

RUCKING GOOD NEWS



The AKRFC Monthly Newsletter: January 2011

Introduction.

Happy New Year and 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

AK Development Matters

The Grand Xmas Draw

The draw took place at the well attended traditional Xmas Eve do at AK. The draw made a net profit of over £400 towards the Development Fund. This now means that AK has already raised around £6000 in a short space of time towards the Development target figure. The profit made on the Xmas Draw was a great achievement considering the recent bad weather and lack of games, which has made distribution and collection of the tickets somewhat difficult.



Raffle prize winners were

Sale Sharks shirt: Declan Boyle. Photo makeover: Lottie Galloway. Wine case 1: T Marston.

Wine case 2: Rick Follett. Xmas Hamper 1: Jason Yates. Xmas hamper 2: Marina O'Gradi. Spirits selection: T Marston.

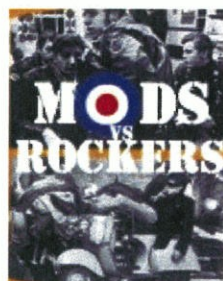
A big thank you is in order to everyone who made the effort to sell and buy tickets. Also a very big thank you to Mike Wildgoose as Chief Development Fund Organiser, who really did '*make it all happen*'.

Further Fundraising

The Development Fund Raising committee will be meeting early in January to discuss and put together a timetable for further fund raising events, which will be announced on the Website and in RGN. One event already announced is.....

Mods & Rockers Night

This is taking place on *Saturday 12th March* and being organised by the Under 13's Junior Team.



Great live music from local band *XL5* and a bar of course! Grab your friends and come along and literally help Raise the Roof!! Tickets at £5 per head will be available from Simon Gallimore and Henrik Hack in due course.

Development Committee

The Team Leaders from the above are due to do an update presentation to the AK General committee on Tuesday 11th January. A summary of progress from that meeting will be reported in the February issue of RGN.

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 December

On the field not a lot due to worst December weather wise in living memory – well except for Alec and Jean perhaps



Might look pretty but no good for rugby!

Men's Senior Rugby

The AK 1st Team managed to play just one game in the month, which was a win over New Brighton. This keeps AK in second place in North 1 West, 9 points behind Burnage but with 2 games in hand, and AK are now 13 points clear of LSH, Northwich and Broughton Park, in joint third place. AK though have to travel to all those teams in the second half of the season, so there's much work still to be done to secure one of the first two places and at least a play off spot.



Link on the charge against New Brighton

AK 2nds and 3rds didn't actually play at all in December, although an AK 3rds/Vets did comprehensively beat Bowdon 64 – 15 in the traditional New Year's Day game. This game saw yet another reappearance from Rob Worsfold, who has now probably made more comebacks than Frank Sinatra!!!! And just to prove it the photo below shows Rob on his way to one of his two tries, as well as Smithy in his new role of tee carrier! Comment was made that Smithy opened his legs and showed his class – hmmm well maybe not with those wellies on!!!!



Women's Rugby

Due to the weather the girl's one fixture in December was postponed. All three of their postponed games have now been arranged for 2011, details of which can be seen on the website.

Congratulations to Pam 'Twinny' Read, Lauren 'Bendy' Worthington, Amy Jane 'Spud' Dutton and Kate 'Chilean Miner' Morley, who played for Cheshire, as pictured below in their 26 - 7 win over Staffordshire.



Junior / Mini Rugby

Neither the AK Senior or Junior Colts played due to the weather in December, and this was generally the same story for all the Junior and Mini teams, with one exception. The Under 14s managed to organise a game against Lymm, which they duly won 31 – 15. This is actually the first time they have actually beaten Lymm, so there was much to celebrate afterwards and augers well for 2011.

Five players from the AK U14s have now been selected to join the Cheshire East Development Squad, with Mat Anderson now joining Aidan McGoff, Freddie Atkins, Jack Conteh and Lucas Dowling-Kennedy. This adds to the lads from this age group who were selected for the Lancashire Development Squad - Will Price, Eddie Brady and Sam Yarrow. Good luck to all these lads and well done to them and their coaches.

Following the North Under 16s' Final Trial, held on the artificial pitch at Burnage RUFC, a squad of 24 young hopefuls has been selected to represent the North of England and this includes Cameron Neild from AK. Congratulations to Cameron and good luck for the future games.

Mark Jennings an ex AK Junior team player, represented England Under 18s in their 29-12 victory against Ireland U18 in Dublin. Mark rounded off the scoring in the last minute by showing a superb turn of pace to score in the corner.



In February last year, Mark Jennings became a record breaker as the youngest player to sign for Sale Sharks. Born in South Africa, he moved to England at the age of three and is a British citizen. Mark represented England U16 in the Four Nations Championship last year and has captained seven different teams, encompassing Huddersfield RFC U10 to Altrincham Kersal U15.

