



Newsletter for Watton Rugby Club Minis & Juniors – Issue 2

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for the challenge of 2012. With this issue of the newsletter I have decided to include news for the Junior Section as well as the Minis.

And....for the benefit of parents who may not know:

Watton Junior Rugby Club is divided into two sections;

The Minis (under 6 to under 12s) meet on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 am at the Sports Centre, when at home – otherwise watch this space. Some sessions are held at our partner club in Fakenham with whom we become the North Norfolk Barbarians. On these occasions we may train/play in other various parts of the region.

The Juniors (under13 to under17s) whose sessions are held 6 – 7.15 on Thursdays when the training is more structured leading to full games of rugby and hopefully to encourage them to continue playing until they reach senior rugby age.

The junior sessions often allow the players to be coached with the help of some of the senior players whose own training follows the junior session.

We have a very active support group into which any parents would be welcomed. There is a game of either the 1st or 2nd teams most Saturdays at the Sports Centre. The teams love to see support on the sidelines – There are usually refreshments and hot drinks available from the barbecue. All match fixtures are displayed on the Website. *Please do sign up as a Parent and/or Supporter* – this allows access to all areas of the website: www.redandblackarmy.co.uk

If you have any queries or questions please come and see me, Carol. I am usually present at the junior training and will do my best to help.

Diary for Minis - January/February 2012

Date	Event	Venue
8 th January	Nth Nfk Barbarians	Wisbech
15 th January	Training as usual	Watton
22 nd January	Nth Nfk Barbars v Sth Nfk Barbars	Beccles
29 th January	Training as usual	Watton
5 th February	Nth Nfk Barbars v Ely	away TBC
12 th February	Training as usual	Watton
19 th February	Nth Nfk Barbars v Diss & Holt	away TBC
26 th February	Training as usual	Watton

Further arrangements for these events will be given by Rob nearer the date. Parents are very welcome at all these events – in fact we hope you will all come to support our minis.

Notes from previous events

Minis

As you will probably know the minis acquitted themselves very well and were a credit to the club in the various games at the different clubs since our last newsletter. Keep looking at the website where hopefully you will be able to see reports and photos of

these events. This is our first year where we have had these fixtures and because of this we may be a little slow with the reports etc., but I promise you there will be improvement. Hopefully by the next season I will be proficient in uploading the details. *Unfortunately I belong to the pre-internet generation and am having to learn by trial and error how to do it. But as I said I **promise** I will learn.*

[North Norfolk Barbarians versus Swaffham](#)

Over 70 young people met at Watton RFC for a morning of training and games. This was the first time Watton had hosted such an event – which we deemed a great success. We used our newly acquired gazebo to serve refreshments and hot drinks to spectators via the also new barbecue. We learned a great deal from this experience and hope to repeat and even improve it in the near future.

Juniors

We have now been joined by many of the Wayland High School Rugby Team who come to our training sessions on Thursday evenings. They appear to be having great fun (this noted by a spectator) whilst enjoying hard workouts with our senior team coaches. We sincerely hope this training will prove beneficial in their High School matches. Now we have enough players, the coaches are hoping to be able to organise some fixtures before the end of the season.

Club Shop

Items available to purchase from the club (see Carol)

Club Training Tops	Sizes from 26/28 to 34/36	£20
Club Shorts	Sizes MB & LB	£16
	Sizes XS & S	£18
Club Socks	Sizes Boys	£6
	Large	£7

Tops and shorts can be tried on for size.

We have an addition to our club items – this is the club hoodie. These are made by Samurai and are embroidered with the club logo and cost £28.

Available in sizes from Medium Boy to XXL.

Secondhand Kit recycling

We are still continuing to look into the possibility of a kit recycle scheme – I hope it will be in place and established by the start of the new season – September – I know this may seem a long way off but I am keen for it to be an easily worked scheme.

Volunteers – As always we still are in need of volunteers willing to help with the Sunday and Thursday sessions. If you think you may be interested or want further information please see Rob or mention it to me and I will make sure you are pointed in the right direction.

RFU Annual Draw

We are continuing to sell tickets for the RFU draw. Please help us if you can, remember that 90% of the money raised remains with the club – we are hoping to sell 200 books at £5 per book which will net us a profit of £900. A worth while effort you will agree.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT

Karaoke Night – 21st January in the Gallery Bar of the Sports Centre starting at 7pm. Tickets £5 Available from Rob Walker or Tony Phillips Please join us we would love to see you, come and see many of our members making fools of themselves for fun. Come and see the other face of Watton Rugby Club.