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Beccehamian News



Rugby returns at last

The crowds flocked back to Sparrow’s Den on Saturday for the first time since March 2020, when the 1st XV took on our old friends from Gravesend in a London 2 league fixture. On the face of it, not much had changed – some old faces on the touch line, same old jokes at the ref, same old result! But look closer and you will see a few changes. Former captain Dave Watkins has allegedly hung up his playing boots and donned the coaches tracksuit alongside David Sia; Jordan Souter has gone off to try his luck at Barnes and Tim Kavanagh has swapped the gnats at the Den for the midges of Scotland. These stalwarts have been replaced by the return of young Beccs talent like Benji Dunmore, Tom Firth, Abel Paintsil and Jed Sexton. Over on pitch two, the 3rd XV was also taking on Gravesend and they took the honours with a 19-10 win as the 1st XV narrowly went down 23-17 in a tight game.

Sunday mornings have also seen the return of micros, minis and juniors, and what a fantastic sight it is to see the club buzzing with a new generation of youngsters. All of this would not have happened without the dogged determination of all of our coaches. The last eighteen months have been tough on everyone but our coaches have put heart and soul into keeping their squads together and motivated. As expected, a few have drifted away at every level from seniors, ladies, juniors and minis – hopefully they will come back and join the fun

Membership Subscriptions are due!

Please help your club & pay subscriptions asap, full details covering all costs and sections of the club are available on the website here:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/beccehamianrfc/a/membership--subscriptions-20212022-15229.html>

JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

To win a Jack Petchey Achievement Award is quite an event because they are voted for by the players. We have two awards to give out before Christmas. Daniel Kemp will nominate two age groups for October and November, whose payers will nominate a team mate for the award. They each get a certificate and a medal as well as £250 to spend on their squad;

PRESIDENTS LUNCH 2 OCTOBER 2021

Open invitation to all members and all sections of the club to lunch at the club, followed by 1st XV league fixture.

[All details on the club website here.](#)

The fund raising has begun

The project to deliver a clubhouse for the 21st Century is entering a critical phase. Tenders have gone out for the design and build phase and the building committee, **led by Nigel Putner**, will soon be evaluating the responses. There will be some difficult decisions to make as the building industry has been badly affected by Covid, raw materials are scarce, prices are rocketing and labour is hard to find. The committee, overseen by the Executive, are determined to press on and give our players and social members the facilities they deserve, whilst being prudent in their spending. With everyone back at the club, now is the time to really put some effort into fund raising.

The **Buy a Brick** scheme is up and running. This is our main fund raiser and will run until we have sufficient funds, so you have plenty of time to save. We are offering three sizes of brick small, medium and large, each in one of three colours, maroon, black and white (ish);

Small 215mm x 65mm – two lines of text - £100

Medium 215mm x 150mm – three lines of text - £200

Large 215mm x 215mm – four lines of text - £300

The bricks will be used to face the new internal walls in the entrance and corridors and gives you and your family and friends the chance to have your support for the club recognized for ever and a day. We will also be offering a corporate price for businesses which can include company logos. Thanks to Paul Broadhurst who has set this up and will manage it on behalf of the committee. **Full details are on the website available here:** <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/beccehamianrfc/news/beccs-clubhouse-extension-fundraising--buy-a-brick-scheme-2632414.html>



MORE NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Nigel "More for less" Perrott whose daughter Claire recently delivered his first grandson, Jack Nigel Rhode.

Fantastic news for all especially Nigel and Barbara who become the newest of our Beccs Grandparents. Expect to see Jack win his first Wales cap in about 18 years – Nigel has already been to the bookies.

BE OUR GUEST

The newsletter is an important part of the club and a way for us to keep in touch, especially with those members who live far, far away.

We are keen to have guest editors who can add a different view of the club.

