

RUCKING GOOD NEWS



The AKRFC Monthly Newsletter: March 2011

Introduction.

Welcome to the latest issue of RGN for season 2010/11, which is a little late and very much reduced this month, due to the editor being away but being fortunate enough to avoid the earthquake in New Zealand! Contributions to RGN in the way of articles, photos, gossip or rumour are always welcome and should be forwarded to dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com

AK Development Matters

Current position reached re development of new changing facilities

Club Fundraising

Currently circa £7,000 has already been raised in a relatively short time towards the target figure of £70,000.

Further recently held fund raising events have included AK Under 15s providing a very tasty chilli meal as the England v Wales game was shown on the big screen at AK, and the AK Under 7s organising a very successful Quiz Night and auction on 26th February. Photos from the latter can be seen on the AK Website.

Upcoming fund raising events include

- Saturday 12th March Sponsored cycle ride being undertaken by the AK Under 14s
- Saturday 12th March Mods & Ruckers do with live band, organised by AK Under 13s
- Friday 25th March Race Night with Curry organised by the AK Under 16s
- Saturday 26th March Curry Night and Promise Auction organised by AK Under 15s
- Saturday 9th April Fancy dress do organised by the AK 3rd Team
- Sunday 10th April Children's Circus organised by the AK Under 10s
- Friday 15th April AK Pig Night organised by the AK Junior Colts

Full details for all of these events can be seen on the AK website, so please make every effort to support (with your families and friends) these events and *your club's* future development.

Other fund raising events proposed for the future include a Ladies Dinner with fashion show, Beer Festival, Sponsored Runs for Minis & Juniors, Talent Show / Band Night, Pre Season Team Bonding Weekend including Sponsored Yorkshire 3 Peaks Walk for 1st & 2nd teams, Team Calendars, AK Sports Day plus It's a Knockout, Car Washes and Supermarket Bag Filling, to name just a few of the ideas so far forthcoming.

All events will be advertised on the AK website and in RGN, so please note your diaries. As you can see lots of great fund raising ideas have been forthcoming, and it is great to see the whole club and club members entering into spirit of the fund raising requirements for the betterment of AKRFC. Also greatly enhancing the social side of AK.

Also don't forget the 'Buy-a-brick' appeal, details of which are shown on the last page of this edition of RGN. That will be your chance to have a lasting reminder of your personal contribution to AK development for all to see.

Utility Warehouse

In conjunction with Development matters, please remember the benefits of the above for you and AK. Details are on the AK Website and by calling FREEPHONE 0800 131 3000 to find out how much you could save.

Please quote Scheme number: C50193 - Altrincham Kersal RFC

What has been happening at AK in February

Men's Senior Rugby

The AK 1st Team continued their unbeaten run with wins against Kirby Lonsdale, Vale of Lune and Leigh. Burnage lost their second game of the season surprisingly to Wilmslow, which must be one of the few times the WahWahs have ever done AK a favour? As a result of the win against Leigh AK moved to the top of the table, 2pts clear of LSH and 3 clear of Burnage, with AK having 2 and 1 games in hand respectively on those teams.

AK 2nds had a cracking Raging Bull cup win against Chester 55 to 12, but then suffered a surprising and somewhat controversial loss to Waterloo as they continued their campaign in the revised Bateman Premier League. However they put things right the following week with a good win over Fylde, leaving them joint top of the revised league.

AK 3rds have been in great form with large wins over Crewe & Nantwich and Didsbury Toc H, plus a great win over table toppers Lymm 16pts to 10. This leaves AK in 2nd place and looking good for promotion from Division 4 South.

Women's Rugby

The AK Women's Team had only one game in February, which was an epic trek to Lakenham Hewitt in Norwich, which they lost narrowly 10 pts to 7. This leaves them effectively bottom of what is a very tough league, but with Olney dropping out of the league, relegation should not be appropriate.

Junior / Mini Rugby

The AK Senior Colts narrowly lost all three league games, which leaves them in 5th place in the A League. AK Junior Colts won their two league games, which leaves them 3rd in their league, and they went down to Lymm in the Cheshire cup.

The Cheshire Cup games have continued for the rest of the Juniors. Unfortunately the AK Under 16s and 14s both narrowly lost their quarter final games. However the AK Under 12s had an emphatic win over Wilmslow in their quarter final tie, as did the AK Under 15s, which no doubt Doz Leach will have been telling everyone about!

Many of the mini fixtures were postponed in February, but what games were played resulted in wins for AK. The AK Under 12s were particularly successful with 2 friendly fixture wins to accompany their Cheshire Cup win.

