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The AKRFC Monthly Newsletter: October 2010:

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

AK Development Matters

The Team leaders from the AK Development Committee will be making a presentation, including recommendations to the full AK Committee on 12th October. Thereafter it is proposed to undertake an updated presentation to all AK members during the first week of November. This will include updated plans for the new changing rooms, fundraising requirements, sources and events, plus other related issues. The details for this event will be announced after the Committee meet on the 12th. This will be the opportunity for all club members to attend and get a full appreciation of what is being proposed, position reached and the support that is going to be required from all club members in relation to this project. Also of course to air your own views on this subject.

Currently on the new AK Pitchero website, under the 'Forum' feed are details of the Development process, which will soon include copies of the slightly revised architect's drawings, which have been given initial approval by the RFU. There is also a FAQ section here. Future editions RGN will keep you updated with the progress being made on the Development aspects and fundraising events in that respect in due course.

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 September

Men's Senior Rugby

AK 1st team started the season, where they finished off last season by putting 40 plus points on Liverpool St Helens. Further wins against New Brighton, Northwich and Sandbach, leave AK currently 2nd in North 1 West, behind Vale of Lune, who have a slightly better points difference. Full back Sean Rogers is currently top goal kicker and points scorer in the league, with JP Singleton top try scorer. Well done guys, let's keep moving onwards and upwards!

AK 2nd team have unfortunately come up against some tough opposition and lost all four of their games in the Bateman BMW Premier League. However spirit on the team remains good and coach Brian Collier is optimistic that results will improve as the season progresses.

AK 3rd team like the 1st team have won all 4 fixtures to date, putting them on top of the Division 4 South. 50 points were scored in 3 of the 4 wins to date. Now steady on boys or we could be looking at promotion again!



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's our very own JP. Not actually auditioning for the next Superman movie, or his falling down routine for next year's AK Ball, but scoring his 5th try (he should have had 7) against Sandbach – what a poser!

Women's Rugby

The girls have just had one trial game to date against Birkenhead Park, which they lost by one score. The girls have had some assistance their pre season training, but are still looking for permanent coach for the season. If you are interested please contact Rhino (Lee-Ann Cardus) on 07753 685168, or Bendy (Lauren Worthington) on 07894 965552.

Junior / Mini Rugby

Both the AK Junior and Senior Colts have started well in their respective leagues, winning 3 out of their 4 games, which leaves them 2nd and 4th in their respective leagues.

The AK U16s & 15s both won their first game of the season, whilst the AK U14s won on their mini tour to Wrexham but then lost narrowly at Caldy. The AK U13s went down in their first game of the season to Caldy.

The AK Minis had their first run out of the season against Fleetwood last Sunday and across the age groups won 9 of the 10 games played, with a shed load of tries scored.

All the Junior and Mini teams were wearing their new kits (don't mention Doz Leach - oops done it!), so a big thank you to all the sponsors who made this possible. Your support of AK is greatly appreciated.



AK Senior Colts after their winning start to the season against Macclesfield

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 870591

AK Team of the Month

Not too many fixtures for the Junior / Mini Teams or the Women's in September, so consideration has to go to the Men's Senior Teams. Close run thing between the 1sts and 3rds, but decided to award it to the 3rds for their three 50 pointers and also because Fordy and Goosie said they would pay for the beers in celebration!!! So guys don't let them escape on that one, and be warned they do have a habit of disguising themselves when it's their round as seen below.



Fordy and Goosie make Austin Powers look cool – hmm well maybe not!

AK Player of the Month – NOT!

One outstanding candidate this month, a certain Mr Sean Rogers! Bad enough that he tries to influence the AK President by suggesting that only match day photos of him should be sent to the local newspapers for publication; but then having got through the first 3 games of the season relatively unscathed, he puts his shoulder out 10 seconds into a game of Sunday football. Well Sean you didn't make the press but you did below make RGN as below. Looks like you have been allocated a couple of minders by Dylan to keep you out of future trouble.



What is happening at AK in October

Men's Senior Rugby

AK 1st team start off the month with a home game against West Park St Helens, followed by a coach trip to Wigton. Behave yourselves boys on the way back – you know what you're like and what you like! Then it's our bogey team from last season the WahWahs (Wilmslow) at home on the 16th, which should have additional spice due to two ex AK boys now playing there. This game is also doubling up as the Cheshire Vase Semi final. Then it's away to newly promoted Wirral, before a likely top of the table clash on the 30th against Vale of Lune.

AK 2nd team continue with some tough fixtures away to Chester, Preston Grasshoppers and Sedgley Park, plus home games against Birkenhead Park and Broughton Park.

AK 3rd team will look to continue their winning run with games against Acton Nomads, Northwich, Macclesfield and Didsbury, before a probable top of the table clash against Lymm away on the 30th.

The AK committee would remind all players (and social members) that subscriptions for the new season are now due. Liz Foster and Mike Meaney will be around on Saturdays to take payments, so don't forget your wallets! Payment can be by cash, cheque or card.

Women's Rugby

AK Satnav team start their campaign in Championship North 1 with a little jaunt by coach to Olney in Northamptonshire on Sunday the 3rd. Any supporters wanting a 'quiet cultural' day out are welcome. Speak to Rhino or Bendy for details.

That is followed by games against Lakenham Hewitt (home), Carlisle (away), Camp Hill (home) and a relatively close away game at Waterloo.

The editor has also been advised (anonymously of course) that following certain antics by the men's teams at last years Captains Dinner (what goes on tour stays on tour – doesn't it Sean!), the girl's pre season has included some martial arts training. Hmmm can wait for this season's Captain's Dinner, or is it to be renamed the AKRFC WWF Dinner????

