

RUCKING GOOD NEWS



The AKRFC Monthly Newsletter: Special Edition: March 2011

Introduction.

Welcome to this special edition of RGN for season, which was originally intended to bring all club members up to speed with Development Fund Raising Events. However in the light of some great efforts on the rugby field last weekend, RGN has taken the opportunity to update on those games. So firstly to last weekend's rugby.....

AK 1st Team

Thanks to everyone who turned out to support the team on Saturday. It was great to see good numbers of spectators on the touchline and the team produce a great 'top of the table' performance to beat close rivals Burnage, in what turned out to be a great advertisement for North 1 West rugby. AK came away with a 20pts to 7 win, in perhaps somewhat controversial circumstances, but even the Burnage hierarchy accepted they had been beaten by the better team on the day. This win keeps AK one point clear of Liverpool St Helens, who we also have two games in hand on, and AK are now seven points clear of Burnage with a game in hand.

LSH and Burnage play each other next week, whilst AK have a tough away fixture at 4th place Northwich, kicking off at 15.00. All support at that game will be greatly appreciated.



Bish to Dylan – 'Honest it was a try!'

AK Women's Team

It really was a case of 'so near but so far' as the AK women strove to win their first win of the season against Carlisle, who they had lost to by 70odd points earlier in the season. Both teams played some good rugby in a first half that ended 17pts all. In the second half AK had most of the possession and field position, and camped on the Carlisle line for a good 15 minutes, but were unable to get over the whitewash. With 10 minutes or so to go Carlisle broke out from their own 22, and their speedy winger got over to score, which with the conversion, moved the score on to 24 pts to 17. AK again came back strongly but unfortunately could not score again. However it was tremendous performance from the girls, and shows how much they have continued to improve as the season has progressed.

The girls have one more league game at home to Team Northumbria on Sunday 27th March, so lets get down and support them, as they try and win their first game of the season, in what is a very tough league.



AK try time- but don't ask me who scored???

Junior Rugby

AK Junior Colts won through last Sunday to the semi final of the Cheshire Plate, and next Sunday play Yarnbury away in National Under 17's Bowl semi final. Also the AK Under 15s are through to Cheshire Cup Final, where they will play Chester or Caldby. Had to mention that one or Doz Leach would feel left out!

AK Development Club Fund Raising

RGN has not got an exact figure at the moment, but based on events to date we must be getting close to £10,000 raised towards the target figure of £70,000, with several other events scheduled in the near future (see later in this edition). It is really good to see the teams and club members entering into the spirit and commitment of the necessary fund raising, and the really good social buzz around the club at the moment. Long may it continue, with hopefully many of the individual dos / fund raising becoming annual events.

Recent events held include

AK Quiz Night

This was organised by the AK under 7s, and was a very enjoyable night per those that attended. Circa £800 was raised and this together with cake sales and a brewery trip, means the AK Under 7s have already raised circa £1100.



Hmmm – not sure on this one???

AK Sponsored Bike Ride

This was undertaken by the AK Under 14s, with 30 kids, parents and coaches participating. They travelled 25 km along the Bridgewater Canal and Transpennine Trail, calling in at all the local rugby clubs in the area, where reception was obviously a bit mixed! Top effort to raise circa £1000.00 through sponsorship and donations en route. There is a full report of what happened on the day, on the AK website, which is certainly well worth a read! The AK Under 14s also have wine tasting evening lined up – watch out for details on the AK Website and April's RGN.



Ready to go



Well almost for Jeff Atkins???



Part way round

AK England International and Chilli Night

The AK Under 15s provided a very tasty chilli meal as the England v Wales game was shown on the big screen at AK, which was a good start to their fund raising efforts.



AK Mods & Ruckers Night

Another very successful night organised by the AK Under 13s, as the President's head told him the next day. Although it has to be said he was well wellied when he left the club after the Burnage game, only to come back for some more 'medicine' later in the evening. Happy days! Circa £1100.00 was raised on the night



AK buzzing on Saturday night

What is coming next

Friday 18th March: Children's Disco

AK Under 12s have arranged a Childrens Disco at the clubhouse for School Years 7, 8 & 9 from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. The bar will also be open for any adults supervising / attending on the night.



Entry is £5 on the door. For further information please contact Dee Leonard on 07779 152248

Friday 25th March: Race Night with Curry

The AK Under 16s have organised a Race Night with proceeds going to the Club Development Fund. First Race will be at 8pm and last race at 10.30pm. There will also be a selection of authentic Indian curries to suit all tastes.



Tickets are £10 per person and available from Kay Berryman on Sundays at the club or you can email Kay at c.berryman@ntlworld.com or call on 07580 311 503.

