

Dear Aylesbury RFC member,

As we're about to embark on the start of another season at Aylesbury RFC it's an exciting time both on and off the field. We've got used to (and thoroughly enjoyed) the Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) for half a season now and it's been great to see both the youth and senior section making best use of it.

With a new season comes new faces on the club's executive committee. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Clive for all the work he did during his years as Chairman – you will be missed but I'm sure you won't be a stranger. I'd like to congratulate Paul Milham who is stepping up to Chairman and Paul Andrews to Youth Chairman. They'll both bring great ideas and leadership to the roles and I'm looking forward to working with them throughout the year.

On the field for the senior section we have had one of the best prepared and planned pre-seasons for years. The training sessions have been active and enjoyable thanks to the hard work of the coaching team and strength and conditioning expert Kazeem Olayinka. We've also enjoyed plenty of game time with fixtures against Fullerians, an intra-club game, Tring and Olney. We've also recruited well with numerous new faces joining, which will bolster all teams and help make fielding four teams regularly possible. I know all the boys are eager to get started!

For the youth section of the club it's been pleasing to see so many making use of the facilities over the summer months, both with organised team training and also small groups coming down for a bit of fun. I'm sure the club will be packed come this Sunday with everyone looking forward to the new season!

This year we will continue to improve the essential link between the youth and senior sections through mascots and ball boys/girls, as well as coaching from senior players for their junior counterparts. If you are interested in this please get in contact.

On a communications front we are always looking to improve what we do and how we do it. Our website has been updated with lots of content slimmed down which should make it easier to find what you're looking for. On top of this we've got a much better grasp on the RFU's Game Management System (GMS), which will help us keep in contact with you all.

I hope you all share the same excitement and enthusiasm that I have for the 2017/18 season and I look forward to seeing you all throughout the season.

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