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## CHAIRMAN'S MID SEASON NEWS

All I hope you are enjoying your season so far and looking for silverware ahead.

We welcome Elliot Builders Merchant, based in Tadley, as our new playing shirt sponsor for the next 2 yrs. and look forward to a longer relationship with them in the future. Please note that on production of a Tadley membership card they will provide a discount to purchases made. Another reason to be a fully paid up member. As further discounts are available at Edwards Dry Cleaners (Shell Garage in Tadley) not only dry cleaning but mobile phone, Ipad and laptop repairs, key cutting and supply, engraving and finally trophies and Mowers Uk on the A339 to Basingstoke.

We also welcome back Pump Technology into the fold as the Junior Shirts Sponsors across the all age groups.

Finally Overland who's continued sponsorship and support behind the season has been invaluable.

Some of you will be aware of the ongoing support the Senior & Junior Committee Members are providing to keep the club moving forward. For Those who don't brief highlights below. However, before that special thanks must go out to Andy Meek and his trusty side kick, who have made major improvements to the Gym, outside the changing rooms and the men's toilets to name a few projects that needed dealing with. Projects/support so far this season:

1. Repair to the gym floor and ceiling plus stabilising the foundations;
2. New Artificial grass laid outside the changing rooms and pitch side;
3. New urinals in the men's toilets;
4. Hedge trimming and pitch maintenance by Garry;
5. New 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team shirts Sponsor Elliot Builders Merchants;
6. Revigorated Juniors Sponsor, Pump Technology, covering new shirts across the whole junior section;
7. Overland continuing to Sponsor socks across the club to allow subsidised purchase;
8. An excellent, if I do say so myself 😊, inaugural Chairman's Curry Night.

As we have progressed into the season the seniors started well, however injuries to key players has seen both teams consolidate mid table. Players are returning for the new year. However, those who are still out there not answering the call we do need you. So, if you still have the urge to play a good standard of rugby please feel free to step up.



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**A club initiative this season has not only been to get kids playing rugby, but also those who have stopped playing. Our Vice Chairman, Richard Barnes, and Committee Member Mark Telling, ably assisted by Dave Boshier have been working hard behind the season to put together a social rugby side.**

**With more than surprising results! Two training sessions will be held before Christmas and all are welcome. This will be very light training and for people to get to know the game and each other again. The intent being to play a game against equally minded clubs on a once a month basis in the spirit of rugby rather than win at all costs. I must say well done to all three.**

**Juniors go from strength to strength. Sadly, Jon Hunt and Nobby Lapham have had to stand down as junior chairs due to work commitments. And we thank them for their commitment to the club's juniors over the years. Both stay on as Coaches and main committee members which we very much appreciate.**

**Since then Vicky Cooper has stepped into the breach and with the help of Sacha Jackson and the Junior Committee (sorry Vicky 😊) has done a sterling job picking up the reins and driving home a number of initiatives. Not least the nightmare that is GMS and assisting with our reaccreditation to the RFU.**

**Further credit is due in getting 99% of the junior coaches to an above satisfactory level (in the RFU's eyes) by having them DBS/Head case/Rugby Ready/play it Safe across the junior section. Before handing over the Junior Coaching Co Ordinator Role to Tom Potter making his life much easier, sorry Tom 😊. In addition to Tom in the Coaching Co Ordinator role, I would like to welcome Abby Vatcher on board as the Safeguarding Officer. You may have seen her around the club in a fetching oversized pink hazard jacket 😊 my apologies for that Abby.**

**Sadly, as many of you know we lost one of our founding members, John Thomas, who passed in late November. His memory and zest for life will continue through the club thriving for him to look down on us and smile while yelling at the boys to get on side!**

**Moving forward into the New Year should be exciting times with our colts close to winning the Hampshire League they play in. The return from injury of players to bolster the senior ranks, social rugby commencing and the mini midi tournaments for the kids to enjoy.**

**That's about it for now looking forward to seeing you all back-fighting fit after the Christmas break. Have a great Christmas and New Year**