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### Club Teams continue successful start through October,

As can be seen from the panel to the right, the Senior teams maintained their successful run of results throughout October. Indeed the 1<sup>st</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vs have both started November with wins against Swanage & Wareham and Maidenhead respectively. Alas the 4<sup>th</sup>. XV lost to Newbury. These were the only teams to play last weekend.

### Results of Senior Teams October 2012

#### 1<sup>st</sup>. XV

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| V Newbury Blues   | (w) 23 - 44 |
| V Old Centralians | (L) 13 - 19 |
| V Reading         | (w) 10 - 32 |
| V Salisbury       | (w) 40 - 23 |

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>. XV

V Amersham & Chiltern (w) 17 - 15

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>. XV

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| V Windsor       | (w) 34 - 36 |
| V Redingensians | (w) 41 - 6  |
| V High Wycombe  | (w) 0 - 59  |

#### 4<sup>th</sup>. XV

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| V Hungerford | (w) 72 - 0  |
| V Maidenhead | (w) 12 - 35 |

#### Bulls (Vets)

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| V Aylesbury          | (L) 27 - 0  |
| V Redingensians Vets | (w) 39 - 19 |
| V Redingensians iv   | (L) 56 - 24 |

#### Ladies

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| V Tunbridge Judian | (w) 40 - 7  |
| V New Ash Green    | (L) 19 - 0  |
| V Tedington        | (D) 12 - 12 |

#### U19 Academy

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| V Dursley  | (w) 69 - 0  |
| V Richmond | (w) 23 - 31 |
| V Farnham  | (w) 19 - 12 |

### COLTS OPEN LEAGUE SEASON

The competitive side of the Colts' season gets under way this month with two tricky games against West Country opposition. Tony Jell's side open their campaign in the OBB League Division 2 with a trip to Stow-on-the-Wold tomorrow (Sunday 11 Nov) followed by a clash in the National U18s Cup against Coney Hill the following Sunday (18 Nov). "This group of boys have nothing to fear if they play to the potential shown so far," said Jell who, after the disappointment of losing the opening friendly fixture to Redingensians, has now seen his charges



notch up five straight wins, including a trouncing of Newbury at Lily Lilly Park and the impressive scalping of Richmond (23-30) on the road. Manager, John Evans, said: "I've been doing the Colts' job now for four years and in many ways this is the best bunch I've seen so far. The two age groups (U18s & U19s) have blended well, they train hard, they tackle hard, and they all want to play for each other. We hope if teamwork counts for anything they are going to be winners." There is also plenty of individual talent coming through from a squad of more than 35 players, of which the vast majority is U18s ... no bad thing given that the National Cup competitions are restricted to U18s this season. Watch out for the finishing talent of Blake Roberts and Josh O' Rawe on the wings, the poaching ability of centre Jamie Newby, the sniping runs of Jake Pope, the blitz tackling of Bruno Costa, and the recently uncovered full-back gem that is Adam Finch. The kicking department is also in good hands, so to speak, with Keiran Webber and Henry Williams, while scrum-half's Lewis Franklin and Josh Trafford are live wires who keep the pack trundling forward but know when to go wide. Within that trundling pack are unsung heroes James Steele, Marcus Dean, Callum Russell and Will Lake although it may be the big hits from Patipan Marshal and Jasper Miranda that first catch the eye

**Full name:** Stuart (Stu) Mackay **Nickname:** White Wolf **Position:** Wing / Fullback  
**School/College/University:** Ranelagh School & BCUC University  
**Job outside rugby:** Senior IT Project Manager (Vodafone)  
**Favourite rugby memory:** Wilkinson's Drop goal against Australia  
**Favourite rugby player:** Quade Cooper  
**What would you choose as your last meal:** Nando's  
**Post-match drink:** Cider or whatever is going  
**Pre-match music:** Rory's camp top 40  
**Last book you read:** Lewis Hamilton's autobiography



