

# Chelmsford Rugby Football Club

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Notice is hereby given that the incorporated Chelmsford Rugby Football Club will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting at: **8.00 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the Clubhouse.**

Members of the Incorporated Club are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting or to complete and submit the form of proxy, included with this notice.

Lawrence Crispin  
Honorary Secretary  
11<sup>th</sup> April 2011

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Consideration of reports from Officers of the Club, which are included with this notice.
6. Resolution to adopt the Accounts of the Club to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, which are included with this notice.
7. The election of Officers and Directors of the Club .
8. Any other business.
9. Set the date of the next AGM.

**Clubhouse, Ground and Registered Office**  
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**Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6AG**  
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<b>President</b>	<b>Andrew Green</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Malcolm Davies (director)</b>
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	<b>Peter Tyrie (director)</b>
<b>Hon Secretary</b>	<b>Lawrence Crispin (director)</b>

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## Form of Proxy

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name)

of \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

\_\_\_\_\_

being a member of the incorporated Chelmsford Rugby Football Club, hereby appoint the chairman of the meeting as my proxy to vote in my name and on my behalf at the annual general meeting of the Club to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and at any adjournment thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2011 (date)

You must deliver this form of proxy to the Clubhouse at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Colin Ash, Stafford Butt, Aled Davies, Peter Kimp, Rhodri Morgan, Dave Morris, Graham Venn, Dave Woods.

### **2. Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting.**

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were adopted and signed as a true record by the Chairman – Mal Davies.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes.**

None

### **4. Correspondence.**

A Form of Proxy was received from the following members: Scott Brown, Robert Gammie, Matthew Kennedy and Robert Lang.

### **5. Consideration of reports from the Chairman and Honorary Treasurer.**

The Chairman's and Honorary Treasurer's reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

### **6. Resolution to adopt the Accounts of the Club for the year to 31 July 2009.**

The members present adopted the resolution.

### **7. Resolution to amend clause four of the Club Constitution.**

The members present adopted the resolution.

### **8. Resolution to allow members to choose an alternative class of membership with a reduced subscription and the payment of a discretionary donation that will be eligible for Gift Aid.**

The members present adopted the resolution.

### **9. Election of Officers & Auditor.**

**President:** Andy Green

**Chairman:** Mal Davies

**Vice Chairman:** Kidida Cheema

**Hon Secretary:** Lawrence Crispin

**Ass Hon Secretary:** Rob Evans

**Hon Treasurer:** Peter Tyrie

**Ass Hon Treasurer:** Rhodri Morgan

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**Membership Secretary:** Peter Tyrie  
**Hon Match & Fixture Secretary:** Clare St John-Coleman  
**Chairman of Youth:** Richard Payne  
**Secretary of Youth:** vacant  
**Manager of Minis:** Jon Willis  
**Secretary to Minis:** vacant  
**Chairman of Development & Fundraising Committee:** Robin Smylie  
**Publicity Officer:** Stuart Bolton  
**Chairman of House & Grounds:** Alan Haines  
**Social Secretary:** Pip Tett  
**Volunteer Co-Ordinator:** Rob Evans  
**Club Coaching Co-Ordinator:** Debbie Tyrie  
**Player Development Manager:** Dave Morris  
**Safeguarding & Child Welfare Officer:** Kidder Cheema  
**Disability Officer:** Gordon Ash  
**Referee Co-Ordinator:** Dave Clark  
**Chairman of Selectors:** vacant  
**Players Captain:** Gordon Ash  
**Club Captain:** Kevin Prior  
**2<sup>nd</sup> XV Captain:** Jon Bull  
**3<sup>rd</sup> XV Captain:** Kevin Servantes  
**4<sup>th</sup> XV Captain:** vacant  
**Vets Captain:** David Worsfold  
**Ladies Captain:** Jenny Kenway

## 10.A.O.B.

Thanks were given to the retiring Chairman of Minis, Mike Barnett and all the other officers of the Club who were standing down at the end of the season.

## 11. Set the date of the next AGM.

4<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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## Chairman's Report

By most measures that can be used, this season can only be described as very successful for Chelmsford Rugby Club. Teams at all levels have performed brilliantly.

