

Keep in Touch!

October Review - Looking Forward

Welcome to this month's newsletter where some of the main stories and news from around the County are revisited in case they were missed the first time around.

This month has seen the launch of the County's new Senior XV and more can be read about this later.

A report from Carol Baker the County's Safeguarding Officer follows the success of the Safeguarding Conference that was held in late September., through comments received it can be seen that this is a vital and important part of the County's work.

Three sets of worthy volunteers received their reward by winning tickets for the Old Mutual Wealth Autumn Internationals and we look forward to hearing from them in the next newsletter.



The Lancashire Rugby Development Centre continues to build on its strengths and further information can be found in the newsletter and on the website.

M J Worsley and Sons confirmed as Kit Sponsors.

The Lancashire Board are delighted to announce that MJ Worsley and Sons are to continue to sponsor the Senior XV and the Lancashire U20s .

would like to extend their thanks to MJ Worsley and Sons for their continued support. It is very much appreciated .

Thank you .

The Lancashire Board

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Special points of interest:

- *Launch of County new Senior XV , The Lancashire Royals.*
- *Rugby Volunteers rewarded*
- *Safeguarding Conference report.*
- *Lancashire Rugby Development Centre*
- *Lancashire Rugby Academy*

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The Lancashire Royals

Lancashire RFU are delighted to announce the launch of a new County Representative Team ;The Lancashire Royals.

Over the past fifteen years the Senior Lancashire XV has competed successfully in the prestigious Bill Beaumont Cup with 11 Twickenham appearances since 2002.The players have almost exclusively been drawn from Clubs competing in the top four levels of the English Leagues.

The County Board recognises that there are a large group of talented and ambitious players,with a strong allegiance to Lancashire,competing at Levels 5 and under.The Lancashire Royals is a representative side giving

the opportunity for these players to represent the County and selection will be restricted to players competing at these league levels and players who have previously played for the Senior XV will not be eligible.

Lancashire President Tom Fitzgerald said “ The formation of the Royals is a unique initiative and we intend to play up to three games in a season. It is another example of how the County is at the forefront of exciting projects to develop the game at adult Club and representative levels.”

The inaugural game is on Tuesday 27th December 2016 at Preston Grasshoppers against the iconic Anti-Assassins.

The Royals will be coached by Martin Scott and Adrian Moffatt and managed by Howard Hughes. There are a group of selectors but we welcome and encourage nominations from Clubs and these should be sent to Howard Hughes at howard.3.hughes@btinternet.com .

We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to your club coaches .Also it would be very much appreciated if you could let us know the email address for your club coach as the County are planning events and a support system for Club Coaches.Please send your Coaches names and emails to Mark Nelson at nelsonarts@hotmail.com



Lancashire President Tom Fitzgerald is seen here with Lt Colonel John Leighton of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

The picture was taken in July at Fulwood Barracks.

There is a new Press release on the website this week giving further information about nominating players for the team.

NB The closing date for nominations is December 1st.

See website for further details.



Old Mutual Wealth International Tickets for Volunteer Recognition.

Congratulations to the following volunteers who have been rewarded for their tireless work at their respective rugby clubs.

The first recipients are Amanda Brazendale and Rachael Williams who volunteer tirelessly at Bury Rugby Club. These two ladies help around the club and were the major

forces promoting the World Cup and the U20 World Cup and are deserving winners. They will see the South Africa game on the 12th November.

Alan Atherton is a winner from Wigan RUFC. He was a committed player in the 70's and 80's and is now the club's resident electrician and also takes a variety of tasks on in-

cluding troubleshooting the septic tank , he will see the Australia game on the 3rd December.

The final winner is Ian Jones from Rossendale who works with the Juniors and Colts and has also taken on the onerous task of Registration Secretary and 1st Team Manager. He will watch the Argentina game on 26th November..

Lancashire Safeguarding Conference Sept 24th 2016

A successful conference was organised by the Lancashire Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Carol Baker, at Rochdale RUFC on Saturday 24th September. There were 42 attendees in all with 25 clubs being represented and 10 speakers on the day. The speakers included Brian Stott, who spoke about Discipline and Age Grade Rugby, Tony Stevens on GMS, Sedge Beswick on Social Media and DS Daniel Appleby from Greater Manchester Police. There was also input from Mike Pearce, Murray Business Services and Dr Phil Cooper, Jimmy Gittins and Paul Highton from STATE OF MIND Charity.

Others in attendance included the Lancashire President Mr Tom Fitzgerald, Ken Andrews, RFU Council member. CBSM from Carlisle, Debbie Verrall, Laura Hunttenberg from the National Youth Council, Tony Stevens and Kate Bennatta, GMS Tutors and Andrew Jibson from Sale Sharks.



A packed house for the Safeguarding Conference that was organised by Lancashire's Safeguarding Officer Mrs Carol Baker.

Lancashire U15 Girls Squad Announced



The squad for this year's Lancashire U15 girls team has been selected and is currently in training for their next game which is against Durham on the 20th November.

The game is away at Tynedale and further information will be posted on the website when details are confirmed.

Please cut and paste the link below for the full squad.

http://www.lancashirerugby.co.uk/images/Final_squad_updated_Nov_2016_U15s_Girls.pdf

New Ladies section at Rochdale.

An e mail from Oliver Zebedee – Howard at Rochdale as a follow up to their Pitch up and Play day at Rochdale on the 23rd October reported that they had had a very good day with 29 ladies signed up and counting !

As the section grows they will be looking to get some support with extra coaches and also mentions the fact that any donations of equipment

would be most welcome.

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Lancashire Rugby Development Centre:

The Lancashire Development Centre is a very successful initiative designed to offer Courses and Seminars to enrich the coaching knowledge and experience of Coaches and Teachers in Lancashire. Since the introduction of the project there have been 40+ events delivering Sessions to in excess of 1000 coaches and players at 26 Clubs . The sessions are co ordinated by Development Centre Manager Mark Nelson and President Tom Fitzgerald and some very high profile and gifted presenters have delivered sessions. These include Brian Ashton,England World Cup Final Coach, Clive Griffiths,Head Coach Doncaster Knights, Lee Blackett ,Backs Coach Wasps, Pete Angelsea,Lead Coach Sale Sharks,Steve Hanley,former England and leading premiership try scorer and also current and former Lancashire players who have imparted their knowledge to the group of players, teachers and coaches. Another unique element of the system is that the players

If any clubs would like to contribute towards any news in our newsletter or website then please send to websitenews@lancashirerugby.co.uk for consideration for inclusion.

Lancashire Rugby Academy

The County recognises the need for development of talented young players within the age group system. Many quality players are outside the Sharks Academy system or cannot commit to the time to that system. The Lancashire Academy which was implemented by Rob Briers, Mark Nelson and Tom Fitzgerald have appointed Chris Briers to be Lead Coach and coordinator . Chris is a talented player and coach and has established the Academy well ahead of schedule. One of the key ele-

ments is engaging experienced former and present County players to work with the Academy Players. Trafford MV was the venue for the first session and as the season progresses the players will receive key input from their designated Coach to help them fully develop their skills and understanding of the game.

Upcoming Events

The Lancashire U15's, U16's and U17's squads are all now training and information can be found in the County Calendar on the website.

20th November

**Lancashire U15 Girls v
Durham at Tynedale**

December 11th

**Lancashire U16 Fixture
TBC—check website for details**

**December 18th
Lancashire U17 v Yorkshire
at Sedgeley Park.**