

BRACKNELL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Strictly Comes to Lily Hill Park

From Ian Hallam

On Thursday, 13th December the club had a visit from the Strictly Dancing – It Takes Two team to film a dozen senior player and academy members doing the “Strictly Shimmy”.

A BBC production team comprising of 3 camera operators arrived at the club at 4.00pm to start preparations for filming.

Winding back a week, the club had been approached to see if we would be interested in taking part in the It Takes Two show – naturally we said yes to this and then advised the Head Coach! We were told that a professional dancer from the Strictly show would come down and spend a couple of hours putting our players through their paces and then shoot a price for the TV. The assistant producer advised last year’s winner Alona Vilani would be the lucky girl given the task! Unfortunately after this cause lots of debate and comment on the Players Facebook page she was replaced by Natalie Lowe – still after fitness coach found and posted a picture of her on Facebook, nobody was left disappointed!

So on a freezing cold night, on a frozen pitch 12 keen publicity seeking volunteers turned up to be put their paces. The first hour was spent achieving back ground shots of players doing various rugby drills (appallingly) whilst Natalie Lowe was interviewed around the club house; one female camera operator will certainly remember this as she was wiped out by Matt Surman – watch out for this appearing on a “Best Video” TV show!!

Finally an hour of hilarity ensued, hats off to Natalie and the team - trying to teach 12 left footed rugby players to do a simple dance – not a task you would like to attempt. See the video on the club website “Strictly Shimmy – Take 1” and you will agree.

The end result will be shown this Thursday, December 20th at 6.30pm in the It Takes Two show on BBC2 and you never know a small clip may make BBC1.



Results of Senior Teams November 2012

1st. XV

V Swanage & Wareham	(w) 15 - 38
V Swindon	(w) 31 - 11
V Windsor	(w) 13 - 23

2nd. XV

V Maidenhead ii	(w) 23 - 22
V Marlow ii	(w) 0 - 68
V Reading ii	(w) 20 - 0

3rd. XV

V Newbury iii	(L) 15 - 29
V Redingensians iv	(w) 0 - 52
V Pheonix ii	(w) W/O
V Reading iii	(L) 7 - 3

Bulls (Vets)

Ladies

V Jersey United Bank	(w) 24 - 7
Vharlequins	(w) 12 - 21

U19 Academy

V Stow	(w) 5 - 36
V Coney Hill	(L) 10 - 18
V Wallingford	(w) 48 - 7

Food on Wednesdays

Post Training Food on Wednesdays: Pasta, Pie and Chips etc
Big Boys Plate £3.95. Little Boys Plate £2.50

Car Parking

The club, following representations from the Borough Council requests that visitors refrain from parking along London Road and up Lily Hill Drive.

A parking plan is in the final stages of negotiation and will be published shortly.

Alternative parking at the top of Lily Hill Park can be used and then walk through the park to the club house.

We would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation.

The Exec Committee

BAR HAPPY HOURS

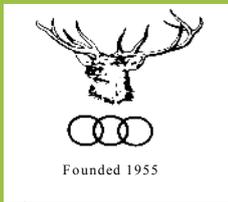
DON'T FORGET THE FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY HAPPY HOURS
AND SATURDAY MUSIC

Also remember

4 TVs: 4 Different Programmes
2 Sky Feeds

Loads of Choice

Make sure you watch what YOU want to watch



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Views from a first time visitor.

Struggling for copy from internal sources I thought you might be interested in this article penned by a neutral first time visitor to our match v Coney Hill. The original can be found at www.stadiumsandcities.wordpress.com

Visit to Bracknell RFC

It did occur to me as I drove the short distance to this game, that faced with a chance to make the most of a bit of late summer sun, some might show rather more ambition than taking in a rugby match from the 6th tier of the English system. It's a place I've often fancied visiting out of curiosity, having driven past on many occasions. Indeed, in the winter months, anyone could stand on the Ascot Road and get an almost unimpeded view of a game.

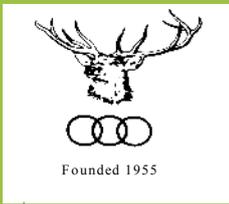
Being out in Bracknell's outer fringes, it's actually in quite a nice area next to Lily Hill Park, the grounds of an old mansion house. Now rentable office space, this old house was once owned by defence contractor Ferranti. During my time at Ferranti twenty years ago, it was found that highly important paper tape back-ups of software that powered submarine command and control systems were stored at Lily Hill, where someone had rather unwisely stored them in a damp cellar. I don't know how much we were paid to store them, but I doubt governments around the world would have been too happy to find their back-ups had largely been reduced to mould-infested mush, or nibbled by mice. I'd gone to the game earlier than I need to, expecting to see fans in the club bar watching Worcester v Gloucester on ESPN. I was a bit surprised then to turn up and see a 0-0 draw between Norwich and West Ham instead being show, to almost total apathy. Total apathy was reserved for another screen, which for Worcester v Gloucester

a-cigarette-packet-in-currently sitting proud atop correctly predicted the it looks so suspicious, it's win to maintain my run, I Instead I had to read the



