



Stafford Rugby Union Football Club 2023/24 Programme

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Welcome to Stafford Rugby Club, for what we hope will be an exciting season!

We had some great successes last season including our 1st XV Men finishing 4th in the league, up from 8th position in the previous year, The Colts winning the North Midlands Colts League, our 1st XV Women won their league and two of our U16's have successfully been selected for England Rugby Centre of Excellence - Warriors Women 2023/24.

Our Junior section continues to grow and there were successes for both the boys and girls under 16's teams who won cups.

Our Marvelous mixed ability team also had a fantastic season, regularly fielding a team and building support from other teams to ensure plenty of game time. It really has been great to see this squad develop, and we look forward to seeing their development this season.

Our Touch Rugby sessions have become a huge part of the rugby family here at Stafford. Led by some amazing coaches, the growth of this form of the game is fantastic! We have social touch, junior touch, the newly started women's only touch and of course our fabulous Bull Terriers! And a quick mention and well done to all those who have made it into the Regional Wildcats Teams, and some have reached the England Squads!

These are just a few of last season's highlights.

Of course, our many achievements would not happen without the hard work and dedication that our amazing coaches, managers, volunteers, and support staff put in, to support the development of our players and make the club the success it is.

Here's to a great 2023/24 season for Stafford Rugby Club!

**Tony Turner, Chairman, and The Board of Directors
Stafford Rugby Club**



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Junior Rugby @ Stafford Rugby Club

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Over the last 50 years the junior section has developed into thriving mini, junior and girls' sections that we are extremely proud of.

Success is down to the support, commitment and enthusiasm of our junior players, and our coaches and volunteers.

Junior players that started with club in the last 50 years, are now in volunteering roles at all levels of the club - me included!

The junior section offers the opportunity for girls and boys of all ages to get involved in rugby, make friends in a safe, inclusive, and most importantly, in a fun environment. We have over 400 children playing rugby each weekend, supported, and coached by our volunteers.

Our Stafford Roses girls section ensures girls have the opportunity to continue playing rugby, as they move up from mixed mini rugby.

This season we are celebrating 50 years of junior rugby with a number of events. We look forward to playing against clubs that we first played 50 years ago and celebrating together, the opportunities that rugby provides to all children.

I hope that you have a great day at Stafford Rugby Club. If you would like to get involved in junior rugby, our teams train on a Sunday from 10.30am each weekend, with our Roses training on Sundays from 1.30pm.

Pete Cooke
Junior Chair, Stafford Rugby Club



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Senior 1st XV Men's Fixtures

League - Counties 1 Midlands West (North)

Saturday 2023	Home Team	Away Team
2 September	Shrewsbury	Stafford
9 September	Stafford	Camp Hill
16 September	Old Saltleians	Stafford
23 September	Spartans (Midlands)	Stafford
30 September	Stafford	Harborne
14 October	Kidderminster	Stafford
21 October	Stafford	Telford Hornets
4 November	Newcastle (Staffs)	Stafford
11 November	Stafford	Buntwood
18 November	Longton	Stafford
25 November	Stafford	Edwardians
9 December	Camp Hill	Stafford
16 December	Stafford	Old Saltleians

Saturday 2024	Home Team	Away Team
6 January	Stafford	Spartan (Midlands)
13 January	Harborne	Stafford
27 January	Stafford	Kidderminster
3 February	Telford Hornets	Stafford
17 February	Stafford	Newcastle (Staffs)
2 March	Burntwood	Stafford
16 March	Stafford	Longton
23 March	Edwardians	Stafford
6 April	Stafford	Shrewsbury

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XV line up.

Welcome from the President

On behalf of the Stafford Board of Directors and Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to welcome everyone to The County Ground, home of Stafford RUFC, for season 2023-24.

I should like to express our sincerest gratitude to all of our sponsors for their faithful and renewed support, that undoubtedly helps our club function and supports our aims to continually move forward and develop for the future generations of players who will wear the black and amber shirt.