At Senior level, the 1st XV have established a new Club record of 18 games undefeated, 2s, 3s/Development squad and Undertakers squads reached Cup or Plate finals in the BL leagues and the Ladies Team have secured promotion.

At Youth level, the Colts only lost 1 game all season, reached the Essex Cup Final and had a great run in the National Colts Cup. The U17 achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league, the U16 just missed out on promotion, the U15 Development squad won Div 4 and the A squad lost only 3 matches. The U14 reached the semi final of the Essex Cup and the U13 Warriors won the Div 4 title whilst the U13 Rhinos played 22 and won 20, narrowly missing the title in the last game of the season. Many of the players at Youth level gained representative honours in their age groups and most operate in two teams.

At Minis level, coaches and volunteers continue to nurture the future with many age groups operating 2 teams with much success. Our own 37<sup>th</sup> Minis Festival saw the spirit and enthusiasm they all regularly display on show, with congratulatory messages being sent from visiting clubs regarding the spirit, enjoyment and welcome they received on the day.

Please read the individual team reports from the dedicated coaches and volunteers, which follow, to get further details of the many successes and achievements of all our teams.

### Finance and Member Services

This year, we have continued to strengthen the infrastructure of the Club and extend our member services. Sound financial planning and monitoring have ensured that we are at a break even position which given the present national fiscal situation is something to be proud of. The extension to our Clubhouse is enabling us to offer more to users as a training and social venue. Bookings are healthy for the off season.

We will be concentrating our efforts next season on securing much greater sponsorship.

We will also continue to develop the Club as a venue for large social and corporate events. The installation of a wireless network and planned improved audio-visual facilities will help with this.

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## Chairman's Report

### **A big thank you to Volunteers, Members and Sponsors**

I take this opportunity to thank all those Club officers, coaches, volunteers, referees, members and sponsors for their continued support and hard work. We are committed to developing our coaches, officials and volunteers.

It is a never-ending source of pride when we welcome visitors to the Club, for whatever event, to hear such positive comments from them about how we do things at CRFC and the facilities they enjoy. All of this is down to you, the volunteers and members, who develop our players, who care about the badge and care about promoting the sporting ethos of Rugby.

Thank you so much.

Mal Davies

Chairman

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## Treasurer's Report

The accounts to be presented at the AGM are the first set for the incorporated Club and cover the period from incorporation of the Company on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. The assets and liabilities of the old unincorporated Club were transferred to the new Company and trading commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 with the accounts covering the 13 months to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. The Club put back its financial year-end by one month, giving the thirteen-month period, so that it can continue to hold its AGM in May and be able to comply with a deadline to file accounts at Companies' House. The accounts give members far more detail of the Club's running costs than has previously been the case.

During the period, the Club completed capital expenditure of £190,835 on the Clubhouse and received £128,397 in donations, gift aid and grants to fund it, having raised the balance in earlier years.

Club membership has increased and subscription income risen from £49,536 in 2008-2009 to £60,128 in the period covered by the accounts. Just before the end of the accounting period, the Club started to claim gift aid on that part of subscriptions re-designated a donation, which amounted to £333. A considerable number of members have yet to sign the Gift Aid declaration and the Club is losing a significant amount of Gift Aid as a result.

The profit shown for the period of £124,556 includes £128,397 of special non-recurring income relating to the Club extension plus a write back of £8,069 to demolish the old Clubhouse, overprovided in the previous year. Adjusting the profit for these two non-recurring items gives a potential loss in a future period, given similar recurring income and expenditure, of £11,910.

However, the cash position of the Club remains roughly neutral after allowing for depreciation of £17,678 charged in the accounts, for which there is no immediate cash outlay offset by the RFU loan repayment of £7,692, which the accounts do not include in arriving at the profit. Adjusting a future period loss of £11,910 for these two amounts gives a deficiency of £1,924 in terms of cash.

The above figures show that the Club is spending all its income and we badly need to replace the income lost from the regular letting of the Clubhouse to the nursery and from our major long-term sponsor.

Members will note that whilst prepared by a firm of accountants, the Club has not had these accounts professionally audited, as legislation did not require it and we considered the cost of several thousand pounds to be prohibitive. As a company, we can no longer take advantage of the previous informal audit, carried out by a member.

