

Chairman's Update

Clubhouse Refurbishment

I hope that you will have all noticed that the clubhouse and bar have had a much needed facelift. This is making it a lot more user friendly for Sandra and her team along with making it a lot more welcoming to members and our guests.

Still to happen is new flooring which is to be laid throughout the clubhouse. Therefore, the club will close from **Monday 20th December and re-open on Sunday January 2nd**

Thank you to Carole Crookes and Sandra for helping with the design and sourcing the products.

A big thank you to Martin Walters and his team of helpers including Carole, Sandra, Brian Rogers.

Richard Oakes and team are laying the new floor.

Televisions, Speaker and Mic system

Our TVs and clubhouse comms needed a serious upgrade. Three new smart TVs are installed along with 4 speaker PAs and a wireless mic system.

This will help with the streaming of internationals and give a wireless microphone for functions. Thank you to Steve Butcher of Chilfest who not only installed the equipment but has given the club a very generous discount.



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Showers

Quite rightly I have had several complaints about the showers and how they are cold after a 1st team match. We have had to do a lot of testing throughout post lockdown to see where the problems lie.

We now know what the issue is and we have earmarked the money to fix these issues. This will be happening very shortly.

Membership

Membership is a very important area not only for us as a committee to run the club but also by RFU who use membership count as a way of dishing out international tickets. I am very pleased we have had many more sign up this year than the last full season.

We have also had several generous firms and individuals sponsor most of the senior players. A big thank you to all of them.

We still have a vacancy of Club Membership Secretary should have a spare couple of hours a week to help the committee. If anyone would like to help us, please email chairman@tringrugby.com

Gym

The gym has been completed with a lot of new equipment installed with a lot of the old thrown out. It really is a decent facility for all our members so to have a gym facility as part of your membership is an added bonus.

This is a members only facility and Gym membership will be published.

Tring RUFC v RFU Appeal

Many of you will be aware, we had to postpone a 1st team match because of hand, foot and mouth. Unfortunately, the RFU took a dim view and docked us 5 points, gave 5 points to Dorking and forced us to play our home match v Dorking away on December 18th.

We lost an appeal after an Independent RFU Panel sat. In flagrant disregard to you as members, Public Health England and to the health of families at Tring and Dorking, the punishment for doing the right thing was upheld.

We will be pointing out the errors to the RFU in due course

Sponsorship and Fund Raising

An area of the club that is constantly busy as there is always something happening be it a function, invoices to raise, or sponsors to meet. Rob Bray does a fantastic job from collating content for The Ranger match day programme on a Saturday to running city functions to raising sponsorship.

The City Lunch went well and although numbers were down due to covid we still managed to raise around £7k. This will help pay for one of the refurb jobs mentioned above.

Our match day programme features all our sponsors plus news from various club departments.

For all home games we have teams of volunteers, organised by Martin Dean, manning entrance points in order to charge a donation of £5 to get into the match for exchange of a programme. In rough terms, the money raised in the course of the season pays for the upkeep of the pitches for the entire club. This is roughly £12k per season

If any of you can give an hour of your time on a Saturday before kick-off to help man the gates it is always appreciated.

