

# RUCKING GOOD NEWS



## The AKRFC Monthly Newsletter: November 2010:

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### **Introduction.**

Welcome to the latest issue of RGN for season 2010/11. Contributions to RGN in the way of articles, photos, gossip or rumour are always welcome and should be forwarded to [dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com](mailto:dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com)

### **AK Development Matters**

The Team leaders from the AK Development Committee made a presentation, including recommendations to the full AK General Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The recommendations in relation to a full rebuild of the changing facilities were unanimously agreed and endorsed by the committee. Some dates to note for your diaries are

#### ***Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Full Club Development Meeting***

All club members are invited to attend this meeting which will be held in the clubhouse commencing 20.30. The purpose of the meeting is update everyone on the progress made and position reached to date in each of the development work areas ie. Business & Financial Planning, Whole Club Development, Building Development, Club Fundraising, Grants & Funding and Communications and PR. Copies of the revised building plans will be on display to view.

With much of the basic research and planning undertaken, and future requirements identified, it is now very much about making this happen, particularly as regards internal club fund raising. ***Please therefore make every effort to attend this meeting.***

#### ***Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. 'Heroes & Villains Fancy Dress do'***

This is the first social event for development fundraising. There will be a live band performing, appropriately called 'The Villains', late bar, and prizes for best fancy dress costumes. Tickets are £10.00 per person and obtainable from Mike Wildgoose, Chris Barlow or Dave Elliott, with all profits from this do going into the AK Development Fundraising Account. ***Again please make every effort to attend this do and support your club.***

Details of the Development process are currently on the new AK Pitchero website, under the 'Forum' feed. Future editions RGN will keep you updated with the progress being made on the Development aspects and further fundraising events.

### ***Stop Press !***

The first amount towards the development fundraising has now been received. Big thanks to Sarah Daly, alias Malibu from the Women's Team who has obtained a donation of £1000.00 from NACRO, which I believe is an organisation whose aims are to reduce crime. Perhaps certain 1<sup>st</sup> team players need to make a note of that, when next watching the Women's Team play!!!

This is a tremendous start to the fundraising process, so lets ensure this initial momentum is maintained, by everyone fully supporting the other fund raising activities, starting with the 'Heroes and Villains do' on 13th November.

### ***Utility Warehouse***

In conjunction with Development matters, please remember the benefits of the above for you and AK. Details are on the AK Website and by calling FREEPHONE 0800 131 3000 to find out how much you could save. Please quote Scheme number: C50193 - Altrincham Kersal RFC

### **What has been happening at AK in October**

#### ***Men's Senior Rugby***

For the AK 1<sup>st</sup> team it has been nearly all W's in October with wins over West Park (St Helens), Wigton, Wilmslow and Wirral, before a further great win against 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Vale of Lune last Saturday to remain top of

North 1 West. The win against the Wahwahs was a bit of a knicker gripper by 32pts to 31, but particularly pleasing as they have been AK's bogey team of late and had several ex AK players in their ranks that day. This game counted as a double header (Cheshire Vase Semi final), which means AK is now in the final, which we believe will be on Easter weekend 2011 against either Anselmians or Sandbach. Sounds like a really good excuse for a good club day out!!!!

AK 2<sup>nd</sup> team have been having a tough time of it in the Bateman BMW Premier League, with defeats against Chester, Preston Grasshoppers, Birkenhead Park, and Sedgley Park. However performances have been improving and they turned it round last Saturday with great win over Broughton Park. Ironically coach Brian Collier missed the game due to holiday commitments! Roger Salt stood in as coach for the day, and the boys did Brian proud with a great win 24 – 13.

AK 3<sup>rd</sup> team won the first four fixtures of the month, but unfortunately came unstuck at Lymm last Saturday, losing their first game of the season. They are now in second place in Division 4 South.



*Pete Kilburn scores AK's 5<sup>th</sup> try against Vale of Lune*

### ***Women's Rugby***

The girls have also found it tough in the Women's North 1 League, losing to Olney, Lakenham Hewitt, Carlisle, Camp Hill and Waterloo. They have though lots of new players and still a great spirit on the team (and I am not referring to 'Malibu'!) They also now have a new coach in Mike, and are optimistic that results will improve so they can secure their status in this league.