It is not too difficult or time consuming (there is a template available!) but great fun. If you are interested **please contact Nick Brooks.**

Patchwork pitches



Covid may have stopped a lot of things but it didn't stop the moles. They have had a great time rearranging the landscape on the 3rd and 4th pitches, making the top half of both unplayable. **Ken Ellis** got on the case and arranged for 5 tons of top soil to be delivered by Bromley council. He then put out a call for members to come and help shift it and repair the damage caused by the moles and worsened by dogs digging holes in the soft soil. The call was answered by a small army of volunteers from old sweats like **Malcolm** and **Robbo** to several of our younger players and their families. Huge thanks to **Simon Gardner** who brought down some large toys for Paul **Thirkettle** and **Dave Kelly** to play with. The team did a fantastic job and we now wait for the grass seeds to spring into life.

250 club gives even more

The first summer prize of £1000 was won by ladies coach, **Paul Rochester**, who promptly went out and brought new match balls for the squad – much to the annoyance of Mrs R. who was hoping for something more romantic.

There are now only 3 numbers left at £150 each. **Contact Angela Broadhurst** if you want to join the fun

Beccehamianrfc250club@yahoo.com

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

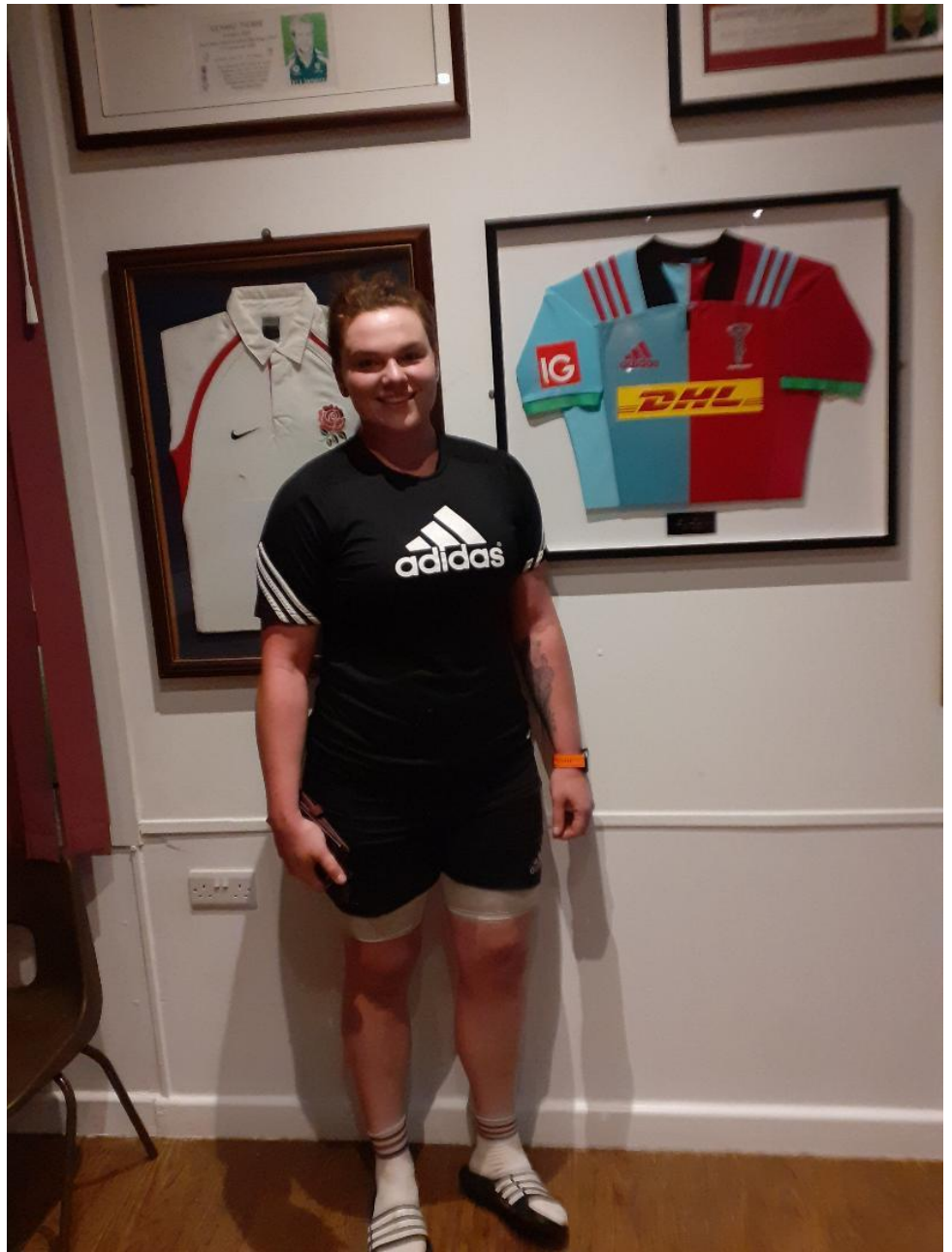
This is your newsletter and we want to hear from you. There are Beccehamians all over the UK, in fact all over the world. As we go into 2021 and start working on our plans for the extension, we need to harness the combined power of our extended family.

