



The Roar!

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What's on...

Fixtures at Downham Road

12th Mar - Crusaders
13th Mar U16's/U14's - Sudbury
19th Mar 1xv - Southwold
Dev xv - Harlow 4
26th Mar Dev xv - Shelford V

Dates for your Diary

16th Mar - Cambs U14's - Bedford
19th Mar - Cambs U14's - Norfolk.
- The Jam DRC Live 19.30
30th Mar - Cambs U14's - Suffolk
9th Apr - End of season lunch, open
to all friends of Ely Tigers, more
details below.

If you have a key date for the diary or want to contribute to the newsletter please let us know by emailing:

[Mark Mitzman](mailto:Mark.Mitzman@elyruffc.co.uk)

Welcome to the second edition of The Roar !

Ely tigers newsletter enables us to spread the word about our wonderful game.

Since the last newsletter did the rounds last year much has changed and so to keep you all informed we have tried to cram as much in to this email as possible.

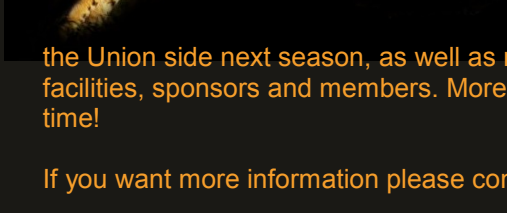
The first team are performing well on the field as are the development squad. We have attracted new players as well as sponsors both of which help to build our club both on and off the pitch.

We recently held a Ladies day at the club which was extremely successful (more to come), and in April we will be holding the annual 100 club luncheon, a day that will also enable us to thank our valuable volunteers.

Perhaps the biggest change has been to our website which is much improved and allows friends of the club to join and register in order to stay in the loop.

Why not pop over to www.elyruffc.co.uk and take 5 minutes to join?

Ely Leopards RLFC



Ely is proud to announce the launch of a new venture. We have entered a team into the Rugby League competitions for the summer of 2011/12. This will keep the club alive through the summer months, maybe attract new players who may then join

the Union side next season, as well as raise the profile of the club, it's facilities, sponsors and members. More on this exciting new development next time!

If you want more information please contact Wayne Marshall via email: directorofrugby@elyruffc.co.uk



We are also pleased to announce that the Cambridge Cats American Football team will be using Ely Outdoor centre as its base for the coming season. Again, this is a summer sport which will attract much needed money and raise our profile within the community.

The Cats train on a Sunday afternoon 12.30pm for more information visit their website at www.cambridgeshirecats.com

The first home fixture of the season will be on Sunday 10th April against Peterborough Saxons kick off 2.30pm

Why not pop along and check out the Cats and enjoy a drink or two?

Ladies Day 2011

The 19th February 2011 marked the inaugural ladies day event at the club.

65 ladies attended and as they arrived had an opportunity to have their photo taken for posterity. They were then served with free fizz and canapes to kick start what was to become a full and fun day.

Guests on the day were Debbie Davies, Editor of the Ely Standard and Andrew Sarek Eastern Counties RFU representative, honorary lady and guest speaker for the day who presented value the volunteer certificates to 4 ladies present. See his blog at <http://asarek.wordpress.com/2011/02/21/ladies-day-at-ely/>

After a formal welcome from Wayne Marshall (Director of Rugby) and more fizz and canapes the ladies sat down for a Chicken in champagne and truffle sauce main course with all the trimmings followed by chocolate brownies all cooked and served on site by the pleasant and efficient team from Cantabs Catering. Everyone present agreed the food was excellent.

After dessert, the presentations, and then for the few, a game to watch. For the majority, a time for wine, chat and shopping. Cherry Hill Chocolates, Ely Beads, Mayer Accessories, Stockshop and Partylite all provided stalls for browsing and looked as though they did a roaring trade.

At half time, Debbie Davies chose the best dressed lady and presented her with a meal for two at the Boathouse (kindly donated by the restaurant) along with a voucher to be used at Simon Taylors and a framed copy of her 'arrival' photo provided by the photographer, Barry Badcock of Haddenham.

On to the second half, even less went out to watch what was becoming a mud bath (the match was eventually abandoned after an hour with Ely winning a convincingly) and more shopping, chatting and drinking.

At the end of the game, Debbie Davies and the best dressed lady, Lydia presented the Ely Standard Man of the match award to Matt Kelly and the picture appeared with the report later that week in the paper.