*Action from the Women's game against Lakenham Hewitt*

### ***Junior / Mini Rugby***

Both the AK Junior and Senior Colts have started reasonably well, and they currently lie in joint 3rd and 2nd positions in their respective leagues. The Senior Colts win against Wilmslow by 36 pts to 19 was particularly impressive, when taking into account they only had 14 available players. The Junior Colts are apparently not too keen on the Club President turning up to watch them, as he each time he has they have lost. There's gratitude for you!!!!

The AK U15s remain undefeated, with some very comprehensive wins. Congratulations also to Matthew Samuels, Will Carson and Connor Whyley, who have been selected for the East Cheshire U15s Group Squad. At U16 level Cameron Nield has been selected for Cheshire, whilst at U14 level Will Price, Eddie Brady and Sam Yarrow have been selected for the Lancashire Development Squad.

The AK Minis have had some good results with the U9s being particularly impressive. There was also a good turn out for the Junior and Mini Coaches Sponsored lunch prior to the Wilmslow game, for which the U7s turned out as mascots for the 1<sup>st</sup> Team and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Full results for all teams and some match reports can be seen on the new AK Website. It should also be noted that match reports and photos can easily be uploaded onto the new website once you are registered on there. If you need further advice or help on this please speak to Berty on 07971 870 591.



*AK's final try in the Senior Colts game v Wilmslow*

### ***AK Team of the Month***

AK U15s have had a great month, and consideration also given to the AK 2<sup>nd</sup> team for sticking at it and winning their first game of the season. However the award goes to the AK 1<sup>st</sup> team, for remaining unbeaten and top of their league. I am assured by the Club President (yes I know that's me!) that he bought the beers for the team on Saturday in celebration, due to Smithy being away on holiday yet again! He seems to have more hols than Alan Whicker.

### ***AK Player of the Month – NOT!***

Joint award this month and perhaps one for the 'Guinness Book of Records'. It is understood that the father and son pairing of Paul and Dave Colman were both sin binned in the AK 3rds game at Northwich. Marine Dave came to his dad's assistance when there was a bit of handbag throwing and both somehow managed to get yellow carded! Bit out of character for our 3<sup>rd</sup> team, considering they have such 'angels' playing as Booie, Bob B, Mikey and Dazzler. Obviously all slowing down a bit lads and perhaps can't quite get to the break down (or punch up) as quick as you used to do?????

### **What is happening at AK in November**

#### ***Men's Senior Rugby***

AK 1<sup>st</sup> team have home games against Broughton Park and Kirby Lonsdale on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, with the BIG ONE against second placed Burnage (Wayne Morris, etc) away on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

AK 2<sup>nd</sup> team play Blackburn in the Raging Bull Cup on the 6<sup>th</sup>, before effectively finishing the first part of their league campaign against Waterloo, Stockport, Macclesfield and LSH. In the second half of the season the fixtures are rearranged so the top 6 only play against each other, and likewise for the bottom 6.

AK 3rd team play Furness 2s in the Raging Bull Cup, before looking to keep in contention for promotion with games against Whitchurch, Knutsford and Didsbury Toc H

*The AK committee would remind all players (and social members) that subscriptions for the new season are now well overdue. What ever you might think, AKRFC is not a charity and the costs of running the club continue to rise. It should also be noted that players are not covered by the RFU insurance if you have not paid your membership. Payment can be by cash, cheque or card, so please no more excuses – **GET IT PAID!***

#### ***Women's Rugby***

AK's Satnav team continue their intrepid exploration of the UK with back to back away games against Team Northumbria in Newcastle upon Tyne and Lakenham Hewitt in Norwich, (great planning that by the WRFU????), sandwiched in between home games against Leos and Carlisle. Fortunately for Kate the clocks will have already gone back by the time the two away games come round, so she should be able to get to the coach on time this year – not an hour early!

### **Mini / Junior Rugby**

All the Junior teams have Cheshire Cup games on the 28<sup>th</sup> plus fixtures against Ormskirk. The minis have three sets of fixtures, one of which is at home on 14<sup>th</sup>. Both sets of Colts have fixtures each weekend in their respective leagues.

*Check out the AK website for full details of all fixtures, and get down and support the future of AK.*

### **Other news**

#### ***Congratulations to***

Club stalwart Jean Forbes who celebrated 60 years at AK last Saturday. Considering she claims to be only 32 that takes some doing!!! Must be something to do with the amount of champers she drinks!

