

# SCRUMDOWN

*THE NEWSLETTER OF DORCHESTER RFC*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME BACK

What seems like a very long break since before Christmas due to the rain, we all were looking forward to a drier 2010, we did get that, but instead of the rain we had the snow and bitter cold weather and frozen pitches to delay the return to DRFC rugby.

But finally on the weekend of 16th/17th Jan we were back in business and we saw some fine rugby played at home.

## D & K Catering helped make Christmas happen early at DRFC

On Saturday 12th Dec DRFC became the place to be for early Christmas celebrations. On arrival you were greeted by a jolly gent in red singing "jingle bell rock" to you and it thankfully it was not Dave. This gent became a source of great fun for the kids and adults alike. The DRFC junior section were the match sponsors for the day and after a full Turkey dinner with all the trimmings and Christmas pudding, much merriment was had.

After a great game of rugby the senior team and their opposition were treated to a full christmas dinner for their aftermatch meal. Bradford upon Avon invited Dave "the Chef" Harris to attend any of their games as guest of honour, but under one condition "he had to cook the meal".

During the evening there was a band in the bar and many drinking games played and the DRFC social committee arranged a disco and also the Grand Christmas Draw was made, this day turned out to be a long but enjoyable day for all.

On Sunday 20th Dec the mini-midi section's Christmas party got the kids in the mood for the forthcoming Christmas celebrations, with Victoria Peel and others members of the DRFC's coaching teams working hard, the kids enjoyed party games, disco dancing competitions and a meal of Pizza & Chips. Before the great man himself arrived carrying a sack of selection boxes for all the kids. Thanks go to Santa's helper for attending (you know who you are Mr Clark).

DRFC TEAM PHOTOS

DECEMBER 2009

Available Via this link

[www.photoboxgallery.com/4000](http://www.photoboxgallery.com/4000)

for more details contact Andy Whale (U12's)

# WHO'S WHO 2009/10

## CLUB OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Harry Dowell
<b>Chairman</b>	Martyn Raper
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Steve Holland
<b>Hon Secretary</b>	Graham Aspley
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	Peter Grassby
<b>Fixture Secretary</b>	Dave Harris
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Julie Weller

### General Committee

Martin Bartlett, Tom Bartlett, Roger Clark, John Coombe, Tony Foot, Roly Harries, Ben Sennett, Martin Simpson, Pete Weller, Rob Williams, Steve Holland

## CAPTAINS

### 1st XV

Captain Dave Gower  
Vice Stephen Hodgson

### AXV

Captain Tony O'Connell  
Vice Simon Pengelly

### GLADIATORS

Captain Steve Holland  
Vice TBA

### LADIES

Captain Laura Carr  
Vice TBA

### COLTS

Captain Jamie Crithley  
Vice Liam Moss

### JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN

Max Butler

## OTHERS

<b>Scrumdown Editor</b>	Karan Harris
<b>Clubhouse Manager</b>	Helen Harries
<b>Club Catering</b>	D & K Catering
<b>Webmaster</b>	Iain Adshead

### Coach co-ordinators

Chris Burton



## JUNIOR COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman</b>	Les Fry
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Victoria Peel
<b>Secretary</b>	Dom Hargreaves
<b>Treasurer</b>	Peter Grassby
<b>Fixture Secretary</b>	Dave Harris
<b>Membership</b>	Simon Trenchard
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Judith Barnsley

### Other Committee Members

Clive Dibben Sarah Dale, Karen Priestley, David Bourne, Lesley Paton, Lee Claridge, Steve Johns, Andy Doherty, Gavin Dunning, Sherry Foot, Simon Reed, Andrew Smith, Alison Whale, Tanya Wheeler.

## COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS

Age group	Lead Coach	Team manager
Seniors	Mike Spurles	Andy Haworth
U18 Colts	Dave Rawles	Georgina Jessop
Ladies	Roger Clark	Jennette Thompson
U6	Paul Caldwell	TBA
U7	Lee Claridge	TBA
U8	Gary McNab	Lucy Astrid
U9	Gavin Dunning	Steve Johns
U10	Martin Peel	Dave Critchel
U11	Clive Dibben	Dom Hargreaves
U12	Graeme Cauldwell	Andy Whale
U13	Mark Ashley	TBA
U14	Sue Gower	Caroline Mathews
U15	Peter James	Andrew Smith
U16	Tim Bucklar	Angie Newton

## CHAIRMANS REPORT

Like many other clubs across the country we have lost a great number of games due to the weather and even though most of the senior fixtures will be rearranged for later in the season many of the Junior games will not and ultimately this will deprive the club of much needed revenue. This situation has also hit our Caterers hard through having little income over the past month and I urge you to support them as much as possible when you visit the club and help them through this difficult period.

A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to raise money for essential clubhouse maintenance and improvements, such as replacement windows, better disabled access, extensions to the changing rooms to facilitate women and children and a host of other initiatives designed to improve on the fantastic facility that we already have. Hopefully, I will have more news by the next edition of this magazine and I will endeavour to keep you updated.

