



Dear John,

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and feeling fresh for the new year.

Weekly Match Reports

Every week the match reports for all our teams are uploaded onto the website. So please take a look and keep up to date.

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Upcoming Lunches & Important Dates for your Diary

13th January 2018 - [VP Lunch](#). OA 1st XV vs Hull Ionians

23rd January 2018 - [OA Network Lunch](#)

3rd February 2018 - M&J Lunch. OA 1st XV vs Blackheath

17th February 2018 - OA Presidents Lunch. OA 1st XV vs Bishops Stortford

16th March 2018 - Sportsmans Dinner. Exciting Special Guest to be confirmed, watch this space

If you would like to attend any of the lunches please contact Fiona at OA Sport 01727 864476.

Match & Ball Sponsorship

We now have 'match and ball' sponsors in place for all our home games for the remainder of this season apart from the game against **Blackheath** on the **3rd February**. If anyone would like to support this game, please contact me at mjwetherall03@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.



Thanks
Mike Johnson

RFU & OA Women's Development

On Wednesday 31st January, the RFU are holding a women's development event

at OAs with the addition of a 'development side' from OAs – hopefully the forerunner of a Saints 2nd XV in the future. 5 sides are expected. Women's rugby is growing fast in Herts and we are trying to help various clubs grow their numbers & teams. In November, the RFU ran a very successful development evening at (mini 7-a-side festival) for Tabard, Fullerians, Harpenden & Cheshunt at Fullerians.

Action from 6:00pm.

RBS 6 Nations, Games at Twickenham

I reported in the December Newsletter that I was very concerned at the number of tickets we were likely to receive for these two games this Spring. And to date nothing has happened to make me change my mind. We have currently been provided with an absolute minimum number of tickets and everything now rests on a meeting we have with the RFU/Ticketmaster in two weeks time. Whether this meeting provides us with more tickets remains to be seen but we will go in and fight our corner. We will do our best but I am not very hopeful.



Rosslyn Park vs OA 1st XV - 28th April 2018

We are looking to organise a supporters coach to arrive for the pre-match lunch at the Rosslyn Park ground, followed by the match and the usual Park hospitality. This year, coincidentally, is the annual former Park players reunion lunch as well... which should add to the atmosphere! We are seeking interest at this stage in order to plan the coach and lunch tickets/tables. Wives/Girlfriends most welcome.

Please contact Tony Dalwood if interested adalwood@yahoo.com

Player and Member Responsibilities

Playing enjoyable, competitive rugby is clearly the # 1 reason for our existence! At Woollams we enjoy the best of facilities for all our senior and mini and junior squads, social members and supporters. As we leave 2017 let's remember that as players and members we are part of the team 'on and off' the pitch and must respect the efforts of the playing captains, managers, coaches and officials, including referees and assistants, without whom there would be 'no game'. In addition, we need to protect and enhance the good reputation of OA RFC as an open, friendly and fair club, supported by an excellent operation in OA Sport, that welcomes all guests and opposition and plays honestly to the best of our abilities.

We Need You

As I am sure we all recognise the club needs volunteers to help in a variety of areas given our scale and determination to offer a leading experience for all members and stakeholders including sponsors.



Some key areas where we'd welcome your support include;

Gate Support - National 1 Saturday League Matches to sell programmes and admission for 2 hrs on occasional Saturday home games.

Communications and Social Media – capable folk to help publicise OA Events, tweet at matches, provide content for the Web Site and other digital platforms

Sponsorship and Recruitment – a general call for ideas and contacts that could help bring new sponsors to the club and new players at all levels

Event organisation – We are always looking for running new fun and fundraising events, like a Summer Ball for example – if this is something you enjoy organising or contributing to please get in touch

Database input and management - we need to keep our membership data up to date on the RFU database; if this is something you can help with or you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch.

If any of these areas (or others that you feel you could help with) might be of interest please contact Leah or Paul to discuss further.
