

*Note from the Editor;*

Thanks for all the contributions for this issue of Billericay Ranger, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and successful season

I want to live a life of danger.....

The Editor

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Chairmans Welcome

Hello all. Welcome to the new season! After the struggles of the last couple of seasons I personally am looking forward to some more positive results for the 1st team and ultimately a much better atmosphere at the club. I'd like to start by welcoming Ad Young, Lee Barry, Colin Petrie and Dave Goldsmith onto the committee. I'm sure their input will be invaluable. I'm especially looking forward to Bal's suicidal drinking evenings..... please do your best to come along and support the club.

There are always small tasks available for those of you who'd like to get involved but cannot dedicate as much time as others. Any help is graciously accepted as it will take some pressure off of the already overworked committee.

Off the pitch I'd like to offer my wholehearted thanks and congratulations to all those involved with gaining the RFU Seal of Approval. A colossal amount of work went into this project and those involved can be proud that their efforts mean we are one of the first clubs at our level to attain this status.

On the pitch, training has now started in earnest and, at the time of writing, the first game is only a couple of weeks away. It's unfortunate that we're not able to have another Twickenham run this season but let's hope that means we can all focus on stamping our authority on Essex 1.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, I'd like to thank Goldie, Rew, Cookie and their large band of volunteers who have been making excellent progress with setting up the junior sides. I understand we have been represented at school fetes and are planning summer camps at the club so hopefully we can build upon that. Goldie has arranged for some RFU coaching sessions to be held at the club and there is a lot of interest. Again, if you are able to spare some time to help these guys then I'm sure they will be grateful.

Warmest Regards, your beloved Chairman

Neil Jarvis

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

This year's AGM was no different from all the other AGMs I have been to. There were very few members there and a general feeling of apathy formed an underlying current. But there were moments of comedy as some of the members tried to get their point across. The best moments were trying to understand Lee Barry as he took on yet another position on the Committee.

But enough about all that. I am looking forward to a great season at BRFC. The Committee has several new members and that is a positive step. The first team is playing in Essex 1. Although we have been relegated I think this is a great opportunity to get back to winning and renew the team's confidence. The second and third teams will continue in the merit table and hopefully build on their successes of recent seasons.

Having gained the RFU Seal of Approval it will be a great season for everyone involved in junior rugby. I urge you all to find some time to support the juniors in whatever way you can.

Whilst on the subject of support.....please, please support the club's social events, even if you don't understand what Lee Barry has arranged. He probably won't understand either!! The club needs as much financial support as it can get and the social events help to boost club funds.

Lastly I look forward to seeing all at the bar.....mine's a Guinness!!

Keith Young (President)

**Coaching Update**

Thank you to all of the guys that have turned up to training. We have had 30 plus most nights and it is great to see players from the seconds and thirds turning up and I hope enjoying themselves. I think that in total we have had 45 different people turn up so let's keep it up.

We have arranged some warm up games that are open to everyone. The dates are as follows
7th August
14th August
28th August

They are all going to be home games and I think that there is going to be a pre-season piss up on the 14th with the chance to join an exclusive club, more details to follow.....

Dave Hyatt (Club Coach)

Club Positions Available

We need more "doers" within the club and the old adage rings true...if everybody does a bit then more gets done. Take on one small role and you will allow someone else to contribute more somewhere else. We are all busy people, so why not choose to do something for everybody's benefit.

The following club positions are immediately available and we need YOU to fill them:

Grounds Manager - As Grounds Manager you're in charge of everything outside of the clubhouse, from the pitches and training grounds to spectator areas and car parks. You'll plan their effective use and maintenance, manage budgets and keep everything in ship-shape. Without you, there is no game.

School, College and/or University Liaison Officer - Works to create mutually beneficial links with local education institutions. These links can target increased youth membership, sourcing coaches and referees from a young age, mutual advertising campaigns etc.

Fixtures Secretary - As Fixture Secretary you'll be responsible for organising league, cup and friendly matches for all the teams at the club. League and Cup matches are set by the RFU and so it is purely about plugging the gaps and being a representative. Bottom line is that we wouldn't be a rugby club without fixtures.

Catering Manager - The club needs a Catering Manager to organise after game food (not necessarily cook it themselves) and arrange catering for club functions. A money-spinner for the club if in the right hands.

VPs Lunches

As ever we will be arranging some lunches over the season ostensibly for our Vice Presidents but all are welcome.

We are proposing the following dates: 25th September, 13th November, 18th December, 5th February, 5th March.

We will be offering our usual high quality three courses for £15 with a selection of fine wines for your delectation. This season we are even hoping to have some guest celebrity chefs.