was priced at £2.50, but actually came free with the £5 admission price. Just as well, as even if the programme was full colour throughout, it was only 16 pages long, and half of those were adverts. If the pricing was ambitious, so perhaps was an events calendar, which had already penciled a "promotion lunch", even though only two games had been played. To be fair, Bracknell are supposed to be among the favourites, having just come down the previous year. Two wins from two, the previous being an eleven-try 78-6 thrashing of Cheltenham, did hint at optimism being justified. While the programme notes referred to the South West 1 East Division being the club's "home", it had tasted rather more success in recent years. In the 2001/2 season, they remarkably found themselves in England's second tier, welcoming establish clubs with premiership experience to Lily Hill Park. You have to wonder what they thought of the place, as it's hardly the most developed stadium in the land. Indeed, other than a 200 seat "temporary structure" added at around that time, the ground lacks any structural spectator accommodation at all. On the other hand, on a lovely warm afternoon such as this, that's almost a bonus. Overlooking on end of the pitch is the clubhouse. This is a two storey affair, but only the top floor is visible pitch side due to it being build into a slope. Adjoining this is an area of decking forming a beer garden. To one side a barbecue under a tent was set up, cooking hot-dogs and burgers of generous proportions at very good prices. So thick was the burger that it was more reminiscent of a car tyre, but thankfully it didn't taste like one. Just around the corner was the manual scoreboard, whose young operator was afforded the luxury of a schoolroom style chair. Slightly more luxurious, were the pub-style trestle tables for people wanting to enjoy a beer from the sidelines. Bracknell isn't really known for its views, other than ugly 60's concrete ones, but the beer terrace is certainly a very decent place to spend an afternoon on a warm day. The pitch is surrounded on both touchlines by gorgeous mature woodland, and also at the far end, beyond a 2nd pitch where the Bracknell 3rd XV would also be playing this afternoon. Around three sides of the pitch, rather than the usual concrete footpath, a stony path akin to a narrow gravel driveway lined the pitch, making walking round a noisy, but childishly pleasurable experience.

I'd never heard of Coney Hill, either as a club nor place, and neither had a lot of others judging by a couple of conversations I overheard. It may, according to some, sound like "somewhere in Essex", but the club is actually from Gloucester, and they would have been keen to avoid the mauling their near neighbours from Cheltenham got the previous week. They succeeded, but only just. 61-24 sounds a lot closer than it really was, and it doesn't even sound that close. At one stage in the second half, Bracknell were nudging towards a 50 point lead before a couple of tries added a touch of respectability. I can't read a game of rugby well enough to give an insight into why Bracknell won so easily, but Bracknell just looked a lot better at passing the ball, while Coney Hill were much more frequent in giving the ball away. Bracknell ran in a couple of early tries and just didn't look back. Rugby might be 10 minutes shorter than football, but Coney Hill must have known they'd be in for a long afternoon pretty much from the off. The 200 or so fans there certainly enjoyed it though, even if a few did take the time to watch a bit or the 3rd XV playing too. On a day like this, watching sport in a setting more like a social gathering than a tense sporting event, there's certainly appeal. Things might not be so nice in the middle of winter, when there's little shelter an the trees are bare, but anything that can make a bit of Bracknell seem idyllic has a lot going for it.



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RISKMANAGEMENT

Enjoy Christmas Turkey and avoid SPAM - December 2012

the gifts are not always what they seem and the receiving part can often be your financial and personal information.

The cyber criminals obtain this information via unsuspecting emails known as SPAM. And just like turkey after boxing day this is something you may want to avoid.

To reduce the probability of becoming a victim avoid consider the following fifteen points when you receive an unexpected or unusual email:

1. Do I recognize the sender's email?
2. Is the sender's email address from a suspicious domain? (like Microsoft-support.om)
3. Have I received an email that was also sent to an unusual mix of people or a group of people whose last names start with the same letter.
4. Does the email subject line match the contents of the email?
5. Is the email message a reply to something I never sent?
6. Does the email not read easily or have bad grammar or spelling errors?
7. Is the sender asking me to click on a link or open an attachment to avoid a negative consequence, or to gain something of value?
8. Is the sender asking me to click a link or open up an attachment that seems odd?
9. Do I have an uncomfortable gut feeling about the sender's request to open an attachment or click a link?
10. Is the email asking me to look at a compromising or embarrassing picture of myself or someone I know?
11. When I hover my mouse over a hyperlink that's displayed in the email message does it link to an address that is for a different web site (This is a big red flag.)?
12. Does the email only contain a hyperlink with no further information and the rest of the email is completely blank?
13. Does the email contain a hyperlink that is a misspelling of a known web site. For instance, www.bankofamerica.com - the "m" is really two characters - r & n?
14. Has the sender included an email attachment that I was not expecting or that makes no sense in relation to the email message?
15. Can I see an attachment with a possibly dangerous file type (especially zip files)?

[Have a safe and secure Christmas from all of us at CS Risk Management](#)

Colts in training? Or spot the old farts



Not really extracting the Michael but it is nice to see some of our more senior members enjoying the club

Message From the Editor

The more astute readers may deduce that for this edition I have been struggling to get sufficient content to make up a meaningful November Newsletter. Indeed a December Newsletter issued on 19th. December is not really acceptable (to me anyway). No copy has been received from any of the rugby playing sections. I have largely made up the content of this issue but I am not prepared to (or able to) repeat that every month. DO YOU WANT A Newsletter. If so please give me something to include. If not I can find better things to do with my time.

Enjoy your Christmas and lets look forward to the New Year