The core values of our sport - teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline, and sportsmanship - are the foundation of how the game of rugby is being encouraged to grow by the RFU. Without our governing body, the game as we know it at community level, would not be able to continue to develop and increase its popularity across the country, and beyond. Stafford is not alone in needing players, coaches, administrators and most importantly, volunteers, to support our ambitions for the future of the club - I encourage anyone and everyone to join a rugby club to experience what a community rugby club is all about. I assure you all it is a most rewarding return for any efforts and time given.

Every new season brings its own challenges and none more so than the coming season with the major law change to the tackle height that players can engage with the opposition. I know our head coaches, of both senior men and women, have attended conferences and seminars provided by the RFU and Staffordshire and have been working hard with the players to ensure they are fully aware of their responsibility to play within the laws of the game.

To the senior men's and women's teams, the U18 Colts and U18 Roses, the Junior section from U6 to U16's, the Roses U12's, U14's and U16's, our Mixed Ability Marvels, our Walking Touch section and last but not least, our ever-growing Touch Rugby section - I wish you all every success for the season ahead. Always play hard - but play fair.

Enjoy the season, everyone, and I look forward to catching up with you in the clubhouse.

Andrew Lewis | Stafford RUFC Club President

Welcome from the Director

On behalf of our Head Coach John Das Gupta and all of the senior men's coaching team, welcome to Stafford Rugby Club for this 2023/24 season.

This very competitive league will certainly challenge our playing squad but our key objectives of fielding two men's senior teams each week, remains our primary goal. The pathway from our boys' colts teams remains critical in the development of home talent to join the senior squad.

Players of all abilities, both past and new to this club are encouraged to join our training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evening starting at 7pm

Stafford Rugby Club are always keen to recruit new players who are looking at either getting back into the game or wanting to try a new club.

If you're interested in playing or training with Stafford Rugby Club, whatever your age or ability, please email director-of-rugby@staffordrugby.club

Colin Averis | Director of Rugby

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Fancy joining Stafford Rugby Club?

Are you new to rugby or returning to the sport?

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Last season was a fantastic success for our women's and girls' rugby teams, we are immensely proud of them and want to continue their success this season.

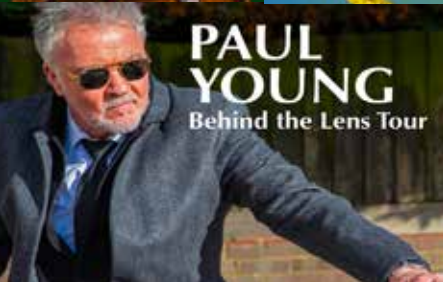
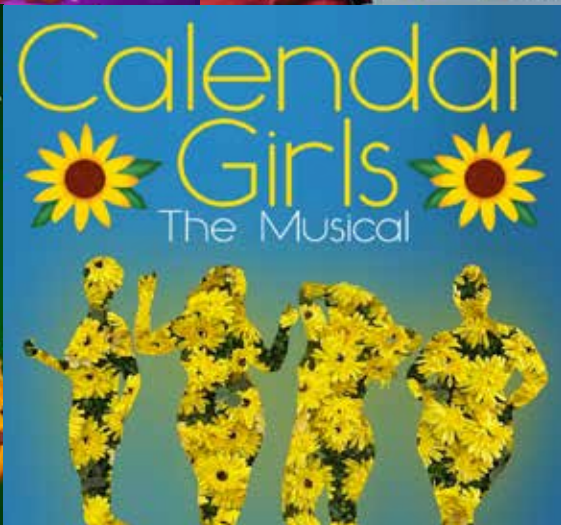
We offer women and girls the opportunity to play rugby at a level that is suited to them.

Our training and facilities are second to none. We have two senior women's teams and a full age group roses section for girls so whatever your ability there is a team for you.

Training sessions take place 7pm - 8.30pm Tuesday and Thursday at Stafford Rugby Club, Blackberry Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT

For more information get in touch with Paul (Oaf) Smith, Head of Women's and Girls Rugby on **07805 545 076** or email **womensheadcoach@staffordrugby.club**





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