

AGM Calling Notice

To all voting members of Topsham Rugby Football Club

You are hereby invited to the 2023 AGM which will be held on Wednesday 19th July at Topsham Rugby Football Club at 19:00. The clubhouse bar will be open. If you are unable to attend in person there will be a provision for joining via a Zoom meeting using the following reference:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861687816?pwd=VUhvNnVmTHF1OHZPL2d5K1QrQkdmdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 6168 7816

Passcode: 283123

For the AGM to complete its business it is essential that we have at least 10% of our voting membership in attendance in person or electronically, this means at least 42 people.

The purpose of the AGM is:

- To approve the minutes of the previous AGM
- To receive and adopt the Trustees annual report and statement of accounts,
- To appoint the club's Independent Examiner,
- To announce the election of the Club's Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other Elected Trustees. Details of the persons standing for election or re-election are attached to this notice.
- To elect the management committee or officers thereof
- To deal with any resolutions to be moved at the meeting (none yet notified),
- And any other business as notified by members (these must be notified to the Secretary by 12th July 2023).

PERSONS STANDING FOR ELECTION OR RE-ELECTION AT THE 2023 AGM

Graham Smith: standing for re-election as Chairman, proposed by Ron Murray, seconded by G Bridger

Seb Stewart: standing for election as Vice Chairman, proposed by Graham Smith, seconded by Guy Bridger

I've been a member of Topsham RFC for 19 years - firstly as a player - towards the end of my playing time! and then as a coach - starting as an u7 coach, working my way through the age group and most latterly coaching the Colts which I've done for the last 6 years - Covid allowing! Our rugby continues to thrive across all sections, and one of the great things for me in seeing the mens 1stXV excel so much over the last 2 years, is the integration of Colts into the senior sides, and the part they have played in achieving this success. I was appointed a Trustee earlier this year and have subsequently become the clubs vice chair taking over from Malcolm.

Sadie Osborne: standing for re-election as Secretary, proposed by Graham Smith, seconded by Ron Murray.

It has been a great pleasure to sit as Secretary of Topsham RFC for the past two years and I greatly look forward to an exciting year ahead in what promises to be a fantastic year for rugby at Topsham. As well as running a mortgage broker business, I greatly enjoy supporting the local community and keeping the Club running to be enjoyed now and by future generations.

Guy Bridger: standing for re-election as Treasurer, proposed by Graham Smith, seconded by Sadie Osborne

I am a big fan of the club and its ethos to prosper through thick and thin. If re-elected I promise to contribute to some real time reporting to give us a better handle on what is coming in and going out, I very much hope to see some income streams added to complement the existing long-established earnings patterns. I feel very much at home with what I have found out to date so really want to impress upon everyone that we can do so much more to lift our profile in the region.

Ron Murray: standing for re-election as President, proposed by Graham Smith, seconded by Guy Bridger

As a former club Chairman and now President of the club I have a good understanding of the operation of the club and believe I have helped the trustees operate more effectively since I was appointed. If re-elected, I am happy to stand as a Trustee for one more year.

Katie Lunnon: standing for re-election as a Trustee, proposed by Sadie Osborne, seconded by Ron Murray.

As a former club captain of the Topsham RFC women's team, and being involved with its set up I have a good understanding of the workings of the club and committees. I am also involved in Devon RFU as chair of women and girls rugby and the lead for women's rugby. I am a Professor at the University of Exeter and this involves writing grants for funding for research. My role as a trustee has been to apply for funding to support initiatives and projects at Topsham RFC, which I plan to continue this year if re-elected.

Nigel Deasy: standing for election as a Trustee, proposed by Ron Murray, seconded by Graham Smith.

I joined Topsham RFC in the summer of 1983 at the age of 17, back then we played our home games at King George V in Countess Wear and the Globe Hotel Topsham, was our 'club House'. (Red cabbage, beef stew and baked potato was the staple after match dinner). We trained amongst the Apple orchard where the U o E sports ground now is using our car headlights as flood lights and ran around the goats walk as our warmup.

I played up to the age of 33, captaining the second XV for two years until injury brought my playing time to an end. I then returned to coach the Juniors from U8 through to U15 and have been a keen supporter of the club throughout the last 40 years of its existence.

The provision of a community sports ground within the boundaries of Topsham was the driving force behind the establishment of the club in 1983 and the self-help and desire shown at the foundation of the club, 40 years ago, is as abundant and ever present today. What I have admired the most at Topsham RFC is the team ethos and camaraderie of everyone involved at Topsham, playing, volunteering, and supporting, everyone is in it together for the benefit of the club.

I will support the constitution and work with the members and officers of the club to further develop and promote the club within Topsham and the wider area.