



# Newsletter

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September 2013

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

## REFEREE PROTOCOL

A notification from the Staffs Referee's Society has been received with regards Referee Protocol.

Referee abuse is becoming a major problem in the game particularly at the mini/junior level and from coaches, managers and spectators.

Clubs should be aware that the Referee Society, conscious of its duty of care to its members, is now asking its members to highlight issues of abuse from spectators, players and coaches at clubs.

Referees, the same as players, do make mistakes in the game.

Incidents where Referees have had to abandon matches due to poor player discipline or coach/spectator abuse are increasing. Clubs should be aware that the RFU recommended sanction for an abandoned game is a 25-point deduction. (A league club 2nd team could get its first team that sort of deduction.)

Clubs should be aware the Referees Society will actively back and support club referees who are subject to abuse/ behaviour problems when refereeing games.

Full copy of the letter, with regards Referee Protocol for referees, coaches and clubs, will be displayed in the changing room and on the club noticeboard.

## BRING THE MRS



**Sat 21st Sept : "Bring your Mrs to Rugby" day**

While the boys are playing rugby, the ladies get together to enjoy cake and afternoon tea.

Together with an insight into the game of rugby from some of the ladies team. Together with general chat. Then go out and support the team in their first league game, at home vs Rugeley.

## A WORD FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the new season. I am sure you are full of hopes for what the new season can bring. What we do know is what we have recently achieved, to elevate the club to a better place for its players and members.

The pitch drainage work was completed at the start of the summer and the pitches are looking good - we hope to get the ok to use them in September. The new training area floodlights are already in place for when the dark nights come in.

We also have a very enthusiastic coaching team which has been running two enjoyable structured training sessions a week. The scrummaging machine has recently been repaired and maintained, to allow more forwards training. The training has been well attended and all of this preparation should mean better results in the league and merit tables.

But the members have achieved a lot together – Clean up days at the club have seen floodlights fitted for the car park/entrance, the cellar repainted, bin store divide fitted, the car park barrier fixed, door bars fixtures repaired, hole in floor repaired, greenery cut back, plus much more. In the background, a number of the coaches and other club members have been on coaching training getting their new coaching levels - Well done to you! In addition, we have already had donations of money to the club, including the scrummaging service (Neil Birt) and purchase of a set of new training/match balls (Nick Prior). We have much more that I have not been able to mention that members have spent their time/efforts and money on for the club. All the small things all add up !

We also have a call for any leads on sponsors who may be interested in the club – many options are available. We hope that all last years sponsors will be continuing this year and will be keen to add to them, to strengthen the financial support the club gets.

Finally, there is a number of social events are planned for the year, to bring the members together off the pitch. The first two are in September and I hope you will be promoting and attending – as they are for you.

Here's to a successful season!

Gerrrrwyn, Vice Chairman, Club Referee Co-ordinator(CRefC)and Web-editor.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due for the coming season, it has been kept at the same as last season

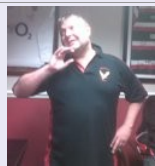
Playing Membership £45 - if paid before 12th October £5 discount making it £40  
Ladies Membership £25 - if paid before 12th October £5 discount making it £20  
Student/Unemployed £25 - if paid before 12th October £5 discount making it £20  
Social Membership £25  
Vice Presidents £35

Please see Helen Chandler or captains for payment

Weekly match subs are unchanged at £5 per game (Unemployed and students £2).  
Non members/no membership after Sat 12th October = £10 per game!

## WEAR CLUB STUFF....

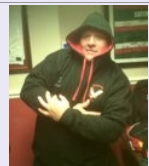
As shown by our professional club models(!).  
All have Essington Logo on chest. Orders to Simon/Helen/Gerwyn. Orders and money by early September.



Polo: £20



SoftShell: £30



Hoodie: £25

## PLAYERS NEEDED

We need players to come training and also be available for games, to ensure in 2013/14, we have 2 strong men teams and a strong ladies team. If a new player plays in September, you both get a free pint each with the new players business card.



**Essington Rugby Club**

**New players wanted !**

We have 2 adult mens teams and one adult ladies team.  
**Bring a new player to us and after their first game, you both get a free pint!**  
(offer ends 30th September 2013)

[www.EssingtonRugby.co.uk](http://www.EssingtonRugby.co.uk) - High Hill Centre, High Hill, Essington, WV11 2DW

## SOCIAL EVENT

### Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Night out at the Dogs.



A night of dog racing and fun with club members and friends. Gates open 6:30 and first Race just after 7pm.

At: Monmore Green, Sutherland Ave, Wolverhampton, WV2 2JJ. (near East Park/Bilston Road).

£5 per person (which includes your £6 race card). And provided we get more than 15 all the money goes to the Rugby Club!

Food and drink available for you to buy at stadium. Sign-up form is in noticeboard in club house, or contact/pay Dave Myatt (or Gerwyn).

### Sat 19th Oct : Live Band - Samurai Sunday



A night of live music. Former club player Martin Berry is bringing his band Samurai Sunday to the club.

## ENGLAND TICKETS

Six Nations England tickets now available to place orders. Orders to Mike/Helen by Sat 28<sup>th</sup> September.

## SPORT RELIEF



We have been accepted to host a Sport Relief Mile on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014. Last time the money we raised provided running water to a village in Kenya. The project aims to reduce the spread of water-related diseases and improve hygiene through behavioural change. Improved health will lead to better school attendance and increased revenue from income generating activities such as growing vegetables to feed themselves and sell to others.

## VICE PRESIDENTS LUNCH

The first Vice Presidents lunch of the new season will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October when the first team are at home to Telford Hornets in the league. If you wish to attend please let President Dave Brawn know.

## THE SEASON STARTS

At last it's here!!

All players to meet at the club on Saturday at 12.30. Both teams are playing away at Dudley K.

Pre-season training has been well attended with lots of positive comments. So lets start the season with a bang.