Peter Tyrie

Honorary Treasurer

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## Team Reports

### 1<sup>st</sup> XV

What a season we have had. After losing the first three games of the season against the top three teams in the league what finally panned out is that we went on to break the Club's league record of eighteen unbeaten games. In that time, we played some of the best rugby ever seen from a Chelmsford squad. All credit must go to the players who after the early setbacks never stopped believing in themselves and showed what a talented group of players they are, even with those around them questioning them; the strength of character they showed was second to none. They have made me very proud to lead them and earned their just rewards, their improvement this year as a squad has taken the Club to a new level.

This squad has rewritten the record books and now is the time to reflect and enjoy what they have achieved with each other and the supporters who have followed us around. Without their support, away venues would have been very lonely places.

The future looks very bright with young players stepping up to the first team this year, Zain Manan and Josh Clark to name but two. They have learned their trade from talented senior players such as Kevin Prior, Richie Vinter, Paul Welch and Simon Quinn. This great mixture of youth and experience has moved the team forward.

This squad cannot stand still and we will work harder pre season to beat our previous record.

Without the Club Captains, my job would be an impossible task, so many thanks to Kev Prior, Jon Ball, Kev Servantes and Dave Worsfold for their help and support.

Since I joined the Club, two players have been regular stalwarts but sadly, they have decided to retire. I would personally like to thank Richie Vinter and Dom Fenton for all their efforts, both will be missed on the field of play.

My last thanks will be to Mal and the Committee for their support of me and the players.

The future looks bright at Chelmsford with more young players coming through the ranks, the only way we can go is forward. It will take a lot of hard work and motivation and we will give it our best shot.

Eddie Gooby

Director of Rugby

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> XV

Finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 of the BL Merit Tables looks on paper to be a considerable achievement given the quality of opposition we faced. However, ultimately the squad will look back on the season as one that could have provided so much more with lack of availability on match days and poor commitment to training hampering the team's attempts to build the strong team unit required to compete with the likes of Westcliff, Southend and Woodford.

5th spot in the league meant a Plate semi final versus Harlow that saw a narrow 13-3 victory and then an even narrower defeat in the Final against a strong Romford side by a score of 20 -15, a game that was to be the last for the Club for loyal Club servant Dom Fenton.

Highlights of the season included a massive victory over Harlow that saw Wes Plumb notch 4 tries, league doubles over both Thurrock and Rochford and a memorable away victory over last season's champions Brentwood. There was a strong showing from youngsters Stu Kirwan and Matt Eva as well as the continued development of Josh Clark and the emergence of Olly West, both of whom would force their way into contention for the 1<sup>st</sup> team. In addition, Dave Watson, Tim Clarke and Chris Huartson all performed consistently throughout.

Despite the difficulties faced over the duration of this season there is every reason to believe that next season will see an improvement in fortunes. Stronger commitment to the cause by the older heads combined with the emerging raw talent coming through the ranks should see Chelmsford 2s challenging for the league title next year.

Jon Ball

2<sup>nd</sup> XV Captain

### **The Undertakers.**

The Undertakers enjoyed another successful season finishing third in BL Merit league 6 as well as narrowly losing the Cup final 29-22 against May & Baker. Injuries took their toll of the squad with several key players missing for large parts of the season. Most notably, Club stalwart Bobby Barnes or Yoda as he is known affectionately, suffered a serious illness, which has cut short his blossoming rugby career in its prime. Bobby is recovering but is sadly missed by his teammates, if only for the pre-match rituals and deep heat vapours. At the opposite end of the age spectrum, the 17 year olds that made the step up to senior rugby, albeit fewer than in

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previous years, have shown their potential and will no doubt find their way in to the higher teams next season.

Dave Worsfold

4th Team Captain

### Ladies Team

Finishing as runners-up in the previous two seasons, the Ladies finally achieved promotion from Division NCE3 with only one loss in the season. After a good start against Leighton and Fakenham, the Ladies stuttered away against Peterborough, two interception tries sealing the defeat. Plain hard work, the adoption of a new system and excellent defence (only 36 points conceded in the league season), with Stanford's continued reluctance to play them, resulted in their final home league game against Peterborough being crucial. In their best performance of the season, the Ladies took the game 48-14 to clinch promotion. Despite their old rivals Southwold and Harlow waiting in the next division, the Ladies aim for a top three finish and hope they will continue to enjoy the great support they have received this season.

