



Bumbles News

Mixed Ability Rugby for All

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It's never been easier to support the Bumbles

Warriors "gutted" to miss out on summer International.



Warriors and Bumbles in Llanelli, Feb 2011

Llanelli Warriors Manager Gwilym Lewis spoke of his disappointment at being forced to withdraw from the scheduled August game due to key Welsh players taking time out to holiday with their families.

Gwilym added "We look forward to painting Bingley (Welsh) red when we come up in February"

The Mixed Ability Game at Wagon Lane is timed to coincide with the 6 Nations England V Wales at Twickenham on Sat' 25th February.

Alan Pearey, Deputy Editor of Rugby World Magazine has confirmed he is planning to attend the Bingley International.

Bumbles summer fixtures.

All invited to two fun, free days out at two local venues.

Jenny Lane Baildon RFU Sunday 31st July, Kick off 1pm.

Andy Whitley has kindly extended the hand of friendship and organised a Select Baildon XV to play on their home turf. The Bumbles who have links with Baildon through Coach Dave Duxbury have played a mixed U16's Dads and Lads team here at the Wagon Lane Ground, but this will be the first away game on the moor top. Speculation is mounting as to which colours Bumbles Barbarian and Baildon 1st Team Player Adam Hewitt will be wearing on the day.

Andy is clear, "supporters with and without disabilities will be very welcome here at Baildon." He added "the bar will be open, and the Baildon boys would also like to make a donation on the day towards Bumbles fundraising."

Bradford and Bingley Sat' 6th August, Kick off 12.30pm

Following the cancellation of the Bumbles V Warriors game the BEES 1st XV have offered the Bumbles a consolation game and a fun afternoon at the Hive.

In the interests of fairness (they were a little afraid of the Bumbles) it will be a truly Mixed Ability game as both sides will exchange players. Bumbles Captain Anthony Brooke commented "I look forward to taking my rightful place on the First Team." **After the game BBQ food + World cup action England V Wales on big screen in the bar KO 2.30pm**



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Bumbles back at Headingley

Leeds Mencap invited the Bumbles to return to Headingley, this time to face Super League side Leeds Rhinos.



Pictured: Ahsan Sakandar faces off a Rhino

Bumbles players reported having a superb day, and this week Kevin Pringle incorporated one of the Rhinos training exercises into the Bumble own warm ups.

Bumbles popularity helps snatch a last minute win at Keighley

A fixture in early June, saw a powerful Keighley Select side composed of 2nds, 3rds and Senior Colts who nearly undid the mighty Bumbles in a hard fought game at Rose Cottage.

In the final minute of the game the Bumble Bee Barbarians ran one over to leave the score 37-38.

The popularity of the Bingley Barbarian side was emphasised with a turnout of 35 players including 10 with Learning Disabilities. Thanks to all those who responded to the call to arms.

Gratitude also to Loz Marklew who organised the Keighley boys, the Green and Red players and the bar staff who coped admirably with a contingent of Bfd and Bingley 1st teamers surprise landing at the start of Ryan Wederalls stag tour. Apologies for the sheer volume of Barbarian players to the catering staff, it truly was the case that 'we ate all the pies.

Sponsored Events and Fundraising

Team Captain Anthony Brooke took on a sponsored walk which helped to raise £450.

Anthony thanked everyone who sponsored his challenge and contributed to the bucket collection en route from the Keighley Cougar ground to Bradford Town Hall

The money will help fund a trip for the team to play in Sheffield against South Yorkshire Police.

Anthony is clear he would like the journey to be on a Double Decker Bus and is determined to make this happen.

Right: The bus Anthony didn't catch on his walk during the hottest day of the year, wearing the Bumbles Mascot head.



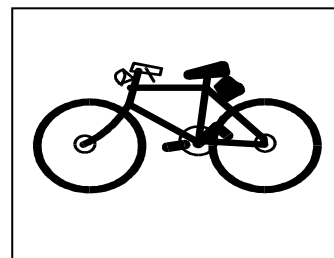
NEXT: Martin Hodgson undertakes the sore bottom solo mission.

"AM I THERE YET"?

Tour from Bingley to Friskney Lincolnshire.

Departing 26th July.

To Sponsor Martin call 07592 517347



Spicy Hut Support Bumbles

Look out for the newest sponsor board on the first team pitch this season, as the Bumbles managers' favourite takeaway announces its support for Mixed Ability Rugby.

Other News

The Federation of Disability Sport has invited the Bumbles to their annual dinner, on 15th July. This year it will be the turn of 2nd row Ahsan and Hooker Ryan Kirby to attend.

Interest in Mixed Ability Contact rugby continues to grow with enquiries about setting up similar teams from Leeds, Sheffield and Bromley.

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Training every Saturday morning 10.30-12 at Wagon Lane.