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THE NEWSLETTER OF WELSHPOOL RFC - JULY 18, 2011

FIRST TEAM AWAY TO BANGOR IN OPENING GAME OF 2011-12

3rd September, 2011
Bangor v Welshpool
Caer Borderers v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Flint
Llangoed v Shotton Steel
Llangollen v Benllech
Holyhead v Harlech

10th September, 2011
Menai Bridge v Bangor
Welshpool v Rhos
Shotton Steel v Caer Borderers
Flint v Llangollen
Harlech v Llangoed
Benllech v Holyhead

17th September, 2011
Rhos v Bangor
Llangollen v Welshpool
Menai Bridge v Shotton Steel
Caer Borderers v Harlech
Holyhead v Flint
Llangoed v Benllech

24th September 2011
Bangor v Shotton Steel
Welshpool v Holyhead
Harlech v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Llangollen
Benllech v Caer Borderers
Flint v Llangoed

1st October, 2011
Llangollen v Bangor
Llangoed v Welshpool
Menai Bridge v Benllech
Holyhead v Rhos
Shotton Steel v Harlech
Caer Borderers v Flint

15th October, 2011
Bangor v Harlech
Welshpool v Caer Borderers
Flint v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Llangoed
Benllech v Shotton Steel
Llangollen v Holyhead

22nd October, 2011
Holyhead v Bangor
Menai Bridge v Welshpool
Caer Borderers v Rhos
Shotton Steel v Flint
Llangoed v Llangollen
Harlech v Benllech

29th October, 2011
Bangor v Benllech
Welshpool v Shotton Steel
Rhos v Menai Bridge

Llangollen v Caer Borderers
Flint v Harlech
Holyhead v Llangoed

12th November, 2011
Llangoed v Bangor
Harlech v Welshpool
Menai Bridge v Llangollen
Shotton Steel v Rhos
Caer Borderers v Holyhead
Benllech v Flint

19th November, 2011
Bangor v Flint
Welshpool v Benllech
Holyhead v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Harlech
Llangoed v Caer Borderers
Llangollen v Shotton Steel

26th November, 2011
Caer Borderers v Bangor
Menai Bridge v Llangoed
Benllech v Rhos
Shotton Steel v Holyhead
Harlech v Llangollen
Flint v Welshpool

17th December, 2011
Welshpool v Bangor
Menai Bridge v Caer Borderers
Flint v Rhos
Shotton Steel v Llangoed
Benllech v Llangollen
Harlech v Holyhead

7th January, 2012
Bangor v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Welshpool
Caer Borderers v Shotton Steel
Llangollen v Flint
Llangoed v Harlech
Holyhead v Benllech

14th January, 2012
Bangor v Rhos
Welshpool v Llangollen
Shotton Steel v Menai Bridge
Harlech v Caer Borderers
Flint v Holyhead
Benllech v Llangoed

21st January, 2012
Shotton Steel v Bangor
Holyhead v Welshpool
Menai Bridge v Harlech
Llangollen v Rhos
Caer Borderers v Benllech
Llangoed v Flint

11th February, 2012
Bangor v Llangollen
Welshpool v Llangoed
Benllech v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Holyhead
Harlech v Shotton Steel
Flint v Caer Borderers

18th February, 2012
Harlech v Bangor
Caer Borderers v Welshpool
Menai Bridge v Flint
Llangoed v Rhos
Shotton Steel v Benllech
Holyhead v Llangollen

3rd March, 2012
Bangor v Holyhead
Welshpool v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Caer Borderers
Flint v Shotton Steel
Llangollen v Llangoed
Benllech v Harlech

24th March, 2012
Benllech v Bangor
Shotton Steel v Welshpool
Menai Bridge v Rhos
Caer Borderers v Llangollen
Harlech v Flint
Llangoed v Holyhead

31st March, 2012
Bangor v Llangoed
Welshpool v Harlech
Llangollen v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Shotton Steel
Holyhead v Caer Borderers
Flint v Benllech

7th April, 2012
Flint v Bangor
Benllech v Welshpool
Menai Bridge v Holyhead
Harlech v Rhos
Caer Borderers v Llangoed
Shotton Steel v Llangollen

14th April, 2012
Bangor v Caer Borderers
Llangoed v Menai Bridge
Rhos v Benllech
Holyhead v Shotton Steel
Llangollen v Harlech
Welshpool v Flint

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Newly-elected Chairman Mel John insists improvements are made for 2011-12



Speaking at the Club's recent Annual General Meeting, Mel John, new Chairman, made it clear to those present that he expects dramatic improvements next season, especially on the pitch.

Mel stated: 'Last season's relegation to Division 3 North had been a bitter pill to swallow but the Club must look forward and not backwards and everybody involved with the Club must look at themselves and commit to going the extra mile to get Welshpool RFC moving back up the North Wales ladder.'

All at the AGM were reminded by Mel that 'we are one club and the different sections must work together'.