Jenny Kenway

Ladies Captain

### Colts

It has been a great year for the colts despite losing over half of the squad to University and the age limit. In the National Cup they managed to knock out Shelford who are Eastern Counties champions and then they came back from a 15 point deficit against Wyndonham, to progress through to the cup stage for the first time in the Club's history. The Colts have only lost 1 game all season, which was to Winchester in the National Cup, which includes a number of London, Southeast and England representatives. A number of colts players have been a big part of the first team's success as well as other senior teams and there are more players coming through and developing well who will continue to bolster the senior teams.

Next season might be a little tougher with fewer U17 players to bolster the numbers in the squad but we might be able to offset this from the current U16 squad, which is very large. We already have a plan to help cushion any problems that might arise

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but all in all the future is very bright with the Colts getting to the final of the Essex cup.

Sharks' News: We have 5 players attending the Sharks' Academy in South Africa this year, Jamie Morrish, Zain Manan, Ash Wright, Tom Allway and Will Jarvis. In the future, we might be able to offer scholarships to the Sharks' Academy if we can meet the requirements of the SARU rugby exchange.

Dave Morris

Player Development Manager.

### U17

This season was always going to be about enjoying our rugby and that is exactly what we achieved. A number of the squad are still in full time education and some are completing apprentices alongside college work and frighteningly this is the year that they are allowed to drive...! Despite the many diversions and distractions, the U17 squad has continued to grow stronger throughout this season and welcomed new players to Chelmsford RFC.

We finished a creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league and only lost out on the top spot due to a less than par performance back at the start of October. Since then the team have not looked back, putting in some phenomenal performances against the likes of Chingford and Sudbury. In addition, many of the squad have also developed an appetite for Colts rugby and have made an impression within the Colts squad; thanks to Dave Morris for helping to facilitate this.

Our thanks also go to the parents of all the U17 squad for their support continuing support, including filling water bottles, setting up pitches, running touch or helping us dissect the finer points of the team's performance in the bar afterwards. Rob Whitelock deserves special thanks for again making himself available to referee many of our home games, an unenviable task!

We have been working with many of these young men for over 10 years now and are extremely proud to have seen them grow and develop both on and off the field. Whatever their future endeavors we wish them well and hope that rugby continues to be part of their lives.

Hans Glover and Rick Coppack

U17 Coaches

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### U16

The U16 Buccaneers have gone from strength to strength this season only just missing league promotion on the last game of the season. The U16 will start next season with both teams going into the under U17 leagues. This will bode well for both the Colts and future senior teams. The team has been lead from the front by its captain, Simon cooper who, leading by example. Thanks go to the coaches, to Staff Butt, Ken Padmore and John O'Reardon.

Pip Tett.

U16 Coach

### U15

2010/11 has been a full on but exciting season for us. For the first time, with a squad of nearly 40 lads we entered both teams in the league, one in the 1st Division and the Development squad in the 4th Division. We were hoping to win both leagues, which we felt was more than achievable. With the mix of ability and experience in the squad from boys who have played since they were 6 yrs old to those who have only just started it was always going to be a challenge!

The season, I would say, has been a success mainly for the progress of the Development Squad who won the 4th Division and will play next season in Division 3. A mention should go to the lads who have made the transition from the Development Squad to the A team. The A team relinquished their league title for the first time since becoming Youth but losing 3 league matches in 3 seasons is not a bad record. We have 6 lads in the Essex squad, 4 of whom started when Essex beat Kent at Romford last month. We are looking forward to next season.

With thanks to Steve Ferrier, Jack Redfern and Richard Payne for their ongoing support.

Gordon Ash.

U15 Coach

### U14

The squad grew in experience, skill and strength, showing a marked improvement from last year. Although we lost several League fixtures, we did close the gap and witnessed the opposition expressing higher regard for us. We reached the Semi final

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of the Cup and finished joint fifth in the League, most notably beating Braintree in our last fixture. Three squad members played for Essex selections this season, Billy Walker, Lloyd Ellis and John Harwood.