Due to time limitations, I must keep this report brief; however, if its not too late, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous year ahead and above all to enjoy the

rugby!

Regards

Martyn Raper

Chairman

## JUNIOR CHAIRMANS REPORT

A happy new year to all readers, the year so far has certainly started out in memorable fashion.

The last few weeks have been very disappointing for us all, first the rain then the cold and snow, with no games or training taking place, a great shame. However hard as it is we have to protect the pitches for future use

Let's just hope that the Season now gets back on track and we can concentrate on Rugby until the end of April.

We as your committee will do all that we can to ensure that this happens and how lucky we are to have the Astro and leisure Centre facilities right next door to the club, we will be making more use of this facility I am sure.

I know mention is made else where in Scrum down of the fantastic award presented to our St John First aider Pete Gerrard, this well deserved recognition for a real commitment to First aid and we at the club congratulate him and thank Pete for his commitment and help with Rugby at the club .Without such supporters Rugby would be a poorer sport.

We made good use of one Sunday morning when there was no chance of any rugby being played or training taking part through frozen pitches. We held an excellent development session for all those Coaches from the club who were able to attend. The Session organised by Andrew Smith our Volunteer Coordinator and conducted by Chris Burton our Coaching Coordinator. Every one who attended felt it was worth while and I have several calls for more sessions like that to be held.

The first two games back after the break gave us an away win for the under 16's against Bridport and a home win for the Under 15's against Swans, a game that was cut short, by the need for the coast guard Helicopter to land with a casualty on route to Dorset county Hospital.

Les fry

Chair Junior Section DRFC

## DRFC 100 Club

On behalf of the Sponsorship & Fundraising sub-committee we'd like to offer everyone associated with DRFC the opportunity to win monthly cash prizes totalling £100 while at the same time providing much needed support for the Club.

There are places available for membership of DRFCs 100 Club and we are keen to let everyone know about the benefits of joining our equivalent of the lottery, where there is money to be won and our own good cause to support.

Members stake a minimum of **£5 per month** to enter the draw each £5 stake buys one opportunity to win the more you have the higher your chances of winning!

Half of all money raised from members stakes goes towards the prize money. Currently that stands at £200 in total so we award £100 in prizes each month **£75 1st prize, £15 2nd prize & £10 3rd prize.**

Our aim is to recruit more members which = more prize fund, so if we can increase membership to bring in, say, £300 then prizes will go up to a total of £150 (£100, £35 & £15) and so on...

The other half of the money raised contributes to the upkeep and running costs of the Clubhouse, a vital asset for Dorchester rugby players of all ages as well as for our members, parents and sponsors, without all of whom there would be no DRFC.

So if you, your friends and family would like the chance to win some cash prizes and at the same time help raise money for the Club with an element of fun involved please contact Ben Sennett Tel. 07752 720287 for a membership form, or pick one up from Helen Harries, the Clubhouse Manager.

Looking forward to hearing from you...and good luck!

### Sport relief 2010

Sport Relief is back, and this time it's from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st March. The whole of the UK will come together to get active, raise cash and change lives.

It has a unique history of dedicated people doing extraordinary things to make a difference - from David Walliams' swim across the English Channel, to Eddie Izzard's amazing marathon a day around the UK.

And that's not to mention the thousands of incredible people who rise to the challenge by doing the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile. Or our amazing fundraisers who do something fun and active to raise cash and help make the world of difference.

All the money raised by the public is spent by Comic Relief to help transform the lives of poor and vulnerable people, both at home and across the world's poorest countries.

So be a part of it... Rise to the challenge for Sport Relief!

During and leading up to the 19th-21st March D & K catering will be selling

Gingerbread Biscuit DRFC players @ £1 each

with 50% of this going to sport relief

## Season Ticket Member

DRFC is offering local residents the opportunity of annual social membership to the club with the following entitlements:

•Use of clubhouse bar (subject to availability) •Entry to home matches.  
Preferential rates for hire of club facilities. Membership Card, valid for one season. Single - £20. Family - £35.

### CLUBHOUSE SPECIAL

NEW THIS SEASON

PRE-MATCH CURRY OR CHILLI

ON SELECTED SENIOR 1 XV GAMES

PRE-BOOKING RECOMMENDED

WHY RUSH FOR LUNCH COME TO THE  
CLUB AND MUNCH

(Subject to availability)

SEE DAVE IN KITCHEN TO BOOK



### P.R.O.P.S

Last season Anne Raper started PROPS. It's a group for all the wives, mothers and girlfriends who have spent hours on cold, wet touchlines, Sundays in hot, stuffy clubhouses and evenings washing muddy kit.

It's an opportunity to forget all that and have an evening out without any oval balls in sight!