We want to know where you and what you are up to. That way we can use the newsletter to keep you up to date with progress and connect you with old friends.

Get in touch using the email address below. You can also use this to pay your subs!!

beccsmembership@gmail.com

Becky joins the hall of fame



Congratulations to **Becky Smith** who becomes the latest player to have a shirt framed on the “Beccs Wall of Fame”.

Becky, who played for Harlequins in the Tyrells Womens’ Premiership, joins luminaries such as Tom May (Newcastle), Ross Broadfoot (Leicester) and Richard Thorpe (London Irish). We are delighted to have Becky back at Beccehamian RFC where she is putting her experience to good use as Vice-Captain of the Ladies.

Still Wanted

First aid coordinator

Player safety has always been important to Beccehamian RFC and the Mini and Junior chairs and their coaches have done a sterling job for many years in ensuring first aid is available.

Following recent high profile cases, the RFU has increased the responsibility on clubs to ensure an emergency first aider (EFA) is present at every training session and fixture **THROUGHOUT THE CLUB!**

This will be too much for the coaches to manage so we are looking for someone to coordinate this activity. No medical experience is necessary and full information and support is available. If you are interested, **please contact Daniel Kemp or Angela Broadhurst.**

Tristan returns



We are delighted to welcome back **Tristan Storch** who has been signed on as the new club physio. Tristan has recently graduated from Gloucester where he continues to study for a Masters in something clever. He will be looking after the seniors on Saturday, the Ladies and Academy on Sundays and running a clinic on Mondays, before returning to Gloucester to study. He earned his corn on the first day of the new season running regularly between the 1st and 3rd teams who clearly found the return to contact a bit of a shock. Great to have you back.

MINI TOUR FUNDRAISING

Fantastic to see that the annual minis tour is being resurrected post Covid to the Isle of Wight for 2022.

The tour raffle has been launched. Tickets are £20 and the prize is a caravan costing up to £300 for the weekend. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket (even if not going on tour by purchasing a ticket you are directly supporting the minis!) but no longer carry cash you can transfer £20 per ticket to the tour account.

Beccehamian RFC Tour

Account: 85260053

Sort code: 60-23-22

Please supply your details to beccsrugby10.11@gmail.com & Cheryl will bring your ticket to training next week.

If anyone would like to make a donation or sponsor please also get in touch with Cheryl Reid at the above email address.

In memoriam of Chris "Lazy" Leaton



It is with unbelievable sadness that Beccehamian RFC announce the **sudden passing of legend Chris "Lazy" Leaton** on Thursday 16 September 2021, aged 54. Our extended heartfelt condolences and thoughts to Chris' wife Caroline and children.

The full news item including tributes from Beccs former teammates/friends and Chris' other rugby clubs Wimborne and Luxembourg can be found on the Beccs website here:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/beccehamianrfc/news/in-memoriam-of-chris-lazy-leaton-2649043.html>

A minute's silence was observed on Saturday 18 September 2021 by both 1st & 3rd XV home fixtures v Gravesend.





Beccs Derby Day



Beccs 1st XV c.1997 – Chris top left, recognise anyone else?