The day ended with a raffle, which included some fabulous prizes, generously donated by local companies as follows:

- A free haircut – Lucy Tindall Hairdressers in Haddenham
- 2 massages donated by Carl Ward, the club physio
- A 6 week fitness program at the Energie fitness centre for ladies only in town
- A hair cut and blow dry at Simon Taylor
- 1 yrs FREE car washes from James Graven (BP Garages On Witchford Road, In Chatteris and Littleport)
- A free MOT and car cleaning kit from Marshalls in Ely
- A treatment voucher at Holistic Fields in the town
- A candle from Partylite
- Fudge making kits from Calico Kitchen
- A hosiery voucher from Deans nightclub
- 2 tickets for the cinema and 2 DVD's from ADEC
- Aloe Vera products and a voucher from Bee's Joolry
- A statue from 'Topless Waiters'

The ladies each then received a goody bag full of discount offers, bead making kits, chocolates and various other items for their use and information. All in all a great day was had by all, with lots asking when the next one was going to be!

Keep your eyes peeled for next season - tickets will sell fast.

The club would like to thank Jon and Zoe Evans for organizing such a successful day and to all the traders and sponsors of the event without whom the day would not have been nearly as good.

Website Refresh...

As mentioned at the top of the page we have taken the opportunity to re-vamp our club website.

Please take some time to have a look and [register](#) to stay in touch with what is going on. The site allows us to email you messages about future events etc. so be sure not to miss out. The address remains the same (www.elyruffc.co.uk) but it looks very different. Nev Macknish is our new website man so please contact him through the website if you have any suggestions.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Egerton for all his hard work with the previous site over the last few years. His efforts were, and still are much appreciated.

End of Season Lunch by Le Spice Forehill

We are aware that most of our VP's and sponsors missed out on a lunch before christmas, mainly due to the weather, so we are please to announce and invite you for a curry at the club on Saturday 9th April from 12.30 provided by friends of the club [Le Spice of Forehill](#).

Lunch will be served at 1.30, prior to the final league fixture of the season, a local derby V's Cantabs (who may well need to win to achieve promotion) and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

The event is free to sponsors, 100 club members, club volunteers and a £10 fee is charged and can be paid on the day for anyone else who wishes to join us on the day.

We simply ask that you advise Max Pocock by email at max@pocock.me that you wish to attend so we can cater for the correct numbers. Please also advise him of any dietary requirements you may have.

It would be great to see as many of you there as possible. You may even make some good business contacts as we are starting to develop quite a network of local business who we can not begin to thank enough for their support.



Green token scheme give the Tigers a boost

In January the Tigers were one of the three local community groups the people of Ely were able to vote for in store by dropping their token in to the selection box.

At the end of the month the tokens are counted and the three groups each are awarded a share of £1000 based on how many tokens each receive.

After the count the Ely Tigers were awarded £331. We would like to thank everyone for voting for us and also to Waitrose for their support.

Finally, a couple of specific thank you's

There is not enough space here to thank all our sponsors individually, but thank you to you all, however there are a couple that we wish to recognise at this time:

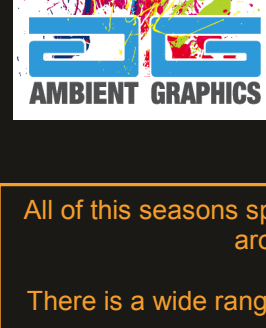
You may have noticed that the weather has been dreadful over the last few months and although we only lost a few games, training on the ground has at times been impossible. We are therefore extremely grateful to the Old Tiger Stables at Soham who have allowed training to continue in their indoor equestrian centre. Without them we would all be carrying too much weight and have forgotten what the ball looks like !

More details of their facilities can be found at <http://www.oldtigerstables.co.uk>

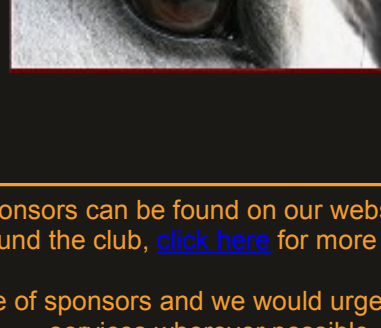
We also found ourselves in the position at Christmas that our signage provider Signs Express Cambridge decided to hang up their boots and shut up shop. This meant that we needed to find a new business to provide our perimeter boarding, and other signs. We were fortunate enough to have found Ambient Graphics, based in Haddenham who are helping us at very reasonable prices. This enables us to produce, renew and replace signs as necessary. This is a new relationship which we are sure will develop well.

If you have any signwriting requirements why not give them a call? Find out more at <http://www.ambient-graphics.com/>

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All of this seasons sponsors can be found on our website and in various places around the club, [click here](#) for more details.

There is a wide range of sponsors and we would urge all members to use their services wherever possible.

Please remember to mention the club at every opportunity to demonstrate to them the benefits of supporting our club.

We thank all our sponsors for their support

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