



# WINCHESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## MEMBERS' eNEWSLETTER

Emailed to over 850 WRFC Members

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### THIS COMING WEEKEND'S MATCHES

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**1st XV vs London South Africa** Away KO: 15:00 | London SW3

**2<sup>nd</sup> XV vs Romsey 2<sup>nd</sup> XV** Home KO: 15:00 | Merit 1

**Vets vs Basingstoke** Away KO: 15:00 | Friendly

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Colts vs Havant** Home KO: 14:00 | League

**Colts Saxons vs Havant** Home KO: 14:00 | League

**U16 vs New Milton** Away KO: 10:00 | League

**U15A vs Readingsians** Away KO: 10:00 | Friendly

**U14A vs Basingstoke** Away KO: 12:00 | League

**U14B vs Ellingham & Ringwood** Away KO: 10:00 | League

**U13 vs Havant** Home KO: 10:00 | Cup – Semi Final

**U7- U12 vs Havant** Home KO: 10:00

**FOR ALL FIXTURE UPDATES, RESULTS, LEAGUE TABLES AND MATCH REPORTS PLEASE  
CHECK OUR NEW CLUB WEBSITE AT: [www.winchesterrugby.com](http://www.winchesterrugby.com)**

### WINCHESTER RFC VETS vs RFC CHAMPS SUR MARNE

**On Saturday 30th April WRFC play host to RFC CHAMPS SUR MARNE  
WE NEED ANY VETS OR NEAR VETS WHO ARE NOT GOING TO ST LO TO SUPPORT THE  
FIXTURE AND THE AFTER MATCH CELEBRATIONS. THEY HOSTED US WELL LAST YEAR.**

You should contact Mark Smith, the Vets Manager - offers of help and details:  
07790-707836; 01962-886388, [marksmith62@hotmail.com](mailto:marksmith62@hotmail.com)

# PITCH PERFECTION!

The next time you're in the clubhouse, you'll see a large aerial photograph of our pitches, divided into 1,000 squares, and an invitation to "buy" them for £20 each.

The aim is to kick-start a programme of work over the next three years to repair past damage to our three pitches, to aerate and otherwise improve the soil condition, to top-dress, re-seed, fertilise and irrigate the whole 3.6 hectare ground, and to establish a more intensive maintenance routine than we've had in the past. It will involve buying new equipment, including for water storage, irrigation and aeration of the playing surfaces, and hiring contractors to do the jobs that we can't do ourselves.

"Almost ever since we moved here in 1972, when the field was laid on top of a landfill site, our pitches have suffered from either under-investment or over-use, and often both at the same time", says Club chairman Simon Macey. "A month ago, our first-team pitch was a sea of liquid mud, with hardly a blade of grass to be seen, and even now it's dried out the grass is nothing like as thick as it should be. This project will involve a huge amount of voluntary work by our members, and a lot of money, but there's no point in half measures."

Any member who can spare time to join the team and do anything from sieving topsoil to overseeing irrigation, from strimming to driving the tractor, is urged to contact vice-chairman Tim Fell (07833-701895, [timfell@ntlworld.com](mailto:timfell@ntlworld.com)), who is co-ordinating the project with John Robinson, our staunch volunteer groundsman.

Watch the appeal board in the clubhouse for reports of progress. And please donate generously to the appeal, too!

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## WRFC PRESENTATION DINNERS - DIARY DATES

Seniors - Friday 6th May  
U7s & U8s - Thursday 12th May  
U9s & U10s - Thursday 19th May  
U13s - Friday 20th May  
U11s & U12s - Thursday 26th May  
Colts - Friday 27th May  
U15s & U16s - Friday 3rd June  
U14s - Saturday 4th June

## ANOTHER GREAT WRFC MEMBERS' OFFER



To celebrate WeLCOMe Orthodontics partnership with Winchester RFC , we are offering an exclusive opportunity to all club members.

Any WRFC member either having treatment themselves or paying for a family member to have treatment with us will be entitled to a **5% discount on the total treatment cost for all orthodontic work and 10% discount on our bespoke mouth-guards as used by the next season's Winchester RFC Colts squad.**

In addition a further 5% can be saved on total cost by paying the full amount at start of the treatment.

To book a consultation and for further details please contact us at e-mail : [winchester@wlco.co.uk](mailto:winchester@wlco.co.uk) or Tel. 01962 853 076

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## Charity Party at Winchester RFC

You and your friends are all invited to Sophie May's charity PARTY on **Friday 1 April** at Winchester Rugby Football Club. It is going to be an amazing night with live music from Gasoline Alley and plenty of dancing! The aim of this party is to raise over £1,600 for **The Children's Trust Tadworth.**

**Sophie is running the London Marathon in April for this charity.** Every penny counts, so please feel free to sponsor her if you are unable to make it to the party!  
[www.justgiving.com/sophiemay18](http://www.justgiving.com/sophiemay18)

Entry will be £5 on the door and ALL of the money raised will go to charity.

The Children's Trust provides care, education, therapy and rehabilitation to children with multiple disabilities, complex health needs and acquired brain injury.





# London Irish

## Easter Holiday Camp

**Delon Armitage, Tom Homer & Topsy Ojo**

All names that you know and love  
Could you be the next rugby star?

Come along to one of our fun-filled holiday coaching sessions  
And develop your rugby skills!

