



WINCHESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

MEMBERS' eNEWSLETTER

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THIS COMING WEEKEND'S MATCHES

Saturday 2nd April

1st XV vs Basildon Away KO: 15.00 | Senior Vase Round 4

2nd XV vs Alton 2nd XV Home KO: 15.00 | Merit 1

3rd XV vs New Milton 2nd XV Away KO: 15.00 | Merit 2

Vets vs Romsey SCRATCHED

Sunday 3rd April

1st XV vs Sandown & Shanklin Away KO: 15.00 | Hampshire Bowl

Colts vs Guildford Home KO: 14:00 | League

Colts Saxons vs Aldershot & Fleet Home KO: 14:00 | League

U16 vs Chichester Home KO: 10:00 | Friendly

U15 - Away at the Gosport & Fareham 10s Tournament

U14A - Training

U14B - Training

U13 - Training

U7A & B Away at the Newbury U7 tournament

FOR ALL FIXTURE UPDATES, RESULTS, LEAGUE TABLES AND MATCH REPORTS PLEASE
CHECK OUR NEW CLUB WEBSITE AT: www.winchesterrugby.com

THIS MONTH'S SUPPORTERS CLUB £100 DRAW WINNER IS

JAMES JERMAIN

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YOUR HELP NEEDED

PITCH REPAIR APPEAL

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), 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!

WRFC U14As OVERPOWER 'STOKE TO GAIN A COMFORTABLE WIN



It was a hectic start for Winchester's Under 14 A Team on Sunday as they played their re-arranged League 1 match against their great rivals, Basingstoke. 'Stoke were firing on all cylinders, as they stormed the first 10 minutes of the game, scoring an early try after pinning Winchester in their own half.

It was a wake-up call for Winch, and they came back strongly, taking the game to their hosts, with tries from **Will Rostand, Garrick Bainbridge and Rob Carnegy**. **Joe Holland** got the conversion on the first and the score at the end of the first half was 17-5 Winchester.

The second half had both teams on equal footing throughout, with nothing between them until **Rob Carnegy** latched onto a mistake from Basingstoke, intercepting the ball on their try-line, and taking it to ground for his second try of the day.

Both teams played excellent rugby throughout, but Winchester deserved their win, and now have their sights firmly set on Andover in the final match of the season.

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21st Winchester R.F.C. Sevens

Festival - UPDATE

EASTER SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2011

CUP, PLATE, BOWL & TANKARD COMPETITIONS

Entry for the 21st WRFC Easter 7's Tournament – **ONLY 1 PLACE 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	17) BEERBARIANS
2) RAIDERS	18) SAINTS AND SINNERS
3) SHINING KNIGHTS	19) D7W DRUIDS
4) OTTERS	20) D7W SOLSTICE
5) BISHOP WORDSWORTHS	21) ASSORTED PLAYERS
6) SCREAMING EAGLES	22) GET FIT 121 PINK LOTUS
7) MS1	23) SPARTANS
8) OLORUN PHANTOMS	24) SPITFIRES
9) DEANOS DONKEYS	25) IRONSIDES I
10) LASHIONAL	26) IRONSIDES II
11) ALRESFORD	27) ROMSEY
12) SEVEN SINS	28) FOX POKER
13) FIREBALL XXL	29) SILENT PIGEONS(35)
14) PSC OB's	30) SUAVES
15) WITHEM ELVES	31) JURC GIESSEN
16) SHARKS	32)

ENTRY LEVEL REFEREES AWARD at ANDOVER RFC

WHEN: Sunday, April 10 and 17th – 9.30pm to 4pm on both days.

WHERE: Andover RFC, Foxcotte Park SP11 0TA.

COST: £50 per person for the two days.

MORE INFO: Contact RFU referee development manager Clare Daniels
claredaniels@rfu.com or call 07894 783378. **Entry form attached to this email**

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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