If you would like to attend any of the lunches please contact:

e: geoffmaynard@ukonline.co.uk
p: 07836298205

Geoff Maynard (Culinary Expert)

Communications & PR Manager - You will promote the club and its interests to members and the wider public, raising BRFC's profile and ultimately communicating our successes. Good PR boosts the popularity of the game which will lead to more BRFC members.

County Representative - Represents the club at County RFU level, giving feedback to the RFU about what's working well and what could be improved. You'll also have to be required to raise disciplinary or coaching issues. In short, you'll help develop rugby and the clubs standing within the county.

If you can take on one of these roles then speak to/contact

Chris Goldsmith
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I will be coming to see people about these roles but someone actively putting their hand up is always better.

Chris Goldsmith (Volunteer Co-Ordinator)

BRFC announces charity for new season

Billericay RFC have a rich tradition of raising money for charity, ask any commuter at Billericay train station around November time...

BRFC are pleased to announce Orchid as their chosen charity for the season 2010 / 2011.

Events will be arranged during the season to support this charity

Orchid was set up in 1996 by former testicular cancer patient Colin Osborne and Professor Tim Oliver who treated him at Bart's Hospital where the charity is now based. Colin fought and won his battle with male cancer but sadly there are many other who have lost. To ensure they can fight the battle for men, they raise voluntary funds which enable them to continue funding pioneering research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of these dreadful diseases. They also seek to improve education, so that symptoms can be recognised by potential victims and medical attention sought early; helping doctors to find cancers at an early stage when treatment is easier.

"Men should not die because of ignorance or embarrassment"

The aim is to raise as much as possible for this Charity but for a target we would like to raise £2000

Members of BRFC completed the Orchid 40mile bike ride in aid of the charity early this summer (raising £397.50)
<http://www.justgiving.com/40milepubcycrawl>



Billericay RFC – Our Application

The requirement for mini/youth teams at BRCC was identified about 3 years ago as a way to build some sustained growth into our club and also to mix more with our local community.

It quickly became clear that it would be at first desirable and then necessary to embark on the long road to attaining the RFU Seal of Approval. This is essentially a scheme which sets participating clubs certain standards to achieve and maintain with regard to facilities, coaching, child welfare and a host of other criteria - all with the common aim of providing a safe and responsibly organised environment to encourage and train mini and youth teams to play Rugby Union.

We started work on our application 18 months ago. A small team split the required work into manageable pieces and with the help of our Rugby Development Officer Keith Green, completed it a few weeks ago. We are very pleased to be able to announce the recent award of our accreditation.

Many Thanks to all involved in making this happen, the future is bright, the future is BLACK and GOLD!

Please contact us at mini rugby@billericay-rfc.co.uk for any further information you may require.

Steve Winford (BRFC Committee)

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New Constitution

At the 2010 AGM, a new BRFC Constitution was ratified which will satisfy the requirements of both the club and the RFU in our bid to develop a youth section and enhance the administration of the club. The constitution is the defining document of any club as it sets out how the club is to be run on a long term and day to day basis. It includes subjects such as how we elect our officials and their powers/responsibilities, how we report our finances, a high level equity policy, our disciplinary procedure (the 'Bennett and Norfolk' section...), right through to what playing colours the club wears (not much change there...).

The major addition for 2010 has been the inclusion of role descriptions and responsibilities for each of the elected and non-elected positions within the club. This is needed to satisfy the RFU Seal of Approval as it gives those who hold these positions a benchmark from which to measure their efforts and push themselves further. A copy of the Club Constitution will be kept on the notice board in the bar and is available via the club website. We would encourage all members to have a read as it represents our collective commitment as members of BRFC.

Chris Goldsmith (BRFC Committee)



Billericay Bees...Our Future



For the last 2 season I have been working with two age groups on Sunday mornings at Willowbrook having previously coached an after school club at Quilters Infant school for three terms.

Last season I had Cookie, Dave Wicks and Matt Bausor assist me with the sessions which was greatly appreciated as I had family or refereeing commitments on a few of the Sunday's and without them helping the sessions simply wouldn't have happened.

Towards the end of last season the then under 8's played their first game away at Chelmsford. The TAG games at this age group are 5 minutes each way. We scored our first try after 20 seconds and it was hard to control the team's excitement. Eventually we won both games, 7-4 and 9-4 respectively.

Behind the scenes, Steve Winford, Chris Goldsmith, Anthony Harvey, Andy Goldsmith, Glenn Branch, Laura Parker and I have been working hard to achieve the RFU Seal of Approval, something which we are provisionally signed off for. This will open doors to us with regards to funding opportunities and access to school partnerships.

Andy Collings (Youth Chairman)



Season 2010 – 11 – Building a Successful Youth Setup

Continuing a successful start.....

