

BRACKNELL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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SO FAR SO GOOD...

At the half way point in the season all is well on the playing front... 1's and 2's are heading their leagues, the 3's, 4's and Ladies have consolidated their league positions and as a club we are winning far more than we are losing. **One of the most pleasing aspects this season has been the amount of former U19's players now playing in and around the 1st team squad. This has always been central to the One Club Development Plan.** The current U19's Academy are becoming an extremely competitive unit with plenty of quality throughout the squad, and Tony Jell and John Evans are doing a great job in preparing the lads for senior rugby. In fact Lewis Franklin and Blake Roberts have played regularly for the 2's and performed extremely well, so the future is bright.

The 3's and 4's have a new coach, in Paul Jefferies who has joined us from Phoenix. PJ lives locally to the club, and is a welcome addition to the coaching staff. He can also belt out a good tune, as the boys found at the Xmas social!! PJ will provide a focus for the social players at training and I have no doubt that numbers will increase. Big thanks to John 'Pellet' Bullet for all his work this season with the social teams.

So there is no doubt that we are heading in the right direction, but we still have a lot to do... We'd like to expand on the Ambassador scheme and focus on more coaching assistance for the Mini and Junior coaches. This will hopefully be pushed on during the second half of the season. We have also invested in a Game Analysis tool, which is currently being used by the 1st team coaching team, but we are hoping to allow Junior age groups to have some access to this in the near future.

The lights have been improved on pitch two, and we are hoping to complete this project by improving the lights on pitch 3 very soon.

Good luck to the ladies who are travelling to Jersey for a league fixture soon, and to all members and volunteers who are making a massive difference this season, you know who you are...

Finally, thanks to all the supporters who turn out to cheer the first team on, it is appreciated. Here's to big win at Old Centralians... **Radders**

Results of Senior Teams December 2012

1st. XV	
V Witney	(w) 50 - 0
V Cheltenham	(w) 15 - 30
3rd. XV	
V Reading ii	(w) 20 - 0
V Henley iii	(w) 22 - 34
V Chinnor iii	(w) 23 - 15
4th. XV	
V Slough ii	(w) 29 - 36
V Thatcham ii	(w) 62 - 0
Bulls (Vets)	
Ladies	
V Guildford Ladies	(L) 5 - 29
U19 Academy	
V Twickenham	(w) 19 - 24

Are you interested in a coach trip to support the team?

A 29 seat coach will cost £420 and a 49 seat coach costs £520

To cover the cost AT £15 per seat all 29 seats would have to be filled for the smaller coach. For the larger coach, 35 seats would have to be filled to break even.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING THIS? IF YOU ARE PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY BY EMAIL TO

[ADMIN](#)

Payments must be received before the coach is booked.

Details are:- Depart club 11.30am - depart Old Centralians 17.30pm

This is a not for profit undertaking so in the event that more than 35 seats are committed any excess will be used to provide snacks and refreshment

Weekend of Fun & Games Coming Up

- **Friday 25th. Burn's Night Quiz**
- **Saturday 26th. 12.30 pm Pre-match Lunch for a tenner (you saw what they could do for a fiver) followed by 1st. XV v Newbury.**
- **Followed by Harry Jack** a young acoustic guitarist and singer from Bracknell, playing a mix of classic and modern covers at 6.00pm
- **Then Starting at 8.30 in the Hall a Night of Comedy**

Car Parking

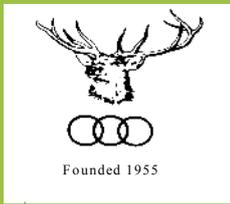
The club, following representations from the Borough Council requests that visitors refrain from parking along London Road and up Lily Hill Drive.