Officials elected at the meeting were as follows:

Patron: Mel John

President: Alun Gape

Chairman: Mel John

Vice-Chairman: Steve Pastfield

Secretary: Gary Williams

Assist Secretary: Barry Williams

Treasurer: Steve Pastfield

Fixture Secretary: Gary Williams

Youth Fixture Sec: Dai Griffiths

Commercial/Sponsorship Committee:

Darren Williams, Dai Griffiths, Mel John, Jackie Griffiths, Sarah Williams

Social Organiser: Andy Thomas

Social/Fundraising Committee:

Daley Jones, Barry Williams, Jackie Griffiths, Sarah Williams

Grounds Convenor: Tom Worthy

Bar Manager: Frank Johns

Clubhouse Officer: Clive Lloyd

200 Club Organiser: Nick Larder

Int Ticket Committee: Mel John and Dan Hulse

Club Development Committee Chairman: Alun Gape
Committee: To be elected

Membership Organiser: Madelaine John

Child Protection Officer: Barry Williams

Medical Officer: Dai Griffiths

Kit Manager: Frank Johns

Junior Rugby Organisers: Dave Roberts and Barry Williams

All coaching and captains appointments were held over until the first training session

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**PRE-SEASON
TRAINING STARTS
ON TUESDAY,
19th JULY, 2011**

7pm prompt start

**Old and new players
are welcome to attend**

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Welshpool Ladies Car Wash raises funds for new kit

The young ladies from the womens' section of Welshpool RFC spend a day car washing to raise funds for new kit

Saturday, 18th June saw the ladies spend a full day in the Car Park of the Old Station, Welshpool, to raise funds, which added to the £300 that is already in the kitty due to a County Times competition win, should be enough to allow them to purchase a new playing kit in time for next season's kick-off.

TRAINING TAKES PLACE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM and if you need any further information contact Coach/Fixture Secretary Nick Larder on 07967 835393.

RUGBY SHORTS

Welshpool 2nds - it has been decided not to enter the 2nd team in the Mid Wales league for season 2011-12. Due to the fact that we struggled to raise a side last season it was agreed at the AGM that the 2nds would play friendly fixtures only.

Floodlights - the lights have been repaired and serviced and are now all up and running so we should now be able to see all the pitch at night games!

Subscriptions - are now due and if you're an existing member you'll shortly be receiving a renewal form but if not, please go to the documents section of the web-site and download the form.

New first team kit - SCA have kindly sponsored the first team with a new set of playing shirts and these will be presented prior to the first home league game of the season.

Wales Summer fixtures - the club did not take an allocation of tickets for the games v England and Argentina so if members require tickets they should purchase them direct from the WRU.

Welshpool RFC Junior Section - 2011-12 and Beyond Parent coaches required

Next year is a big year for those of us involved with junior and mini rugby at Welshpool, as we look to build on the successes of last season, with the addition of two new age groups to complement the sides we already have.

In 2010-11, we ran sides at Under 8 (coached by Ian Spencer) and Under 11 (coached by Sean Jones), both of which maintained good numbers at training throughout the season. As those two sides move up an age-group, there will be an increased focus on getting fixtures for these teams, as they are now at the point where they cannot develop much further without competitive matches.

For the new season, we will be adding a new Under 8s side (coached by Barry Williams), and working in concert with Welshpool High School to set up an Under 16s side (coached by Dave Roberts), which will then feed into the Youth Team.

Preliminary plans are already in place for the 2012-13 season, and it is our hope that we can set Welshpool apart from the crowd with the introduction of an Under 15s girls side, the first of its kind in the area, which will become part of what we hope will be a very successful female section at the club.

2010-11
Youth
Under 11s
Under 8s

2011-12
Youth
Under 16s
Under 12s
Under 9s
Under 8s

2012-13
Youth
Under 16s
Girls Under 15s
Under 13s
Under 10s
Under 9s
Under 8s

As you can see, we are looking to build our junior section in a sustainable manner, by introducing no more than two sides per season. In the past, we have attempted to run before we could walk, and attempted to run too many sides with too few coaches.

Now, however, we will be looking to recruit parents of children in our youngest teams to help with coaching, which will allow us to increase the pool of coaches available to us, rather than constantly relying on the same few people.

Whilst this may not bear the immediate results in terms of additional senior players, the club will have a solid and sustainable junior structure that has been lacking for too many years. One only has to look at the success over the last few years of clubs such as Llanidloes and COBRA to see how important a strong junior section is to the long-term success of any club – these clubs put their efforts into developing their junior sides, and are now reaping the rewards with strong performances at senior level.

Anyone who feels they would be able to contribute to our junior section, in any way, would be more than welcome.

WRUFC Club Merchandise delivered direct to your door

Welshpool RFC are pleased to announce the launch of their new range of merchandise, available online to order now.

The newly established range, produced as a joint venture between the club and supplier Teejac, consists of eight items at present, from t-shirts to baseball caps, all available in the club colours.

To visit the shop, simply copy and paste in the link below and it will take you direct to the Welshpool RFC section of the Teejac web-site.

All orders are processed directly by Teejac and will be delivered to you usually within 2-3 days.



IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Father and son pictures show (above) dad Steve with sons Will and Sam after playing together in the Mid Wales Shield Final against UWA 2nds and (below) dad Jasper with son Danny after the final league game of last season at Denbigh



Wear your club colours with pride

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