### Food on Wednesdays

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

**QBE RUGBY INTERNATIONALS**  
ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA,  
SOUTH AFRICA & NEW ZEALAND  
WATCH IT AT THE CLUB  
BAR SPECIALS  
FOOD AVAILABLE

### 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**

### VP LUNCH 3rd .November



NOV 17<sup>th</sup>

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### CHANGING TIMES

The club has applied to Sport England for a grant of £50,000 as part of a project to renovate the ground-floor changing/shower/toilet provisions at Lily Hill Park. The overall project is costed at £83,000 and will include the total refurbishment of the showers and toilets - bringing them into the 21<sup>st</sup> century at the risk of losing some of that antique charm! It is broadly accepted that BRFC's success on the pitch, particularly the expansion of the minis, juniors, and ladies sections, has placed almost unbearable strains on existing facilities for players. The need to improve these - to allow the club to sustain the progress made and continue to grow in future - is the cornerstone of our bid to Sport England under its Inspired Facilities scheme which has more than £10M available this year, the third of four years, in a funding programme that targets the updating of existing facilities within community clubs like ours as part of the London 2012 Olympic legacy. I am told, by those who should know, that our bid has a good chance of gaining provisional acceptance when the decisions are made in mid December.

This will probably be the most ambitious facilities project undertaken by the club since the 1970's and will provide a modern, hygienic environment for BRFC to continue to flourish. The showers will be reworked from scratch with a new boiler added, they will be hotter, cleaner, more hygienic and easier to maintain. The changing rooms are also to be renovated with new flooring, lighting and fittings throughout. All the above will be carried out to improving gender segregation which, in turn, should do more to maximise use of the changing area.

The gym will also get a makeover and the project includes an integrated changing room for match officials, with its own shower and toilet; improved access to the pitch-side for wheelchairs and for buggies, an accessible toilet on the first floor, which will be wheelchair friendly, and, hopefully, better access up the park side of pitch one (and lighting).

Besides the Sport England application the club has secured a £8,000 grant from Bracknell Forest Borough Council, specifically for the access improvement side of the project, and we are currently applying for £5,000 of Groundsmatch grant money from the Rugby Football Foundation. However, this project will stand or fall on whether we succeed with Sport England, so fingers crossed!

Dave Ryan, BRFC Grant Acquisition Officer



**Full name** Ceri Cummings: **Nickname** Cez: **Position** Fullback

**School/College/University** Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelen, South Wales

**Job outside rugby** Personal Trainer and Soldier

**Favourite rugby memory:** playing fullback for Northern Hemisphere v Southern Hemisphere Dec 2011 in help for heroes charity match, alongside the likes of Danny Grewcock, Alain Quinlan, Duncan Bell, Sean Long. Playing against legend players- like Joe Roff, Phil Waugh, Justin Marshall and Adam Thompson! **And** Scoring the final try of the gam

**Favourite rugby player:** Sonny Bill Williams! Big hits, great skills and a character

**What would you chose as your last meal:** jerk Pork, with Rice and Peas Jamaican style

**Post-match drink:** Guinness **Pre-match music:** don't do music, can't for long enough, too hyperactive.

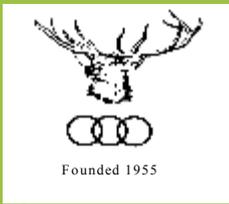
**Last book you read:** Train to win by Martin Rooney! ( awesome read, for anyone who wants to be a better sportsman)



### Steve Ward

Joined the Club as a 16 year old Colt in 1972 in the days before Mini Rugby and made my debut playing for the Vets as one does!! and alongside Jamie Maunder and Tom Jones. The following season I became Colts Captain and that was a Committee position and I have been on the Committee almost ever since. Perhaps to your surprise today I was a fairly mobile prop forward and played for the First & Second XVs until a back injury caused my premature playing retirement in the early eighties.