Possible Future events include

Cocktails Night

Fashion Shows

A Day at the Races

If you want to be involved please email me or give your details to Helen in the bar. Also if you have any ideas for future activities please let one of us know

Philippa Smith

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### Big award for our own Pete Gerrard

Pete Gerrard a long term volunteer at DRFC visited London in December to receive a great honour from the St Johns. Pete received The Member of St Johns (MS & J) medal which is the equivalent to the MBE.

The process to being awarded this medal is similar to the process for the MBE, firstly you are nominated and this nominations goes via 2 local committees before being passed to a further 2 national committees for approval, before finally going to her majesty the queen for the final approval.

Pete at first did not want to attend to accept his award, but he now has said that it was one of the best days in his life and he would not have missed it for the world. He commented "The ceremony when so quick, it was hard to take it all in".

DRFC junior chairman Les Fry, invited Pete to attend the junior sponsored match lunch prior to Christmas were he made a speech to all, on how proud DRFC is of Pete and that he very much deserved the award and the recognition for all his years of service to the St Johns.

Well done from all at DRFC

### Smoking on a Sunday

As a club we are about promoting a healthy life style to the young people and smoking is not something we want to encourage.

Can we please ask that no one smokes at all, whilst in direct contact with the young people.

If any one really does have to smoke then can they please disappear to the car park, in order to be less visible to the boys and girls.

**No smoking allowed outside main door**

Thank you for your assistance

DRFC Junior Committee

## UNDER 15'S UPDATE

November:

1st Nov v Bournemouth (A) won 30-0

15th Nov v Salisbury (H) lost 7-22

22nd Nov v North Dorset (A) lost 7-10

December

13th Dec Home v Oaks (County Cup) won 72-0

Jan

17th Jan v Swans (H) won 10-0.

Representative Honours:

D&W School of Rugby - Callum King

Under 15s Saxons - Kieran Fry, Will Holmes, Callum King and Harry Smith

D&W Under 15s - Callum King

Everyone at DRFC wishes the Under 15's the best of luck for their Cup Game on  
Sunday 24th Jan

We are busy fundraising for our tour to Paris in October, watch out for the boys  
bag packing in Waitrose and car washing in the spring

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SUNDAY MORNING?

RUSHING AROUND GETTING THE KIDS

READY FOR RUGBY?

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST

LET US MAKE YOU SUNDAY MORE RELAXING

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AVAILABLE ALL DAY

DROP THE KIDS AT TRAINING, COME INTO THE CLUBROOM FOR BREAKFAST  
SETS YOU UP FOR THE DAY.

BREAKFAST CONSISTS OF

2 BACON, SAUSAGE, EGG, HASH BROWN, BEANS, SLICE OF TOAST AND EITHER  
TEA OR COFFEE

ONLY £4.00

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE @ 50P EACH

Inc BLACK PUDDING, MUSHROOMS

## UNDER 16'S NEWS UPDATE

17th January 2010

Dorchester 22 Bridport 0

After a long break due to cancellations, bad weather and Xmas the Under 16's had their first match of 2010 against Bridport.

Playing in rough conditions and a very heavy pitch Dorchester came out strong, a little chip from Max buckler across the pitch was caught by Jake Ralston only to be tackled by the Bridport winger the ball slipping from Jake's hands was quickly scooped up by Tom Lawday to score the first try of the match just 5 minutes into the game.

The game continued in the Bridport half with good defence from the opposition but with Dorchester controlling the game.

I almost missed the next try by Max Bucker by not keeping my eye on the ball, Max made a break closely followed by the back row for support to score the second try of the day following it up with a conversion. 12-0

A kick up the pitch by Jack Pullen followed with Jack chasing through the opposition to catch the ball himself, quickly passing it out to Sam Scott who ran through the Bridport defence to score. 17 - 0 at half time.

The second half the play improved, Bridport have a good pack but Dorchester contained them well even though both sides were now tiring under the heavy ground.

Scrumms were won and lost by both sides with a very evenly matched squad. Dorchester pack improving in the scrums compared with the first half. A mis-match of play and a ruc won close to the side line gave Dorchester the chance to use the back row to its full potential the ball was passed down the line ending up in the capable hands of Ryan Hardisty who ran through the Bridport pack with speed to score the 3rd try of the match which was converted by Max Buckler. 22-0

5 mins before the end of the game the match was stopped because of the pitch and the safety of the players. We would to thank Bridport for giving us a good game to kick start the New Year.

### SOME PREVIOUS SCORES

4TH OCT DORCH 93 LYCHETT 0

18TH OCT WIMBORNE 18 DORCH 10

25TH OCT DORCH 43 NEW MILTON 0

1ST NOV DORCH 76 - OAKMEDIANS 0

15TH NOV DORCH 34 - SWANS 0

22ND NOV DORCH 34 NORTH DORSET 15

### Do You Have Something To Say Or Ask ?

If you have something you would like to see covered in the newsletter, from general advise, to law questions, Just drop me a line

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