



# Newsletter

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Essington RUFC supports the RFU Code of Rugby and the Core Values of:  
Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship.

## THIS WEEK

### Friday Night is Burns Night

Join us for a fun packed evening of Traditional Scottish Dancing and Meal of Haggis, Neaps and Tatties. Over 70 tickets already sold, if you want to come please contact Dave Myatt urgently. Starts at 7.30pm for meal at 8pm. Dress code: Scottish themed dress a must. A kilt optional.



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We have the Neaps and Tatties but Dave Myatt hasn't yet found a Haggis nesting near Essington. We have to hope that he will discover one by Friday and be a good enough shot to bag it!!!

### Saturday is Owen Cup Semi-Final

On Saturday both teams are at home to Barton Under Needwood, with the 1<sup>st</sup> teams battling for a place in the end of Season Cup Final.

The atmosphere at the club has been brilliant for the last 2 Saturdays and we are hoping for full support from players, spectators and vice presidents again this Saturday.

## A WORD FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Happy new year to all at the rugby club.

Hope you all enjoyed indulging over Christmas and can now burn it off on the field - either playing or shouting from the sidelines....

I think everyone has seen the effect of investment in new drainage has had following recent heavy rain, allowing both pitches to be used in January - not something that has been common in the past! We have seen some new and returning players over the last month, which is great for the club when we were struggling for 2 teams on a Saturday, earlier in the season. We just need to ensure players make themselves available to continue to fight up from the mid table in both the league and merit tables. The 1<sup>st</sup> are also now up to the Semi finals of the Owen cup, so fingers crossed.

But...training has been limited by numbers and we encourage to attend on Wednesday nights where, work and life allows - as numbers mean better training and things for Saturday can be improved.

The ladies team continues to be an important positive part to the club and have some games planned over coming months for you to put in the diary. Please try to come to support.

Finally, the social committee continues to put on events for you, our club members, both at the club and a tour in March. Please put these in your diary, pay for your place early, partake and have fun. Here's to more Essington success in 2014,

Gerrwyn (Vice-Chairman)

## BOMMERS LAST STAND

Saturday 11th January marked Mark's last game for Essington, before he hung up his boots.

Mark has a long playing career with the club, has been a top try scorer, plus recently a few years leading us as our club Chairman.

Good luck with the operation on 21st Jan and wishing you well on road to recovery. Look forward to seeing you back at the club (as a spectator!). From all at Essington Rugby Club.



## LADIES RUGBY



The Ladies have 3 games coming up:

23rd February vs camp hill at home

2nd March vs burton at home

30th March vs camp hill away

Please come and cheer them on if you can.

## SOCIAL EVENT



### Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February – Quiz Night

Nigel Coates is our Quizmaster. Tickets £3 each for quiz and food.

Food will be Jacket Potato, with Chilli or Curry (tbc) or similar.....



### Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Sport Relief

We continue to be their main Wolverhampton and surrounding area, event location.

You can register with us now at Essington Sport Relief Page. Event Opens at 10.30am.



### Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March – The Tour

Tour costs £135. Money to Stew Russell.

Travelling on a Big Red Bus and the theme this year is First World War.

## CHARITY UPDATE

Our recent Christmas Hamper raffle has raised £175 for our nominated charity of Heartlands Recurrent Miscarriage Clinic. The Poppy Collection raised £81.10. Well done on both.

## RFU RAFFLE

Ian Blake is now circulating the RFU raffle tickets, where a percentage of all sales by us goes to our club, so is important to try to sell what you can.