**Winchester RFC**  
**13th - 15th April**  
**3 day camp (includes hot lunch)**  
**9:15 - 15:30**  
**£99**

**Book early to avoid disappointment**

To reserve a place visit **London Irish**  
[www.rugbycamps.co.uk/londonirish](http://www.rugbycamps.co.uk/londonirish)

For queries please contact Chloe Bray on 01932 750102 or email  
[chloe.bray@london-irish.com](mailto:chloe.bray@london-irish.com)



**HAMPSHIRE  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**



**EASTER  
RUGBY CAMP  
WINCHESTER**

**Includes - RFU Rugby proficiency awards**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s**

**9.00am - 3.00pm  
£40 per person (including lunch)**

**For more information  
or  
to book a place  
e-mail: [csoaching@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:csoaching@hotmail.co.uk)**

# 21<sup>st</sup> Winchester R.F.C. Sevens

## Festival - UPDATE

EASTER SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011

CUP, PLATE, BOWL & TANKARD COMPETITIONS

Entry for the 21st WRFC Easter 7's Tournament – **ONLY 6 PLACES LEFT!**

For the entry form please follow the link below and ensure that all entries are sent direct to

Jeremy Broadway at the below address and not to the Club.

<http://files.pitchero.com/clubs/8361/WRFC%20Easter%207s%202011%20THE%20entry%20Form.doc>

TEAMS REGISTERED TO DATE	
1)OLD BARTONIANS	Harry Griffin
2)RAIDERS	Dan Peach
3)SHINING KNIGHTS	Rudi Kochanowski
4)OTTERS	Neil Fischer
5)BISHOP WORDSWORTHS	Paddy Flood
6)SCREAMING EAGLES	Zach Kinnaird
7)MS1	Angus Adamson
8)OLORUN PHANTOMS	Sunny Rutnam
9)DEANOS DONKEYS	Simon Fountain
10)LASHIONAL	Andrew Brooks
11)ALRESFORD	Tony Chamberlain
12)SEVEN SINS	Mark Waterer
13)FIREBALL XXL	Toby Simmonds
14)PSC OB's	Rhodri Adamson
15)WITHEM ELVES	Simon Rogers
16)SHARKS	Josh Winter
17)BEERBARIANS	Richard Stickler
18)CORNISH PIRATES	Andy Ashwin
19)D7W DRUIDS	Si Culley
20)D7W SOLSTICE	Si Culley
21)ARCTIC TIGERS	Henry Owen
22)GET FIT 121 PINK LOTUS	Bruce Lockie
23)SPARTANS	Stephen Strong
24)SPITFIRES	Glenn Tyreman
25)IRONSIDES I	Justin Viljoen
26)IRONSIDES II	Justin Viljoen

# YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BOOK A HOLIDAY AND BAG A PRIZE – OFFER ENDS ON THE 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH



Travelbag Winchester is proud to be lead sponsor for the WRFC 2<sup>nd</sup> XV team and are celebrating their opening of Travelbag in Winchester by a booking incentive for the club members and supporters to win a three-night city break to North America.

**The offer and draw is open to those booking a holiday up until March 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 to be entered into a prize draw TO WIN A THREE-NIGHT BREAK FOR TWO TO EITHER NEW YORK, BOSTON OR TORONTO.** Customers need to quote Winchester Rugby Club when making a booking, and will need to log their booking number with the Club.

So you can swap standing on the sidelines at Winchester RFC, to watching the live excitement of a New York Yankees, Boston Celtics or Toronto Maple Leafs game.



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## THE BANGKOK BRASSERIE & THE BENGAL SAGE FANTASTIC OFFER TO WRFC MEMBERS – OFFER ENDS ON THE 31st March

THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES THE BEARER TO:

### 20% Discount on the Total Bill

Valid until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, Monday to Wednesday only  
At either restaurant below

 <p><b>Bengal Sage</b> Inspired Indian Cuisine</p>	 <p><b>Bangkok Brasserie</b> Winchester's Thai Restaurant</p>
72-74 St. George's Street Winchester SO23 8AH 01962 862173	33 Jewry Street Winchester SO23 8RY 01962 869966

Ref:WRFC



## Don't miss a great opportunity this summer!

A Socious Sports rugby workshop is the ideal way to expose your child to the latest rugby coaching techniques from the Southern Hemisphere.

All of the coaches at our workshops come to us from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa or the Pacific Islands; many of them have coached or played at National level, they all share a love of the game and are keen to pass their experience and enthusiasm on to the rugby playing youth of the UK

Each coach is fully CRB checked in their home country before being employed by Socious Sports and attends a Child Protection workshop upon arrival in the UK

In addition to the coaching each child will receive a Socious Sports rugby ball, sports bag and water bottle. To add to the international flavour and as a highlight to the end of the workshop, the children will learn the history and significance of the traditional NZ Maori dance "The Haka".

A performance of which will be carried out on the Friday afternoon for all to enjoy.

Workshops run Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 3.15pm and cost £130.00

Open to players aged 6 – 18

## At Winchester RFC – w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011

Tel. 01727 817191

For more information see: <http://www.socioussports.co.uk/>

## FREE SPORTS MASSAGES OFFER TO WRFC MEMBERS

We are offering free sports massages courtesy of Joanne who needs to put in some hours to qualify on her course

Appointments are available on Wednesday evenings at 6.30, 7.10, 7.50 & 8.30 each week

Members should call Gold Stripe on 01962 865388 to book please.

## WRFC CONTACT DETAILS

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