



Tewkesbury RFC

The Moats
Gander Lane
Tewkesbury
Gloucestershire

Covid-19

Can we please remind everyone to follow Covid-19 guidelines whilst you are in the clubhouse.

Seating has been positioned 2-metres apart to maintain social distancing.



Chairmans Report

Welcome to all our members for our Annual General Meeting for the period March 31st 2019 to March 31st 2020.



The club would like to extend its apologies to you all for the time that has elapsed since the close of the financial year. We would normally have held our AGM last year, but Covid-19 has meant considerable changes, and whilst we considered running our AGM via Zoom or Skype we all felt that talking to you face to face about what the club is facing was the right decision.

As we look to the future we have had a number of new volunteers who have joined the Management Committee during 2020 and we will be sharing with you some changes we are planning that will help streamline the management/administration of the club as we begin to rebuild and return to some sort of normality. We will report back to you in more detail at our next AGM scheduled for August 2021 as regards the outcomes.

Many of you will have seen our announcement that Geoff Sallis resigned from his position as Director and Honorary Secretary. He has made a valuable contribution to the club for many years so we would like to recognise his achievements and thank him for his service and wish him well for the future.

Thank you all for your support and we hope you will find the evening informative and interesting.

David Randall (Chairman)

Election of Officers

In line with our commitment to appoint the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary positions on a rolling basis every 3 years the Honorary Secretary role is due for appointment.

The honorary secretary role was advertised on social media and our website when we asked anyone interested should apply to the club. No applications other than Mark Woodham were received by the due date.

We will be talking to you further regards the election of Officers to the club.

Mark Woodham

Mark Woodham has been proposed as Honorary Secretary and seconded by Adrian Bishop.

Mark has been involved with the club for a number of years and is currently coaching our U16 team. Mark has a wealth of business management experience and has been key in developing our forward plan for the club.



Men's Rugby

The 2018/19 season saw us promoted into Gloucester 1 for the 2019/20 season. With many of the more experienced players retiring it was going always going to be a hard season against so many strong sides.

Coaching under Billy McGinty was showing good improvements in players skills but the lack of consistency in terms of the availability of players made it difficult to transfer those skills from the training paddock to the pitch on a Saturday afternoon.

We saw the introduction of some, but not enough, young talent who had transitioned from our Junior section and the mixture of young and experienced was an exciting prospect.

We had won 4, lost 13 and drew 1 leaving us in 10th place when covid hit in March 2019. The season was to never restart and alongside a structural review of the leagues and the introduction of 2nd XV teams from higher league clubs being introduced at the lower levels it meant we once again would be demoted back to Gloucester 2 North for the coming 20/21 season.

Lessons learnt from the season include :-

- Continue to employ an experienced coach to develop player skill sets
- Incentivise players to ensure consistency week in week out
- Increase the playing membership through recruitment
- Minimise the dropout rates across Senior and Age Grade Rugby
- Ensure we implement a transition programme from Juniors to seniors to supplement our Senior sides with eventually 50% of players coming through Tewkesbury Junior 'ranks' and retain them.

Walking Rugby

During the 2019/20 season the group at Tewkesbury continued to grow, we played home and away games with the Newent Walking Rugby team, and a team was entered into the Longlevens tournament when we came in third.

We continue to promote our Walking Rugby team and welcome players no matter their previous experience or age.



Grounds

Following the awarding of grants and voluntary work, the project to incorporate the ground at Dispenser Road was completed opening up the area through the Lombardy trees and relaying a new U11's pitch all surrounded with a new security fence. The lease on this ground will run alongside our current lease with Tewkesbury Borough council. This will compliment the three pitches we continue to improve on the club site.



Women's Rugby

The season saw the women having to travel further afield to play their matches due to a league reshuffle with lots of new entrants (Women's NC 2 Midlands (south)). Overall the women finished 6th in the league sitting above civil service and Quedgeley Hardwicke.

Despite a lot of injuries taking place throughout the previous season we saw a huge recruitment drive over the summer with some big numbers turning up to play touch rugby and complete fitness training. This led to lots of new women joining us.

The team moral remained high even through some tougher games. The women started to improve hugely in each game and it was a shame to see the season end early due to covid.

Girls Rugby

The season has been successful for the small numbers of girls at U13, U15 & U18 with game play taking place at many Pitch up Play events. We had two players represent the County at U15 and one player at U18.

Junior Rugby

Junior rugby continues to go from strength to strength with over 180 boys and girls playing rugby at the grounds each week.

A new U6 team was formed and proved popular with coach Calvin May taking the lead.

The planned U11 festival which the GRFU had invited us to host had to be cancelled twice due to flooding, which was a huge disappointment to all those involved.

It is heartening that so many children want to be involved in rugby. We continue our high standard of training to all our coaches and encourage as many volunteers as possible to get involved in becoming coaches.

Clubhouse

Over the Summer months the club experienced a busier than usual due to an increase in functions / parties being held throughout the week.

We invested in a new till system which was fitted in September and all feedback from the staff is that it is much easier to use and has been configured to have 4 members of staff using it at the same time.

However, when we approached winter the rainfall experienced caused our cellar to become flooded again. We had introduced a new pump system over the summer which was believed capable of managing the ingress of water, but this solution was not capable with keeping up when the floodwater reached its peak.

Following the ingress of flood water the cellar was sanitised and we were investigating replacement cellar equipment, when we experienced a further increased rainfall resulting in another flooded cellar.

During the failure of the cellar the only solution we had was to change the bar to beer from a can, which even though not a great solution it managed to keep us open. Until Covid hit us !

Communications

We are working hard to improve communications. Keep up to date with all our activities via our website

www.tewkesburyfc.co.uk

or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

Club Officials

Directors

Kevin Watkins

Adrian Bishop

Geoff Sallis

David Bull

Nick Smith

Management Committee 2019-2020

David Randall (Chairman)

David Bull (Hon Treasurer)

Geoff Sallis (Hon Secretary)

Adrian Bishop

Rich Johns (Membership)

Nick Smith

Teri Watkins

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