



Newsletter

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

Congratulations

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The heading is a huge Congratulations and that's what I want to say to many of you members of Essington Rugby Club.

The 1st team have won every match for a month, the 2nd team beat Willenhall and the ladies continue to play more games and recruit more players. Well done everyone.

Off the pitch we have seen great developments in the last year. RFU Accreditation due to the work of Gerwyn Jones, Community Amateur Sports Club award thanks to Mike Chandler, which helps with our grant applications and saves us £1,000 a year on rates.

The £75,000 grants for Pitch Drainage and Training Floodlights have proved to be most successful thanks to Dave Brawn, his daughter Jenny and Mike and Helen Chandler. They are now working on more projects to up-date the bar, re-decorate the club room, extend and improve the kitchen, install disabled toilets, re-tile the shower rooms and install Solar Panels. Watch this space for more updates.

Mark Osborne (Bommer) has continued to represent the club as Chairman on the Junior Clubs Committee and sits on the main Staffordshire RFU Committee. The Vice Presidents continue to score us "Brownie Points" by Wining and Dining the Staffordshire Presidents. Sammie Blake told the

latest Committee Meeting that we already have 41 outside events booked this year, and it's still only March!!! Well done Sammie and Ian.

20 volunteers turned up early on a Sunday Morning to ensure that the Sports Relief day ran smoothly (Ross Steadman was almost awake!!!). Thanks to all of you. The letter to President Dave Brawn shows what Sport Relief think of our efforts.

This is all great news, but it doesn't stop there. A couple of other recent developments take the prestige and standing of the club to new levels.

Mairi Grieve (Maz) has been elected as Chairperson of Staffordshire Ladies Rugby. Well done Maz, we're proud of what you've achieved.

The club has also been awarded the honour of hosting Staffordshire Ladies v Leicestershire Ladies on Sunday 11th May. This will be the first time in our 60 year history that we've hosted a Representative Match. We'll need lots of volunteers and supporters to make sure that this is a really successful day.

These are all great achievements made possible by lots of effort from many, many volunteers. I'm proud to be Chairman of Essington Rugby Club and I hope you all feel proud to be members of such a progressive club.

Steve Brittain
Chairman

60TH ANNIVERSARY

This year is the 60th Anniversary of the founding of our club. To mark the event we are organising a 60th Anniversary Dinner to be held at the Clubhouse on Friday 3rd October, **please put the date in your diary now**

We are inviting all current members of Essington RFC with their partners as well as all ex members of Old Oak, Rubery Owen and Wulfrun. If you know how to get in touch with any of the ex members please try to encourage them to join us at this prestigious event.

We hope to repeat the success of the Re-Union Dinner organised by Dai Hughes in 2000.

More information will follow soon.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th March Tour

There is an event at the Clubhouse at 12 noon, Be there!!!!

Friday 28th March Ladies Meal

At Cosmo, phone 07514 025623 if you want to go

Sunday 30th March Essington Ladies v Camp Hill

If you aren't on tour please come along

Sunday 13th April "Pitch Up and Play"

Event hosted by Essington Ladies

Friday 2nd May Annual Dinner Dance

Tickets £32, please put your name on the list in the clubhouse

Sunday 4th May Annual Chairman Match

Sunday 22nd June Annual Tidy Up Day

Saturday 12th July Ess Fest at the club

WORLD CUP 2015

Dave Myatt has been appointed as Rugby World Cup Champion for Essington RFC.

Dave will be organising event and trips in due course and will keep us all informed on developments and ticket allocations.

LETTER FROM SPORT RELIEF

Hi David

Wow! How many ways can we say Thank You...

Thank you for all your incredible hard work leading up the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games, and being a really important, special part of the Sport Relief 2014 campaign.

Thank you for promoting your Mile, **thank you** for sourcing and managing all your volunteers and **thank you** for hosting The Essington Rugby Club Mile. The Sport Relief total stands at **£53,370,743**, that will change countless lives forever, both at home in the UK and across the world! Thanks to **YOU**, Comic Relief is able to support the incredible work of our projects, including projects local to you: <http://www.comicrelief.com/how-we-help>

Thanks again for your incredible support.

Best wishes,

Blair

Local Events Coordinator

Comic Relief