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



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Camberley Colts 38 Bracknell Colts 15

Bracknell's Academy sank to their fourth straight defeat over the holiday period in what would be regarded as a mid-season slump but for two factors: all of them were friendlies and all of them were on the road to the very best opposition. Tony Jell took a development squad with a number of promising U17s to high-flying Camberley, and for almost an hour the Bracknell boys held their own against a side which has only lost once all season. It was Jasper Miranda who shocked the home side with Bracknell's opening try on five minutes and although

Camberley prop Joe Manders crashed over on 14 minutes Bracknell were again ahead on the half hour after a clever chip from centre Nathan Crow was grounded by winger Jake Pope.

The tactics should have been clear from this point on as Bracknell had more pace and power in the backs but were struggling up front against a pack with the game's stand-out player, back-row Alan Coleman, running amok at every opportunity. Bracknell were defending like demons with fly-half Henry Williams and centre Jamie Newby cutting down everything that came their way. But in the end the Camberley pressure, aided by a string of penalties, was irresistible and it was Coleman who restored the home side's lead, romping through three attempts tackles as he ran in a short-tap penalty on a diagonal arc to the whitewash. Had Bracknell gone in at the break 14-10 down, there would have been few complaints. But Camberley sneaked a third try from scrum-half Seb Ainscough just before half-time for a 19-10 scoreline that flattered the hosts. Bracknell made it three tries apiece within minutes of the restart as winger Blake Roberts was clinical in dispatching a chance from yet another kick through, and at 19-15 down Bracknell were back in the hunt. But those were the visitors last points of the match. Tony Jell, keen to give as many of his large development squad some pitch time, was forced to make too many changes and Bracknell's performance became dislocated. It is also true that on a day when the tactic should have been to move the ball wide, often, and quickly, Bracknell's forwards continued to stand toe-to-toe with a superior pack on the day. A second try for Coleman on 47 minutes, and the try of the game for winger Ben Bowen after Bracknell had been pulled apart by a multi-phased move 12 minute later, was enough to safeguard the Surrey boys' win. A final try for Joe Bell on the hour and a total of four conversions for fly-half Matt Fairbank completed the rout. Jell was far from downhearted after the match. "Four straight defeats doesn't tell the story. We took the same development group to Henley and also shipped six tries in December but I know that while my starting XV was on the pitch we matched them every step. The same was true today. December's hammering by Bicester in another friendly is what you get for taking 13 players to take on the best Colts side in the three counties right now. And defeat to the Academy Old Boys in a fun Christmas get together doesn't count! "My priority is that we mount a good National Plate run and remain unbeaten in OBB League Division 2 ... and that starts with this Sunday's return to Henley for a cup tie that promises to be a corker. It's time to put our game face on. We have only lost one competitive fixture all season and that's the way I want it to stay.

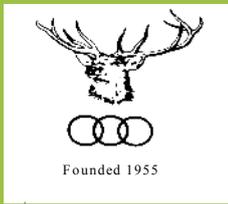
The club has received a grant of more than £8,000, specifically to improve disabled access at Lily Hill. This means the creation of a wheel-friendly access to the upper pitch level via the scoreboard side of the clubhouse. The money will be used to provide a curved ramp up the side of the building which will emerge at pitch level near the pitch 1 scoreboard; the shale path leading to the clubhouse patio will be replaced by a harder, firmer surface; both the entrances to the members bar and the hall will have ramps fitted, and an accessible toilet is to be provided on the first floor which will be suitable for