An Accountant by profession I have held several Committee positions including Chairman but most of my time was as Treasurer/Chairman of Finance and as currently Commercial Chairman looking after Sponsorship and Fundraising. As Chairman I oversaw our promotion to our highest ever league level i.e. what is now the Championship for the 2000/1 season. Also chief organiser of our various overseas tours to Canada, the Far East, Kenya and Zimbabwe etc. Those were the days!! Married to Julie (although she says I am married to the Club!) we have 2 Children Katie and James both of whom are involved in the Club, Katie re Sportsman's Dinner fundraising and James ditto plus playing for the Academy although he is now away at Uni. **Thought for the day.** The current vibe created by the new Playing Management is very similar to that in 1994 when Paul Rendall started our march up the leagues. Let's repeat it.



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### Business Continuity

Whilst previous articles have shared our thoughts on Information Security and PIN/Password Security, the topic this month is continuity planning. In Business, Sport and our daily lives our routines can be changed by the unexpected. In October football fans that went to Warsaw, a stadium with a roof, found the game was postponed due to the weather. Whilst the rain was forecast the impact was unexpected.

The weather is the key cause of many changes to routine but having plans for when pitches and / or car parks are likely to be flooded or frozen, enables games to be rearranged and players and fans notified. Consideration also needs to be given to other areas, many teams in Wales are experiencing a loss of players to France due to the volumes of euros being invested in club rugby. And with the legacy of the 2012 Olympics there are more sports that the active youth of tomorrow may want to become involved in therefore reducing the numbers to choose from to progress to playing for first team

It is often said that failing to plan is planning to fail, and whilst there will be some circumstances that have not been considered, taking time to create a continuity plan may be the difference between quickly recovering from the event or it being a slow and expensive recuperation.

### Club House Manager Dave Van Heerde

More years ago than I care to remember I started my working life as a waiter in a local restaurant in South Africa and over a period of time I worked my way up to restaurant manager. My changing roles saw me take responsibility for the kitchen, from which I strongly believe, if you can read then you can cook – being a self-taught South African chef – if it needs more flavour make it hotter!

After six years of the hospitality industry, I decided to change my career path and started working for a company named "Lejn" who supplied the testing and tinting equipment to the South African paint industry. We imported all equipment from Holland, Sweden, Australia and the UK and I also travelled all over SA. I finally made it up the ladder to MD and then slowed the travelling down a bit to focus on a new venture I had just bought, namely a coffee shop. It needed a bit of work and was fun to do, but then my wife and I decided to move to the UK for the sun, so I sold up the coffee shop and my shares in Lejn and landed here in March 2007.

My UK experience was as General Manager for a Telkom company but was made redundant and left to search for a job for 9 months and by default got back into the hospitality industry. I was hired as manager of the Fego Caffe in the Ascot high street and worked there for over 2 years while still looking for an opportunity to own my own business which turned out to be a Fullers pub near Marlow named The Chequers Inn. I have had this pub for over a year now and it is proving to be a good choice. I'm lucky enough to have an excellent couple running it for me which gives me time to do other things such as being the Clubhouse Manager for BRFC.

My plans for the club - well with a good team on my side, I don't see why this club cannot provide good food, a great atmosphere and events that will have everyone coming back for more.



**Full name** Stuart John Silvester **Nickname** Sly  
**School/College/University** Coundon Court Community College (Coventry)  
**Job outside rugby** HM Forces  
**Position** Hooker  
**Favourite rugby memory** England Winning the 2003 World Cup  
**Favourite rugby player** Ritchie Macaw  
**What would you choose as your last meal**  
**Starter-** Garlic Prawns **Main:** Beef Wellington/Sea food Platter **Dessert:** Crème Brulee  
**Post-match drink** Strongbow  
**Pre-match music** ACDC Thunderstruck  
**Last book you read** One Thousand Splendid Sons



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### OLD AND NEW WEEKEND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December

SATURDAY: ACADEMY v OLD ACADEMY SUNDAY: BERKSHIRE VETS CUP SEMI FINAL v NEWBURY  
BOOK FOR ROAST DINNER. 2 COURSES £10