



## Dudley Kingswinford

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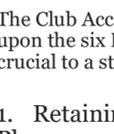
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## Newsletter

Issue 2. I could go on about our Holiday but I won't!

If anyone has any news they would like to include that you think might be of interest to the youth section please send it to me and I'll try to slot it in!

### Club News



The club's RFU Accreditation has been signed off by our RDO and is awaiting processing by the

RFU.

The Club Accreditation scheme is based upon the six Key Drivers identified as crucial to a strong club:

1. Retaining & Developing Players
2. Recruiting New Players
3. Recruiting & Retaining High Quality Coaches, Volunteers & Referees
4. Effective & Efficient Facilities
5. Effective & Efficient Management and Governance
6. Integration with the Local Community

The RFU Accreditation is very important to the club, the RFU would not support us financially with things like loans and grants without it. It also confirms, through RFU criteria, that we are getting things right, most of the time. This is not an admin exercise, all of our statements are verified by our CRC and RDO and is down to the hard work of our volunteers like yourselves, Thanks all, pat on the back due!

### Pitches

We are getting there, the scout ground is now being used and we hope that more use will help deter the rabbits! We know the surface isn't perfect but we compare it against our other fantastic pitches. I played on the wing once at a ground where I played downhill both halves of the game, and a game at Stoke where Simon Sherry won the nickname of Simon Le Mole. The ruck was in front of me, it collapsed, at the side the ground moved and out from the mud came Simon's beaming face with the ball in his hands. It would be difficult to name another club that has 7 dedicated youth pitches as well as 4 senior pitches! Work in Progress. We know that it is still work in progress and we are looking at ways to improve the surface.

### First Aid

The EFARU course is now live on the RFU website. If you are interested in attending or have a willing volunteer who will attend for your team then please pass these details on.

This will be the only course at DK this season, so book now or lose out.

Also bear in mind that this course is advertised to all so people from other Clubs could book places - so speed is important here!

<http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/courses/search#/results>

There is an online section that must be completed before attendance on the **15th Nov.**

### Safeguarding

Please note and inform your parents that dogs are not allowed on the DK site on either Saturday or Sunday. We know that for many dogs are a part of the family but with so many people (many of which are children) the club has decided the risk of an incident where someone might get hurt is too great.

Mandy is off on a Safeguarding course later this month, so watch out for emails coming your way!

### Coaching

The internet is a great provider of information and there are sites that offer free coaching resources, 2 of which are below. Do you use any? Please send me the links and I will publish them to all coaches.

<http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/my-rugby-academy/>

<https://www.sportplan.net/drills/Rugby/>

Have you picked up any great tips from watching others or from courses? Why not share them? I saw these on a website:

**#1) The very best coaches GET THEIR PLAYERS TO BELIEVE in themselves**

**#2) Great coaches are GREAT LIFE TEACHERS**

**#3) The best coaches KEEP THE GAME IN PERSPECTIVE**

**#4) Great coaches UNDERSTAND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN THEIR PLAYERS**

**#5) Good coaches TAKE THE TIME TO LISTEN TO AND EDUCATE THEIR PLAYERS' PARENTS**

**#6) Good coaches KEEP THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT EMOTIONALLY SAFE**

**#7) Good coaches are HONEST AND CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH INTEGRITY**

We now have the use of a container to store equipment (thanks Shilly!) There is a combination lock, the code can be sourced from Rob Chivers or Brian Platts.

All teams have their own equipment, some of which they paid for themselves so please don't just help yourself, ask first and put stuff back where you got it from. Shilly left some equipment in there from the senior section which he doesn't use any more, this is to share, all you need to do is talk to each other about the use of.

The club are looking at purchasing one or two smaller containers that will be placed by the entrance to the scout ground so that teams that regularly use the area will not have to carry their equipment from the big container.

I have contacted GMS (RFU Game Management System) about the discrepancy between what the RFU have in terms of your qualifications and what you actually have. I am awaiting a reply!

As coaches we all have areas of expertise and by the same token gaps in our knowledge of the game. We are all in this together, and asking for help is not an admission of failure! If you have any needs in terms of coaching development or feel you need some specific coaching expertise then please ask! If we can't find people in the youth section then we have a wealth of expertise in the senior ranks and through the RFU (Adam Blackford). Remember, whatever age group you are at there is someone out there that has been there, done it and experienced the same problems that you might be facing.

### Floodlights

The first team lights were on the other Friday for the Vets game, I wasn't there but Neil Chivers was refereeing. He reckons that they are better than those at Worcester Warriors. We will now look at extending the lights for training, watch this space.

### Registration

Membership cards are now available from behind the Bar, others are being printed as we speak! It will be a lot easier next season. All youth section cards will be cancelled at the end of August, when people renew their membership their cards will be re-activated, so hang onto them!

Website [www.dkrugby.co.uk](http://www.dkrugby.co.uk)

The Under 12's have their page up and running on the new website! Lets see if we can get everyone on as soon as we can! All I need from you is the name of an admin person and their email address. They will then be issued with a username and password so they can get started straight away.

When someone goes onto the page it will ask for Name/email and phone number. I can then verify who they are against the lists provided by you. I have already had a number of requests some of which I have authorised, but a number I have been unable to do because they do not appear on any list showing they are linked to the team and have paid membership? These lists are held in the shop, each time a new member arrives and pays it needs to be updated or they wont be able to access the web page.

### Guard of Honor

What we would like to happen is that a youth team will act as a Guard of Honor at all first team home games. So far we have had the Micros and the Under 7's. With the U7's we tried something different, the coach nominated a player who ran out with the



1st Team Captain Steph Shillingford as a mascot. It was great, especially as it was his son Tait! The guard of honor includes free entry, 1 or 2 mascots nominated, form a tunnel when the players come out, practice game at half time in front of the stand. We are looking at other innovations such as "meet the team" in the changing rooms before the game, team photo with the first team etc. We also want to include the senior youth teams, maybe as duty teams, water boys, ball boys etc. We will work on it! If any team is interested please let me know, we

Team	Date (SAT)	Opp	On the Sunday
U6 (James)	2nd Sept	Stourbridge	Training
U7 (Nick)	28th Oct	Hereford	Training
U11 (Simon)	11th Nov	Melbourne	Lucs H
U9 (Chad)	25th Nov	Moseley Oak	Old Hales H
U10 (Andy)	2nd Dec	Rugby Lions	Stour H
U8 (Rob)	16th Dec	Sutton Coldfield	Training
U12 (Damian)	13th Jan	Wolverhampton	Training

### Shop

Oh yes, car flags! Come and get em!

One for £4, but hang on! How about 2 for £6!!

Double stitched, look great!



### Coming and Going

A warm welcome to Lee and his team to the kitchen!

Please give them a warm welcome, he has the bacon!!

### Buying Equipment

All purchases should be through the club. The club has contacts with some of the big suppliers and if we can coordinate the purchase of equipment we might be able to negotiate a better deal. Sponsorship money can be paid into your club account through the club shop.

### Finance

The club is in the process of going through the historical records of teams "Tour Funds", in the next couple of weeks I will be able to send out your accounts to check. In the meantime all payments into your accounts can be paid in through the shop. 2 receipts are printed, one for your records and one handed in with the shop takings stipulating who's account needs to be credited.

The other issue is BACS payments (direct transfer) they go straight into the clubs general account, it is imperative that when these payments are made a note is made in the reference box what it is for! E.g. Subs with the child's name and team, or sponsorship and what team it is for.