We also saw a swell in numbers resulting in B fixtures being played for the first time, leading us to enter a B squad into the League next season. We are now looking forward to going on Tour in North Norfolk with games scheduled at both Holt and West Norfolk rugby clubs.

James Phelan

U14 Manager

### U13

A hugely successful year for both teams (Rhinos and Warriors) as they entered Youth Rugby. With 44 players, we have been able to maintain the running of two teams throughout the year even when blighted by injury.

The Rhinos, Essex Champions last season and League Champion contenders for Division 1 this year, have several players in the Essex School of Rugby and two in the EPDG academies, but their strength is their ability to play as a 15 man team. They have an enviable set of forwards and their backs play some of the best flowing rugby in the County. Having played 22 games this season, the Rhinos won 20 in emphatic style scoring 588 points for 172 against in the process. They lost one game to the national champions Amptill and then in the ultimate pulsating League Championship decider, packed with passion and drama, lost 19-17 away to Westcliff after having dominated for most of the match (they were just unable to finish try scoring opportunities on 6 occasions!).

The Warriors started with a drubbing against Woodford, a close loss to a strong Bishops Stortford team and the omens pointed to a difficult season for the Warriors! However, with an emphatic victory against Thames in their opening league match the squad never looked back. Subsequent easy victories over Brighlingsea, Braintree and Colchester were the perfect preparation for the Warriors 2nd and decisive league victory against Clacton. A couple of subsequent losses did not dent the Warriors' confidence; if anything it made them hungrier for victory. The progress of the squad throughout the year was evident with a crunching 39-0 win against Brighlingsea and hard fought victories over Clacton and Burnham. The stand out match of the season was a close away loss to Tarbard (a 2nd division side in their area), where only the clock prevented an improbable victory. The Warriors deserve to

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be Division 4 champions after securing maximum League points that see them promoted to Division 3 next year.

A huge thank you to the coaches, parents, referees and team sponsors (ICAP and Progressive Furniture) for all their support and to the players who have been a pleasure to coach. The U13 squad has developed beyond all expectation and we look forward to what promises to be another exciting, action packed season in 2011-12.

Debbie Glover.

U13 Coach

### U12

Our last season of Mini's Rugby has seen some interesting changes in terms of player development and in terms of the dynamics of the squad. With the boys starting secondary school in September 2010, rugby has become more than just a Sunday morning activity and for many, this involves a number of training sessions during the week as well as school matches after school and on Saturdays. On top of this, they have had to adapt to a large pitch.

Given the above, we have seen a number of boys develop tremendously during the season, improving their skills and confidence. Mid-way through the season, numbers started to swell, mainly due to lads playing school rugby for the first time and wanting to get involved in a club environment. As at April 2011, we had a squad of 40.

At the start of the season, we had both an A Team and B Team and as in previous seasons, there was a big gulf between the two. This gap got smaller and smaller as the season progressed, to a point where there was clearly an overlap between the two. This has been fantastic to witness.

In terms of performance, we have had a mixture of good and not so good results. When playing a fixture where the opposition fielded both an A and B Team, it was often our B Team that were the victors, confirming their progress in terms of development. In October 2010, we won the Vase Trophy at both the Southend Elite and Thurrock Festivals and reached the Plate semi-final at the Essex Festival.

Probably the highlight of the season was lifting the Plate Trophy at the inaugural Romford & Gidea Park Festival in early April. It was not so much the lifting of the trophy, which gave the coaches the most pleasure but the manner of the victories. We finished the festival with three consecutive 30-0 wins, playing the sort of rugby

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that we had been striving for all year – pressure on the opposition, rucking hard, the ball through the hands of the backs and good support play.

Well done to all the lads who played during the season and to the parents who stand around in the cold and the wet (and occasionally the sunshine) cheering the lads on. A big thank you goes to Head Coach, Steve Kiely, who not only wants to ensure the development of the boys and the teams but that we maintain the true spirit of the game of rugby at grass roots level. Another big thank you goes to Sheena Griffiths, who as Social Secretary has put a massive amount of time into organising and coordinating the Bournemouth Tour for the U12.

Roll on Youth rugby.