Results for all teams and some match reports can be seen on the AK Website. It should also be noted that match reports, photos and news items can easily be uploaded onto the new website once you are registered on there. Most of the Junior and Mini Teams are already doing this, but if you need further advice or help on this please speak to Berty on 07971 870591 or email him at MWeeden@graingerplc.co.uk

AK Team of the Month

Very close call again this month due to the AK 1st Team continuing unbeaten and going top of the league, and the AK Under 15s also continuing with their winning ways. However in doing my best to spread it about (in the nicest possible way of course!), have decided to award this month to the AK Under 12s for winning all their games in February including their Cheshire Cup quarter final. So the lemonades are on Fordy kids, which should be interesting as we all know that despite being 6ft 3, Fordy has incredibly short arms and long pockets when it is his turn at the bar !!!!

AK Player of the Month – NOT!

Having been away seem to have a lack of gossip / info re faux pas etc that some of the players may have made. However fortunately had something available to fall back on. Sorry to Bob Baxter over this one, and no doubt I will suffer the wrath of his wife Gwen over this, but looking at the pics below doesn't he have a 'parted at birth' resemblance to Eric Illsley the ex Labour MP for Barnsley, who is now serving time for fiddling his expenses.

Yes Bob we know it had been a hard game, you are much better looking normally and he has more grey hair and chins than you - just! For the record Bob is on the left below.



What's happening in March at AK

Men's Senior Rugby

AK 1st team will be looking to maintain their top of the league position and unbeaten record, but have some tough games this month against Broughton Park (away), Burnage (home), Northwich and Kirby Lonsdale (both away).

AK 2nd Team have Broughton Park (away), Birkenhead Park (home) and LSH (away) as they look to maintain their joint top position in their revamped league

AK 3rd team have 4 home games against Whitchurch, Knutsford, Trafford MV and Didsbury Toc H as they push towards promotion.

Women's Rugby

AK's Satnav team will have third attempt to play their away fixture at Team Northumbria in Newcastle, before finishing their season with home games (yes no travelling home games!) against Carlisle and Team Northumbria.

Mini / Junior Rugby

AK Senior and Junior Colts are both at home on 6th March, ko 14.00 in Cup competitions, and the AK Under 15's have their Cheshire Cup Semi Final at Stockport that day. The other Junior Teams have Cheshire Bowl and Plate games to fit in before 4th April plus friendly fixtures against Chester and Caldy, so best check the AK website for full details.

The AK Minis (aka chip monsters) have away games against Chester, Lymm and Wilmslow this month

Dates for your diary

Saturday 5th March

As Marine Dave Colman from the 3rd Team / Senior Colts is flying out to Afghanistan in the near future, his very proud dad Paul has organised a bit of a sending off do for him at AK commencing 18.30 ish on Saturday. Advised it could be a bit wild so no getting dressed up, but feel free to come down and see Dave off in style. I am sure everyone at AK will wish Dave well and a safe return.

Six Nations games on the Big Screen at AK

Why not come down in February and watch the other 6 Nations games on the big screen at AK

Games are as follows in March

Saturday 12th March:	Italy v France	ko 14:30:	Wales v Ireland	17:00
Sunday 13th March:	England v Scotland	ko 15.00		
Saturday 19th March:	Scotland v Italy	ko 14:30:	Ireland v England	17:00

Don't wish to tempt fate but the Ireland / England game could be for an England grand slam, and the last time England did that they went on to win the World Cup, which takes place later this year!

Nostalgia (All our Yesterdays) Section

Don't know how many you recognised from last month's photo below, taken on the AK Tour to Isle of Man in 1982. Yes that is Doz Leach (with hair) in the middle of the back row (only for photo – he would never have made a No 8!)



This month's photo is taken (I think) from the Kersal (as we were then) 90th anniversary game, circa 1987, against a team which was comprised of various players from local clubs, such as Ashton, MV, Salians and Bowdon.



And yes believe it or not, that is Smithy on the end of the front row. I think he was actually the water carrier, but managed to find a spare shirt from somewhere and sneak on the photo. See how many more you can recognise, all but one are non playing now!

Future editions of RGN

So trust that you have enjoyed reading this edition of RGN. The next edition will be coming out in late March, Any articles and photos relating to AK are very welcome. Please email them to dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com





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Club Development Fund Buy-a-brick



Help to raise money for the development of the clubhouse with a lasting reminder of your contribution for all to see.

Each brick can contain up to 2 lines of 16 characters each. The cost is £100 for individuals or £200 for corporate sponsors.

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