



DKRFC

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Rugby Football Club

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Newsletter

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I was thinking about the lengthy emails I have been sending out and wondered if there was a better way to send out information, not just for the coaches but also accessible for our members. So I thought I would try this email newsletter! The information can be forwarded to your fellow coaches, managers and parents and will also be accessible on the club website. I would welcome any feedback.

Club News

As voted for at the last AGM DKRFC is to become incorporated.

The RFU encourage all clubs to become incorporated stating that

“An unincorporated club provides no legal protection for its members who can be personally liable for its debts. Incorporation provides limited liability protection for both members and its management committee. It also makes it easier for the club to deal with its property which will be in the name of the company not individual trustees who hold it on behalf of the club.”

More news and information to follow. An open meeting for information and questions will be held in November, look out for the announcement!

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.”

-Babe Ruth

Pitches

Last Thursday the U9/10 and the U11/12 pitches were marked out. You will notice that the posts are not in the middle! This is because we have had to move the pitches across towards the edge of the ground because of the new lights. The posts will be removed soon. The new scout ground will be up and running soon. The club is moving some top soil across to fill in our pesky rabbit holes and will purchase a bulk order of good quality top soil to top off. When this is ready we will be asking for volunteers help out by walking the pitches and filling in the areas damaged by rabbits.



As a general rule we are working towards the plan shown, this will vary depending on fixtures.

First Aid

Esther Coles is running an RFU First Aid course at DK in November. If you are interested then please talk to Esther first so she can coordinate the number of first aiders in each team. We already have one in each team but would like 2 by the end of the season. Remember if you need any top ups for your first aid kits you can get it from the club shop (no charge!)

Safeguarding

Mandy Platts has sent an email out to all the lead coaches with an update to Regulation 15 (Age Grade Rugby). The RFU have got rid of the guidance section and replaced it with “Codes of Practice” Please take some time to read this it has some very important information on the age grade regulations.

Coaching

We are pretty well off for coaches in most teams at the moment but we are always looking to add extra support where needed. If you have helpers who want to help coach have a chat to Rob Chivers who will point people in the right direction. Courses can be found on the RFU course booking system on:

<http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/courses/search/#/search?id=&c=&eventid=>

Or Google RFU Course Booking

If you do go on a course then we ask that you pay up front, then bring in your certificate or proof of attendance and you will be reimbursed. However, please check first, the club can only fund courses that will benefit teams and improve delivery.

In order to become a coaching assistant at DK we will expect our coaches to fulfill the following:

1. Complete the **IRB** Rugby Ready online course
2. Complete the RFU Head Case online course
3. Complete the RFU Volunteer Application and Self Declaration Form
4. Apply for DBS through Mandy Platts

Equipment is coming! Rob has already started handing out some balls other stuff is on order. We also plan to move the youth equipment storage to a container. This already has storage shelves and plenty of room for larger equipment. If any one has equipment/balls they are no longer using please hand them on or into the shop so we can re-distribute.

We plan to have another Coaches and Managers meeting on Wednesday 1st November.

If anyone has any particular coaching needs please speak to Rob Chivers, I am sure we can find someone in the senior section who could help.

We have been looking at the RFU GMS system, it appears that courses that people have been on have not registered on the system. I will email out what is on GMS to each Lead Coach and ask it to be updated so we can rectify the problem.

Floodlights

On Thursday of this week they were digging up Swindon Road in order to put new cables through into the club. All still looking good for end of October.

Registration

On the whole registration has gone really well, having a central payment place I hope has helped team managers by not having to handle money. One problem was the second Sunday when we had a queue out the club to pay at the shop! Next year we will have a separate payment point that should help the situation. This number of people all registering at once means the membership cards are taking time to complete. The solution that was agreed by management is to issue the fixture cards first, members can then show this at the bar and they will be able to get their 10% discount before cards are distributed. We will try and get this done as soon as we can, just bear with us as we have to write them all out by hand!

Website

As you will know we have a new website: www.dkrugby.co.uk

We are ready to give each youth team it's own page but this can't be done until each team has sent me the name and email address of someone who will be responsible for keeping it up to date. If you haven't done so please do so ASAP. When a parent goes to the page they will see an access request page, once identity is verified they will be given access to the page.

Coming

Welcome to our new Club Manager **Dan**.

Dan comes to us with a wealth of experience in the industry and has settled in well at DK. I must say he has been great, always ready to help (he is our go to man when we can't work the shop till!)

Good luck and welcome to DK!

Going

Two fond farewells!

Many of you would not have met Margaret, but every Sunday morning for as long as I can remember she was busy cleaning the club ready for us in the youth section and left before most people got to the club. She actually worked for 6 days a week keeping the club fit for use! What a treasure, she will be missed!

The other institution on a Sunday morning is the bacon sandwich and coffee! It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Nicky Evans who has worked tirelessly to provide us all with our Sunday morning sustenance! If you think her expertise of feeding us all and the away teams on a Sunday morning was amazing, you should have seen her feeding the 300 on the North Midlands Youth Cup finals day! It was a work of art!

She will be missed, not only as our provider but also as a friend! We look forward to seeing you at the club as a Parent watching your lads play! If you see her over her last 2 Sundays in the kitchen say thanks!

If anybody has any titbits that they think others should know about please send it into me!