Neil Corfield

U12 Coach

### U11

Our wins, in terms of games, far outweighed our losses. We did not enter a festival or contested for any silverware. The team have played bravely and consistently, and perhaps most importantly as young gentlemen, which makes me (as their coach) and I am sure you as parents, extremely proud. We have been fortunate in gaining several extra players, both experienced and inexperienced, who have settled into a strong squad. Many of the new players earned representative honors at the Essex festival. The key feature for me was to see the smiles as they began to understand the game, scoring tries, winning ball, controlling games and enjoying being part of a winning side and a winning squad.

I will supply you with match stats at presentation evening, the date of which is yet to be confirmed. I must thank Jon, Pete, Dr John and Ian for their coaching ability, suggestions and wealth of knowledge; I know the boys appreciate it. Thank you for your support and I look forward to another successful season next year.

Barry Adams

U11 Coach

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### U10

The U10 have had another very successful season and have recruited new members right through. The transition to contested scrums has been a real area of strength for the forwards who have rarely lost their own put in and regularly won against the head, which complemented our already exciting back play. We have retained and developed several players who are real individual talents, who could go on to play at a high standard. This has not detracted from the great team spirit throughout the squad. The coaching team now in its third year is gelling very well and each of the three coaches broaden the skill set available to the boys (and girl) and as always the coaches consider themselves lucky to have the support of a great set of parents. We have come up against only 3 or 4 sides better than us this season and they have shown us what we need to work on for the players to compete at an even higher level, though our intention as a coaching team is always to keep enjoyment for the kids as our priority.

Barry Marsden

U10 Coach

### U9

For their first year of contact rugby, the boys did really well. The U9 coaches are proud of the improvement by all the boys throughout the season. Our numbers have gone up slightly to 35, which is excellent, as teams tend to have diminished numbers when moving from tag to contact rugby.

This year we have created two teams, Spartans and Titans, and increased the coaching staff to 5. This has really helped the players' development with a marked improvement in the second half of the season. Over the course of the season, we have probably won more than we lost. The Spartans reached the cup finals at the Thurrock and Chelmsford Festivals, unfortunately narrowly losing both. The Titans shared the plate at the Upminster Festival and were runners up at the Chelmsford Festival. Unfortunately, the Spartans were unlucky at the Essex Festival but to give the boys their due, they kept their heads up and put in some cracking performances.

Martin Atkinson

U9 Coach

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### U8

The U8 have had a magnificent season. The highlight of October was our development squad at the Thurrock Festival, where the team took Thurrock's A squad right to the wire, something which no other team had done that day.

The training plan the U8 follow, concentrates on development of core skills - ball Handling, footwork and decision. The players were given more input as to how they should play each game, we appoint captains who make the decisions on the pitch, not the coaches. This has developed communication and leadership skills within the team, allowing us to identify several natural leaders, not a bad thing for 7/8 year olds!

The training plan has borne fruit as we are now witnessing the team using the skills and techniques we have practiced during the games, resulting in our best ever performance at Romford & Gidea Park's Festival, winning all the pool games, making the Cup Final and losing to a very well drilled Upminster. We managed this by developing a structure whereby the boys could identify their key roles and follow them rigidly. We also have a great bunch of parents, whose enthusiastic vocal support is very welcome!

Ade Cuthill

U8 Coach

### U7

With 6 coaches, 35 registered players and a number of new players due to sign up, fun, inclusion and equality has been our consistent approach. Our training sessions are fun, so the players learn the required skills with smiles on their faces. Skills are then put into practice in matches where the inclusion and equality plays its important part. Our teams Tigers, Warriors and Wasps are of mixed abilities and can compete with anyone!

So how did we do, other than Braintree we were unbeaten in matches (beat them twice in festivals) and out of the 5 festivals we attended;

Southend Elite Plate Winners

Thurrock Festival winners (unbeaten) and Trophy Winners

Chelmsford Festival winners

Essex Festival Winners (unbeaten) – The only time this season our strongest side chosen.

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The support from the parents has been truly amazing this season and one of the main reasons for its success; we consistently took 30 players to away games, even when our opponents only had 1 side.

After winning the Essex Festival, we have a dream finish lined up as we have been invited to the Wasps St Georges Day Festival, with the opportunity to play on the hallowed turf of Twickenham if they can reach the final!

Matt Corbett

U7 Coach