With our recent good work at Buttsbury school reaping rewards, we have received a number of emails from parents asking for information on the sessions, This season I am hoping that our mini section will grow and expand to include;

- Under 6's (School Year 1)
- Under 7's (School Year 2)
- Under 8's (School Year 3)
- Under 9's (School Year 4)

Spread the word.....

We have 14 people going on a tag rugby coaching course at the club, run by the RFU and delivered by our good friend Dean Cutting.

If you would like to get involved and coach one hour every couple of weeks to **PUT SOMETHING BACK IN TO YOUR CLUB** then please contact mini rugby@billericay-rfc.co.uk or speak to Andy Collings / Andy Goldsmith

Andy Collings (Billericay Bees)

Billericay RFC Socials 2010-11

This season sees Lee Barry take up the role of Social Secretary with the focus upon mass participation

HIS MANIFESTO

- 1 event per month.
- Alternating events per month between FAMILY EVENING and CLUB EVENING

EVENT IDEAS

- Comedy Club
 - Romford Dogs
- We not just talking night clubs!*
- Sunday Away Games
 - Club Drinking Ironman
 - Club Evenings
- Pre planned activities i.e. Casino Nights not just club to pub*

**** Date for your Diary ****
CLUB DAY
14th AUGUST 2010

Also – our newly elected Social Secretary, the infamous Lee Barry, would like to recruit some glamorous assistants to help him organise this seasons social events.

Contact: Lee Barry
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A HAPPY CLUB IS A HEALTHY CLUB!



2010-11		BILLERICAY	RFC	FIXTURES		3rdXV	H/A	C		
month	date	1st XV	H/A	C	2nd XV	H/A	C	3rdXV	H/A	C
august	7	>		F						
	14	Writtle (2pm KO)	H	F						
	21									
	28	>		F	Old Brentwood 10's	A	F			
september	4	CUP		C/F	Thurrock III	H	M	Kings Cross	A	M
	11	East London	H	L	Barking III	A	M	Stanford III	H	M
	18	Old Brentwood	A	L	Southend IV	H	M	East London IV	A	M
october	25	Maldon	H	L	East London II	A	M	Brentwood IV	A	M
	2	>		F	Rochford III	H	M	Ilford V	A	M
	9	Millwall	A	L	Chingford III	A	M	Wanstead III	H	M
	16	CUP			Thurrock IV	H	F	Romford IV	A	F
	23	Dagenham	H	L	Canvey II	A	M	Runwell II	A	M
	30	Thames	A	L	Chelmsford III	H	M	Stanford III	A	M
november	2									
	6	CUP		C/F	Maldon II	H	F	Maldon III	A	F
E V AUS	13	Brightlingsea	H	L	Romford III	A	F	Thurrock V	H	F
	20	Clacton	A	L	Woodford III	A	M			
E V SAMOA	27	CUP		C/F	South WF II	H	F	May & Baker II	H	F
	4	Pegasus Palmerians	H	L	Barking III	H	M	East London IV	H	M
december	11	Old Cooperians	A	L	Southend IV	A	M	Brentwood IV	A	M
	18	Old Brentwood	H	L	East London II	H	M	Ilford V	H	M
	25									
january	1									
	8	Maldon	A	L	Rochford III	A	M	Thurrock V	A	F
	15	>		F	Chingford III	H	M	Wanstead III	A	M
	22	Millwall	H	L	Canvey II	H	M	Runwell II	H	M
	29	Dagenham	A	L	Chelmsford III	A	M	Kings Cross	H	M
february	2									
	4	FRI								
W v E 1945	5	Thames	H	L	Thurrock IV	A	F	Thurrock V	A	F
	12	CUP		C/F	Maldon II	A	F	Romford IV	H	F
E V IT 1430	19	Brightlingsea	A	L	Woodford III	H	M			
	26	CUP		C/F	Romford III	H	F	Maldon III	H	F
march	3									
	5	Clacton	H	L	Thurrock III	A	M			
	12	Pegasus Palmerians	A	L	South W F II	A	F			
E V S 1500	13	SUN								
	19	CUP		C/F				May & Baker II	A	F
E V IR 1700	26	Old Cooperians	H	L	BL SEMI FINAL			BL SEMI FINAL		
	2	CUP		C/F	South W F Vets	A	F	South W F Vets	A	F
april	9	East London	A	L	BL FINAL			BL FINAL		
	16									
	23									
	30									
may										
Autumn	7									
6N	14									
<p>Key: L = League C = CUP M = Merit F = Friendly</p>										
<p>2011 DINNER & DANCE 2011 TOUR WEEKEND</p>										
<p>7TH ANNUAL BILLERICAY SEVENS</p>										