Saturday 26th March: Curry Night and Promise Auction

From 19.30 enjoy a home cooked selection of curries and accompaniments, served by your Under 15 Team. Grab a great deal at our Promise Auction, where there will be a wide variety of treats, services and bargains on offer.

Our U15's have so far promised:

A dinner party for 4, cooked at your home, including a main course of steak with a red wine sauce.

A session at the Chill Factor with tuition.

The perfect party tent, a 6m by 4m marquee, with lights and heaters, all set up for your special occasion and dismantled afterwards.

Bespoke bouquet of flowers, weekend retreats and a case of fine wine.



Tickets are on sale now at £10 per person including food and entertainment. Contact Suzanne Tsiantar 07887987246 or Chris Barlow behind the bar.

Saturday 2nd April: Irish Night

The AK Under 12s invite you to an Irish Night in the clubhouse on Saturday, 02 April 2011 at 8pm. There will be live music from The Steampacket Ceili Band, together with traditional tasty home made Irish stew and a fully licensed late bar.



Tickets are available from Dee Leonard (07779 152 248) or from Chris Barlow behind the bar priced at £10 per person

Sunday 10th April: Children's Circus

Parents and coaches of the AK Under 10's have arranged a 'Children's Circus' for Sunday, 10 April 2011 aimed at 10 year olds and under with 3 shows performing for 50mins at 1pm, 2pm and 4.30pm. Tickets are priced at £8 each. In addition to the circus there will be food served, the bar will be open and the ladies team are hoping to support the event with some side stalls of face painting and a tuck shop. In addition there will be the opportunity to purchase popcorn. So a real family day out and definitely one to bring friends, neighbours and grandparents along to.

What do you need to do? In the first instance Rosie and Nikki from the Under 10s will be selling tickets as they walk round the pitches for the next few Sundays. They then plan on splitting up the balance and asking club members to sell tickets to friends and family!



In the meantime if you would like to book tickets then please contact Nikki at nikki.collinson@btconnect.com or on 077775-886629 to reserve your tickets and preferred time slot.

Friday 15th April: AK Pig Night

Does a night of 'hogtastic' fun and frolics appeal to you? Fancy a race night with a 'piggy tail' twist? Has this got you 'pork scratching' your head? OK enough of the tenuous swine-related lines.

The Junior Colts will be hosting a night of great entertainment and food – all with a porcine flavour. The main event will be a series of pig races (equipment kindly loaned by Carrington RUFC), where you can lord it up as an owner, bet on your favourite pig and scream and shout as you see if you win.

There will be cash prizes for first and second in each race, prizes for the winning 'owners' as well as opportunities to win prizes in the traditional 'heads and tails' and raffle. In addition there will be a short 'porktion' (sorry couldn't resist it!) of special items.

It will definitely be a fun night out for players, families and friends, all topped off with pulled pork butties (served with traditional stuffing/apple sauce or BBQ sauce) included in the price of only £10 per ticket. The event will be limited to 120 guests.



Tickets available from Mike Singleton (Junior Colts Manager) or from Chris Barlow behind the bar. Any questions contact: Mike Singleton at mike.singy@sky.com or 07557 161048

Saturday April 23rd: Easter Family Fun Run



Kids -Do you want to have some Easter fun with all the family?

Dads - Do you think you can beat the kids around the track?

Mums - Do you want to burn of some calories so you can eat your Easter eggs guilt free?

We'll come along and join us to complete 2000 metres to help meet our target of £2000.

We want boys and girls, brothers and sisters, mums and dads, aunties and uncles, grans and granddads, the more the merrier really, to get sponsorship to complete the run and help the U7s smash our target. You can run, walk skip hop, anything you want really to get around.

So book it into your diary: **1000-1200: Timperley Athletics Club, Park Road, Timperley.**

There will be an Easter surprise for every child that completes the run and a great prize for the family that raises the most money. We will be sending out full information soon.

Friday 19th to Sunday 21st August: AK Pre Season Team Bonding Event

AK senior men's team players will be undertaking a team bonding and fund raising event in the Yorkshire Dales

Itinerary is.....

Friday pm: Travel to campsite in Horton in Ribblesdale. A few beers and food in local pub that evening

Saturday: Early start to do the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge, which is a 25 mile walk and 5000ft
Daytime: climb around and over



Pen-y-ghent



Wharfedale



Ingleborough



Evening: BBQ and a few beers at the campsite / beers in local pub for those with any energy left.

Sunday: Breakfast followed by training session for those still able to run and then travel home!

Target: Each player to obtain a minimum of £100.00 sponsorship before the event, which goes towards the individual team targets of £2000.00.

Hopefully I have remembered everything that has been planned to date. Full details for all of these events can also be seen on the AK website, and any new ones will be detailed on the AK Website and RGN. So please make every effort to support (with your families and friends) these events and *your club's* future development.

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

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

