



BRFC Mini & Junior Christmas update

The Minis and Juniors are coming to the mid-point of our season and I am half way through my first season as M&J Chairman. Myself and the M&J age groups would like to thank you for your support and commitment.

We have had challenges caused by the very dry summer resulting in Pitch 2 being closed for the whole of the season to allow the re-grassed pitch to grow deep roots and the drainage lines to fully cover over, but the end result will be a great playing surface for next season.

The Club has also made significant investments in the facilities including:

- New pitch side fencing
- An electronic score board
- Two mobile light units on Pitch 3 to support the Juniors and Adults mid-week training
- £7k investment in the Club House kitchen

We have seen some great rugby so far this season, with all of our teams growing in numbers and skill level whilst having fun playing rugby. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who make this all possible as you all do a fantastic job making our club grow from strength to strength.

We have established an U13's Girls team which has grown week on week, training every Sunday afternoon, playing friendly matches and festivals, and holding joint training sessions. Well done to all involved and it's fantastic to see our girls' rugby growing year on year at BRFC.



There are volunteers working on and off the pitch organising fixtures and pitch space, coaches training, and events like our fantastic fireworks display which grows bigger every year helping to raise funds that can be used to make further improvements to the club's facilities. So big thanks to all of our volunteers.



You may hear around the club the words “One Club”. What does this mean? We want to maintain a connection between the youngest players to the most senior players because as One, we are stronger. So we will continue to work on a One Club approach as we go forward.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to download the Club’s app onto your phones where you can get the latest updates, team news, and information about the Club’s policies:

<http://www.bracknellrugbyclub.com/club-app>

We are all aware of the fun and enjoyment Rugby can bring on and off the pitch, and it’s our duty to keep you and your children safe whilst playing and the RFU have asked us to share this link with our members to help increase the awareness of concussion and its prevention:

<https://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/player-health/concussion-headcase/>

Please take the time to read and complete the parent’s course as our Club and coaches fully support the RFU’s approach to concussion and player welfare. Please also see the latest RFU newsletter:

https://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/General/General/01/33/22/02TOUCHLINEDecember2018_English.pdf

Coming up in 2019: more fun rugby; Junior cup games; Six Nations and World Cup on the club’s TV’s; M&J bingo evening; the Minis, U13’s and U14’s tours; BRFC beer and ale festival and more...



I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you in 2019!

Kind Regards,

Daimon Evans, BRFC M&J Chairman