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Profile:- Mark Studds; Chairman of Mini & Juniors I am a married father of four and have been a member of the club since my three sons were big enough to start playing in the mini section of the club some six years ago. I started my rugby career as a mini at Reading RFC representing Berkshire and the Southwest as a junior, my aspirations for a potential professional career regrettably cut short by beer and a lack of talent. Mercifully all three of my sons love the game and give me my excuse to keep coming back every weekend and help out with the coaching. I was drawn into coaching in my second year, committed to being Minis Representative in the third year and Minis & Juniors Chairman in the fourth Year. I currently work for the Metropolitan Police Directorate of Forensic Services as a Senior Forensic Practitioner, in English my job can be more easily described as being the chap in the white paper suit at crime scenes doing the "CSI bit" which I have enjoyed for the last 21 years. In the current climate within the Police Service, I might be looking for a new challenge shortly! Whilst that takes up a great deal of my time I still do try and make time to try and co-ordinate the running of the youth section of BRFC where I have the advantage of a great deal of help from a number of very committed parents. I do enjoy the compliments that we get from other clubs when they see us at festivals and fixtures, everyone seems impressed at the way we conduct ourselves and the way we play our rugby. Whilst I would love to be able to accept the credit for these I can't, I just inherited the structure and have done my best to try and maintain and continue the good work established by others. I consider it a privilege to be able to contribute to the running of one of the most successful clubs in Berkshire and look forward to being involved in the club for many years to come.

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More news from the Academy

Congratulations to old Academy boy Josh Gaffe.

Josh is studying at Loughborough and through a quality front-row for Bracknell he realised he's have little chance of playing representative rugby for a Uni good enough to take on England U19s every year.

So Josh went and took a look at American Football, liked it, and has now made the selection squad for a Great Britain team whose next fixture will be away to Sweden in March. Good luck Josh!

Farewell to Bruno Costa

Outside-centre Bruno Costa has returned to South Africa after a year in Bracknell during which time he became a highly respected, popular, hard tackling member of the senior colts squad. His uncle, Franco, thanked Colts manager John Evans and all the boys for making Bruno feel so welcome. His broad smile and friendly handshake will be much missed. Tot ziens Bruno!

Vice President's Lunch 16th. February 2013

Followed by

Bracknell v Reading

Book Now to avoid disappointment

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RISKMANAGEMENT

Entertainment fixtures

26th January Harry Jack. Harry Jack is a young acoustic guitarist and singer from Bracknell, playing a mix of classic and modern covers; (Bill Withers, Foo Fighters, Ed Sheeran, Beyonce, Coldplay, Jimi Hendrix, Oasis, Muse and Mumford & Sons to name a few.) Harry has been described as a cross between James Arthur (X-factor winner) and Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters), with a powerful rock voice and great guitar work.

16th February Chris Baker ****BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**** Chris is a highly versatile singer singing Swing greats from Michael Buble, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin or the Soulful sounds of The Stylistics. You can let your hair down as he also entertains you with iconic tunes from the 70's 80's 90's up to present chart hits. If you're a fan of The Killers, The Jam, George Michael, Green day, Robbie Williams, Take That or Spandau Ballet, he'll have a song for you.

9th March Anna Nightingale "Anna Nightingale is a fun, talented, bubbly singer who performs and entertains rather than just sings background music. She will bring a real sense of occasion to your event, and can tailor her set list to the audience at short notice, and is more than happy to do sing requested songs. Anna was the lead singer with a 5 piece pop/rock style party band in Alicante, in Spain for 4 years and has also fronted a "Glenn Miller" style band, which performed the jazz-swing of the 40's and 50's. Altogether, Anna is very versatile, with a wealth of different genres of music at her disposal, so she can offer a wide repertoire of music from jazz to rock, Motown classics to 70's disco, and chilled out ballads.

6th April Overtime A talented function covers band that showcases male and female harmony vocals blending with keyboard and guitar who will play a fine range of modern and older classic songs at your venue or for your occasion. Party on....

20th April Blind Mans Buff BlindMans Buff is a four piece 'party' type band. Clair the female vocalist sings popular songs from the likes of Lily Allen, Shakira, Amy Winehouse, Madonna and a lot more female artists from the 60's to today. Derek the guitarist sings songs from a similar time span including reggae, soul, rock and roll, swing and more. Their repertoire also includes a number of 'audience participation' number such as The Locomotion, I Will Survive, Living Next Door To Alice (Chubby Brown version) Delilah. I'm sure the audience will invariably join in!
Starts 6.15pm approx