Mini / Junior Rugby

The AK Senior Colts start the month with a home game against Vale of Lune, whilst the Junior colts are at home the following week also against Vale of Lune.

The AK Junior teams have fixtures against Chester, Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Preston Grasshoppers, whilst some of the mini teams are involved in the Stockport and Manchester Festivals, plus have other fixtures in October. Check out the AK website for full details, and get down and support the future of AK.

Other news

New AK Website

Already mentioned but Berty wants AK to have the Pitchero rugby website with the most number of hits. Apparently we are currently up to 46th place, which isn't bad considering the website is fairly new. So if you haven't already, get yourself registered and keep up to date with what is happening at AK.

Just visit www.akrhc.co.uk to do this. This will give / allow you to

- Free, quick and easy access to the full site information and content
- Message other club members
- Receive email news letters (this is how RGN will be distributed in future)
- Post forum topics and reply to threads
- Upload and share videos and photos

AK Under 14s Secret Weapon!

Last season AK U14s took part in a tournament, from which they managed to persuade several players from other clubs taking part to come and play for AK, thus strengthening their squad somewhat. Not content to rest on their laurels they have this season a new assistant coach in Tom Brady, who at only 19 made a try scoring debut on the wing for Sale Sharks earlier this season. Tom's younger brother plays on the U14s and his Dad Dave is one of the coaches. The U14's have greatly benefitted from Tom's experience at coaching sessions, and all the boys really look up to him and wish him well with his career at Sale Sharks.

Beam me up Scotty

1st team prop Scott Watson is moving on due to work changes, and in theory played his last game for AK last Saturday at Sandbach. However it is understood he's coming back for the Wigton away coach trip. Some people just can't keep away from AK, especially when drink is involved! As you can be seen from the pic below Scott is obviously getting in some early practice for his new job as a 'lollypop man' or schools crossing supervisor as he described it!



Scott celebrates Deano's try against Sandbach

I am sure we all wish Scott the best for the future in his new job. Just watch for the 4x4s Scott – you've seen what Smithy drives like.

Air / sea rescue

Well not quite. However when 1st Team full back James Conville dislocated his hip at Sandbach last weekend (yes hip, and it's the first time I also have heard of such an injury), an air ambulance turned up as shown below, together with a paramedic vehicle and a normal ambulance. Fortunately James received plenty of medical attention prior to the various official emergency services arriving, with physio Luke Brown, Rob Holloway's dad and the Sandbach physio actively involved. As it turned out James was actually taken to hospital in the normal ambulance and by the next day was up on his feet, although assisted by crutches and he is now back at Uni. Latest prognosis is that he will be out for at least 12 weeks, but he has informed RGN that he has a very attractive young lady looking after his every need! Not sure that his mum and dad know about that though???????



Air ambulance arriving at Sandbach last week, and then on the side of the pitch with the paramedic vehicle

Dates for your diary

Sponsored lunch for Mini and Junior coaches:

Following the success of last year's event, all mini and junior coaches plus their better halves, are invited to a sponsored lunch on Saturday 16th October, prior to the first team game against Wilmslow. The event will start at 13.30 in the Halo Bar at AK. This is a thank you for your efforts and the great work you are doing with the kids at AK. Formal invites have recently been sent out and Dave Elliott would appreciate confirmation from those attending.

AK Ex Players Reunion:

This is scheduled for Saturday 13 November, prior to 1st 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 will be sent out nearer the time but please spread the message now on this one as far and wide as possible. AK are looking to expand this event to former Women's Team players as well, and there is a possibility that the AK Women's game against Leos may be played on the same day. Watch for updates on this.

AK Firework display:

This will take place on Saturday 6th 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. As usual volunteers will be required 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. Remember this is potentially AK's biggest money spinner of the season, but it can only happen with plenty of support from club members. Further details will be available nearer the date, but in the meantime if you need further info or are able to assist in any way that weekend please speak to Mike Wildgoose or Dave Elliott asap.

AK Sportsman Dinner:

This will take place on Friday 28th 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 me thinks! To book a table please speak to Berty on 07971 870591

Caption Competition

This month's competition is a photo taken at the Bowdon 7's earlier this year. Some drunken reprobates were spotted on the touchline allegedly cheering on AK in the final.



Best caption suggestion will receive some free drinks at the AK bar, and I no haven't forgotten Dos O'Sullivan that I still owe you some drinks from an earlier competition. Mind you I understand that cried off the last committee meet, because you allegedly couldn't stand up. Methinks therefore you have probably had quite enough to drink already!!!!

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 Likewise if anyone has any suitable photos for this section (again cleanish ones only), please email them to the same address.

Last month's competition

Showed a picture taken after one of the Christie Charity walks, of a certain Mr Darren 'suntanned' Jeffries, infamous AK No 8, that is when he could wrestle the shirt off Fordy!



Daz must cause some fear and trepidation with some of you, as certain entrants wished to remain anonymous, due to fear of retribution. That being the case the editor will just have to drink the prize himself or maybe not!

The best of the entries were

"Get me another sheep, this one's drowned."

"Are you sure these shoes are fashionable?"

"I'm gonna get me 0.5 metre swimming badge"

But the winning entry is

'Gollum relaxing after a hard days filming' as submitted by Pete Ford. Hate to say it Fordy but I owe you some beers. Pity I'm not around at the weekend – catch you later. Where have I heard that before????

PS. Daz if you want to know who the anonymous entries were, I am sure a few pints of lager could loosen my tongue.

Future editions of RGN

So trust that you have enjoyed reading this edition of RGN. The next edition will be coming out in the w/c 1st 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