Results for all teams and some match reports can be seen on the AK Website. It should also be noted that match reports, photos and news items can easily be uploaded onto the new website once you are registered on there. Quite a few of the Junior and Mini Teams are already doing this, but if you need further advice or help on this please speak to Bertie on 07971 870591 or email him at mweeden@graingerplc.co.uk

AK Team of the Month

Somewhat difficult with so little rugby played last month, but in the light of the AK Under 14s first ever win over local rivals Lymm, I think they deserve the award this month. Lemonades are on Declan lads!!!!

AK Player of the Month – NOT!

Likewise a difficult one and have had to actually go into January for the timing of the award, which goes to Rob 'did it my way' Worsfold for yet another AK comeback in the New Year's Day game.

It did though make Moorsey's captain's role a bit easier in getting a team out on the day. He didn't even have to lift this time about having his 'superstars' playing, in order to get others to turn out on the day!

What's happening in January at AK

Men's Senior Rugby

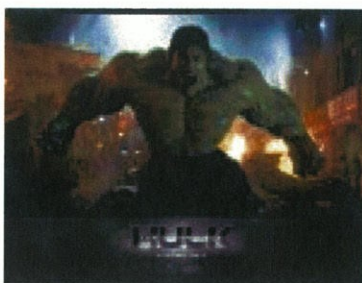
Depending on the weather! AK 1st team will be looking to maintain their unbeaten record and league position as they start the month at home to against Sandbach on the 8th followed by away / home / away games against the 3 W's, West Park, Wigton and Wilmslow.

AK 2nd team finish off the first part of their league campaign with a rearranged game against LSH at home on the 8th, and then should move in a new fixture structure, when the top 7 in the league play against each other, and likewise for the bottom 7.

AK 3rd team will be looking to keep in contention for promotion with games against Wilmslow (away), Acto Nomads (home), Didsbury Toc H (away) and Northwich (home)

The AK committee would remind all players (and social members) that subscriptions for this 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, card or standing order.

So please no more excuses – GET IT PAID cos Goosie's on the case now, and you certainly won't like it when he gets angry as below !



Pay up or else!

Women's Rugby

AK's Satnav team have tough away fixtures against Camp Hill on the 9th and Leos on the 23rd, with in between a home game against Waterloo.

Mini / Junior Rugby

AK Juniors have now rearranged their Cheshire Cup games for Sunday 9th kick off 11.00am:

Under 13s v Macclesfield

Under 14s v Caldy

Under 15s v Wilmslow

Under 16s v Ashton:

As a consequence the mini's fixture v Wilmslow will now be played at Wilmslow on that day.

The Junior Colts are also at home to Wirral on the 9th, while the Senior Colts are away to Preston Grasshoppers

Thereafter best to check the website as there may be some games to rearrange and / or catch up, particularly for the Colts and Juniors sides depending on league / cup requirements.

Dates for your diary

AK Sportsman Dinner:

This will take place on Friday 28th January at the Cresta Court Hotel. At the moment around 200 people are signed up for what 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.



There are still a few places left so to secure a place please speak to Berty on 07971 870591 asap

Caption Competition

Last months photo showed Helen and Dobin from the Women's Team, helping out on the burger stall at the AK Firework Display.....



Now I really did think this photo, 'showing the size of their baps etc' would bring lots of suggestions in. However only two were received and one was from Dobin herself, which can't be repeated in a family publication! Girls judging by the lack of response, you are obviously losing your touch or is it your 'shock value'????

The winner therefore is John Wilks who commented "*Boob inserts 50p - one size fits all!*"

Not sure about the one size fits all, but I'm sure someone will be able to confirm that????? Anyway John you are due a couple of pints when I see you, as still are Barry Rogerson and Dos O'Sullivan from previous comps when I see them! Dos have you left the country or just still having problems standing up after two many beers????

As a result of the apparent lack of interest in the Caption Competition, RGN is going to knock it on the head for this and future editions.

To replace the Caption competition RGN has come up with a.....

Nostalgia (All our Yesterdays) Section

Below is a photo taken on the AK Tour to Prague a few years ago. The guys are having a few lemonades following a comprehensive win against a Czech 1st Division Team. One of those games nobody wanted to play in initially, when taking into account the size of the opposition and two previous days drinking. However everyone quickly changed their minds when they realised how clueless the opposition were rugby wise. This despite the opposition's captain being Scottish – there again that probably explains a lot!!!!

See how many of the guys you can recognise – quite a few are still around in one shape or another – mostly larger shapes it has to be said than they were then!!!!



Future editions of RGN

So trust that you have enjoyed reading this edition of RGN. The next edition will be coming out sometime in the first week of February, and hopefully RGN will have more to report on rugby wise. Any articles and photos relating to AK matters and members (the funnier the better) are very welcome. Please email them to dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com