#### ***AK's fan base spreads!***

Well aware that we have some AK members in Dubai, Singapore and the Caymen Islands, but it now seems we also have some in Serbian and Italy. I haven't a clue how this came about (explanations to the editor welcome) but the missive and photo below were recently received by email

*“We are true rugby lovers as we founded a club in Serbia in 2004, Rugby Football Club Zemun in my native city of Zemun and we manage it somehow from Italy. You can see more on [www.rfczemun.com](http://www.rfczemun.com) We live in Bergamo where we play for the local side, Rugby Bergamo. Please see [www.rugbybergamo1950.it](http://www.rugbybergamo1950.it) My elder son Janko is playing U12, my younger son Damjan takes part in U8 section, I play for the OLD team. My wife, Claudia is Italian and our great supporter, but also quite active in the club. I hope we can combine something in the future with our three clubs. RFC Zemun has for the moment being only one section, U18, but quite good, while Bergamo, being much bigger and organized club, has all the categories and more than 250 players”.*

*Zoran Milinkovic*



Maybe good contacts for future tours???? and Bertie now you know where that missing kit went !!!!

### **Volunteer Required**

The AK Committee desperately needs someone to take on the responsibility for 'Sponsorship' matters within the club. If you are interested in taking on this vital role, please speak to John Wilks, Dominic Leach or Dave Elliott.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### ***AK Ex Players Reunion:***

This is scheduled for Saturday 13 November, prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Team game against Broughton Park. Usual format with lunch, a few 'lemonades' and something on the lines of 'the older I get the better I was' (- rugby wise that is - what else????) being talked for most of the afternoon and 'slurring' into the evening! Formal invites have been sent out, but please spread the message as far and wide as possible.

AK are looking to expand this event to former Women's Team players as well, so if you are in contact with any of them, please let them know about this event.

#### ***AK Firework display:***

This will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Those who attended last year will no doubt agree it was the best display yet, so we will be looking to at least emulate that performance again – weather permitting of course. To date we have had lots of club members volunteer to help at the various stages ie. On the Friday before to help set things up, on the Saturday to man the gates and stalls, plus security and stewarding, and finally on the Sunday to clear up. However if you haven't yet been approached or volunteered and are able to do so, please speak to Mike Wildgoose or Dave Elliott asap. Please note that all the guys that have volunteered for stewarding or gate duties need to meet in the clubhouse at 17.30 on Saturday.

***Remember this is potentially AK's biggest money spinner of the season, but that can only happen with plenty of support from club members, and that includes spreading the word about the event to family, friends, work colleagues etc.***

### ***AK Sportsman Dinner:***

This will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at the Cresta Court Hotel. This promises to be great event, as the guest speaker will be Dean Richards (ex Leicester, Harlequins and England), who should have some very interesting tales to tell methinks! To book a table please speak to Berty on 07971 870591.

### **Caption Competition**

After an initial good start it seems the caption comp hasn't really taken off, as not one response to last months photo below. Believe Willo, Roy, Salty and Goosie (as pictured below) have gone off in a sulk as a result. Still though holding hands of course!



However thought I would try just once more, particularly as I have obtained the photo below of Big Bad Bill (BBB) Dutton hijacking/carjacking/mumjacking? the electric mobility vehicle belonging to his mum. Best caption suggestion will receive some free drinks at the AK bar, and I no haven't forgotten Dos O'Sullivan and Fordy that I still owe you some drinks from earlier competitions. Having said that Fordy, methinks of the number of times you have said 'got to go now, catch you next week!'

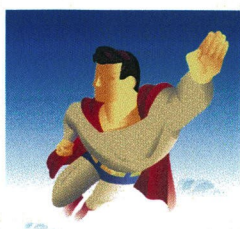
All responses (that are at least printable!), will be shown in the following month's RGN, and the winner announced. Caption suggestions (please keep them reasonably clean) should be sent to [dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com](mailto:dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com)



So trust that you have enjoyed reading this edition of RGN. The next edition will be coming out in the w/c 29th November. Whilst I would like to keep this a fairly concise (but obviously informative and amusing) publication, articles and photos relating to AK matters and members (the funnier the better) are very welcome. Please email them to [dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com](mailto:dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com)



And please don't forget the 1<sup>st</sup> AK Development Fundraiser as below.....



# AK

**Heroes and Villains Fancy Dress Night  
Saturday, 13 November 2010**

**Live band will be performing.....**



**Prizes for best fancy dress costume  
(male and female)**

**Tickets will be available at £10.00 per person from Mike Wildgoose, Dave Elliott or  
Chris Barlow.**

**NB. All profits will go towards the AK Development Fund and building of the new  
changing room facility. Please therefore make every effort to support this event and your  
club.**