up his flag after 25 years and Smudge who has burned his boots after 20+ years, I'm sure all would like to offer huge thanks and appreciation for their efforts.

The club couldn't run the way it does or be the place it is without the time and effort put in by those who sit on the various committees and the volunteers who do so much unseen but not unnoticed work, your efforts are much appreciated and help make this place the envy of many who visit. Also gratitude must go to all our sponsors for their continued generosity and support.

We face a few new (and tough) challenges next season which I'm sure we will face head on so have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September when we can do it all again.

Cheers,

Tom, your proud and honoured President