



# Newsletter

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## ANNUAL AND MATCH SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are privileged to have such excellent playing and clubhouse facilities, how many clubs of our standard can match them?

But these facilities come at a cost, both in financial terms and in the time and effort needed to run and maintain them. Our annual costs for Gas and Electric, rent rates and insurance, cleaning and refuse disposal, together are more than £10,000.

Most of this cost is covered by the money we earn from hiring out the room. Thanks to Jo Osborn this year we have achieved a record level of bookings. The balance has to be made up from sponsorship, social events and your individual subscriptions.

Sponsorship has been very important in recent years, as often mentioned in the Newsletter. Thanks to Bommer and his many supporters we have improved the Dressing Rooms, created the Cresta Lounge, brightened up the ladies toilets, renewed the bar cellar, offered smart club shirts and provided excellent playing equipment.

Without all these activities, individual annual subscriptions would need to be almost £200 to provide the facilities. So at £40 for Players, £30 for Vice Presidents and £20 Social Members you are getting a great deal.

Please pay your subs to Helen Chandler ASAP.

Should you have problems paying your subs please mention it to your Captain, Helen Chandler or Bommer.

## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well it's September again and we have kicked off a new season. Things are looking very good at the moment, after last seasons disappointment of relegation. It was decided that we needed to put more structure and direction into the coaching side of the club. We scoured the Coaching fraternity far and wide and looked for an experienced no nonsense coach, who could increase the fitness, help our influx of younger players and give us a game plan to work to, we found Jeff Ford and I guess if you go on the first 2 league results (played 2 won 2) He is doing just that. Keep up the good work to all involved.

Club wise, things also look good. Have you seen the new steps??? cheers Mr Warren (Wozza) Parry, what a fantastic job. Maybe next year we can extend and have patio too! We are still in the process of raising money to match the £25000 grant we have been allocated by the RFU for pitch improvements and new floodlights. We should also shortly be in possession of a shiny(not for long) sewerage pump, security fencing for the wall behind the bar and maybe even a revamped kitchen, if we can raise a little more money.

You will soon be able to purchase Club shorts, ties and for those who have ordered Club dress shirts they will be arriving in October.

Bookings at the club have never looked better, so if you (as a member) want to book the room for a special occasion, get in quick (its free for you!!) £75 for non members. If you are willing to help out at some point behind the bar over the season , contact Helen Chandler or Myself and we can sort out some training for you , any help will be welcome ( we have over 12 functions in Sept & October alone so need all the help we can get )

Have a great season

Bommer

## A WORD FROM THE CAPTAIN

I was delighted to accept the invitation to be captain of Essington RUFC.

It is a great honour and privilege to be Club Captain and I hope I will be able to maintain the standards set in previous years.

At present we have had a great start to the season by employing Jeff Ford as our coach! This has shown in the warm up games and our first league games.

I would also like to encourage players to attend training as the clubs selection policy acknowledges those who have put in the commitment and effort to attend these sessions.

All I can ask of players is that they are 100% committed as I am in making Essington a force to be reckoned with within the rugby community!

May our good start to the season continue.

Nick Brittain  
El Capitano

## Tour

Tour is already partially sorted, we are going to visit our friends from Creighton in Carlisle 23rd-25th March 2012 and the theme is Olympic gods (and goddess), Not the ones who rule, the ones who run!

Cost should be £135 & deposit is due NOW !!

## A Message from Afghanistan

Sorry not sent one of these sooner but internet access hasn't been easy.

Been deployed forward into the Nad Ali region for the first 4 months of the tour with M Coy 42 Commando Royal Marines. Working in small CPs (checkpoints) as a single medic within a multiple of 14-16 blokes.

Being the only medic means I'm in demand and normally complete 2 patrols a day and sometimes one of a night too. Luckily apart from the all the patrolling I've not had a lot to do and haven't had to put any emergency medic skills into practice. Nothing wrong with having a bored medic! Though a lot of that is down to fact that that "the ban" as we call the Taliban can't shoot and rely on spray and pray tactics.

Had enough of the heat out here its low 40's on a cool day. I'll never moan about standing on the Essington pitches in shorts in horizontal rain freezing my bits off again. Will try and send a few more messages before the end of my tour in October now I can get on the internet more.

Good luck against the Crabs from RAF Costford. Wish I could join you for a crack at the Air Force as they bugged up the flights I was suppose to be on and lost 3 days of my RNR.

Dan 'wanking mits' Wynn

## Upcoming Events



### Saturday 8th October: Quiz.

Ginger productions quizmaster will challenge our brain cells.

Prizes for the winning team.

Also we will be testing, choosing and launching our "Essington Cocktail".

To raise money for our charity - Birmingham Childrens Hospital.

Cost: £5 per head. Inc a free drink on arrival.  
Time: 7:30 start.



### Friday 4th November: Bonfire Night.

Enjoyment for all the family with a huge bonfire, fireworks, sparklers and traditional food.

Cost: £5 per head. Inc a free drink on arrival.  
Time: 6pm.



- ✓ 6 Nation Tickets
- ✓ Club Shirts
- ✓ Club Shorts
- ✓ Club Ties

If you're interested in any of the above add your name to the lists in the Club House.