

In Touch



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A warm welcome to this fourth issue of In Touch, the Official Newsletter of Coventry Rugby Supporters' Club.

What a year it's been, Coventry Rugby is sitting proudly on top of the table, having won all 14 games so far this season, and the Supporters' Club currently has 234 members (that's as many as a typical crowd at Ampthill for their home games!).

Not only is much happening in respect of the playing side of Coventry Rugby, but the Supporters' Club is in regular contact in order to meet one of our objectives -

“To liaise with Coventry Rugby to maintain and improve the facilities for supporters”.

Whilst there are many areas where improvements are required, the club is listening and has a number of items in hand, whilst being very conscious they

require expenditure which can only come from a limited budget. So it's a question of priorities, Philip Crossman is offering a listening ear and is fully aware that many items need to be addressed in order to improve the match day experience.

In order to ensure that this issue is sent out to all members before Christmas, we are producing it before the game against Moseley, so it remains only for me, on behalf of the committee, to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year (which hopefully includes Cov's promotion to the Championship!)

Cliff Bennett (Chairman)



COACHES

The demand for coach seats has and continues to remain very high, such that, for the game at Cambridge we needed two coaches with three coaches now being required for the away game at Moseley.



Indeed, by comparison to this time last season, the demand for coach seats has risen by 138%.

VICE PRESIDENTS

To celebrate the need for two coaches to take us to Cambridge, the Vice Presidents offered four tickets for a pre-match buffet at BPA - a pair of tickets per coach - as prizes for the on-board raffle, to be used by the winners at the game of their choice. They were won by Mick Carter (31) and Steve Wake (74).

CAR WINDOW STICKERS

Car window stickers which proudly proclaim ...



COVENTRY RUGBY
OUR CITY..OUR CLUB

are available free of charge to all members. Please either email your request for one, or come to our stand in the Arena Bar before each home game.

ARTICLES FOR IN TOUCH

If you wish to submit an article for publishing in In Touch, or you would like to see something included, please make contact via a committee member or our email address – crsc1874@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM PETER ROSSBOROUGH



I feel a real sense of privilege to be able to contribute to the Coventry Supporters' Club's newsletter. This sense arises from the fantastic progress the supporters' club has made in the short time it has been in existence.

Its progress is mirrored by that of the club. It's not only the victories but the manner of their achievement, and the credit for that lies with the players, the coaches, the medical and conditioning team as well, of course our fantastic supporters!

The win against Ampthill was gained through playing a high-tempo, off-loading and ball winning and ball retaining game that excites our crowd and the players alike. At the same time our defensive organisation and tackling allied to tremendous physicality in the rucks and mauls are equally evidence of tremendous commitment.

On a personal note I always touch wood whenever promotion is mentioned and I never talk about it, including in this article!

Alongside our on-field performances we continue to strive to be a real Rugby club off the pitch and try to be exemplary in our hospitality and welcoming ethos.

It's great to be a part of it all.

I wish all supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year including - no, no, no, I'm not going to talk about it!!

Peter Rossborough

President, Coventry Rugby

PARTNERS

We are constantly investigating the prospect of setting up more Partnership Agreements with local organisations to provide benefits for members. If you know of any potential opportunity which you think we should explore, please email us via our email address - crsc1874@gmail.com or via a committee member.

MEDICAL ROOM

Immediately before the Fans' Forum on 28th November, guests from our Partners who have contributed, whether financially and/or practically, to the refurbishment and redevelopment of the Medical Room, were invited to be given a tour.

Rowland provided a very friendly, but in-depth, tour of not only the Medical Room but also of all the team facilities. Whilst the Medical Room is not quite complete, the gist of the redevelopment was plain to see, and the evidence of the player fitness monitoring facilities and their progress charts, etc, made for some very enthusiastic responses.

The guests were invited to stay on for the Fans' Forum and were clearly impressed at both the positivity which is oozing from the club and also the ambition and intentions which were so clearly demonstrated.



A full write up of the Medical Room upgrade and refurbishment will be posted in the next edition of 'In Touch'.

Left to right - Mike Ballinger (Builders Supply Stores), Naz Miah, (Akbars), Ian Clarke (CPHS), Julian Ballinger (Builders Supply Stores).

GET WELL CARDS

Since the last issue of In Touch we have sent Get Well cards to Alex Grove, Pete White, Dave Brazier and Heath Stevens, each of whom is recovering well. With the exception of Heath, all of the others have now returned to training with the aim of being fit for selection early in the New Year. .

We also sent a Get Well card to Malcolm Price, the supporter who fell badly at the turnstile end of the main stand at the game against Bishop's Stortford. He was attended to by Hannah and her team before the arrival of the paramedics who took over. We gather he is recovering well.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Any suggestions as to how we can improve the Supporters' Club are always welcome, and should be made via our email address or via a committee member. Similarly, any suggestions as to how the match day experience can be enhanced by Coventry Rugby will be welcomed. We will add those suggestions to the agenda at our regular meetings at BPA.



MASCOT

Coventry Rugby is urgently looking for someone to wear the mascot suit at home games and we have agreed to do all we can to help. With the team playing so well and with BPA becoming a fortress, the atmosphere which the mascot helps to generate needs to be maintained and strengthened.



There are two options in place -

- **To pay the wearer of the mascot suit on a game by game basis**
- **To obtain sponsorship which will cover not only payment to the wearer but will also cover repair and maintenance as well as guest appearances**

BROADSTREET RFC

The Supporters' Club has reached an agreement with Broadstreet RFC for discounted ground admission charges to the Ivor Preece Field.

Upon production of your membership card the charge will be £5.00 instead of £8.00.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH TICKETS

A draw was made on 4th November for winners of tickets for the International games at Twickenham.

The winners were Simon Tyldesley and Graham Read.



PARTNERS

We have been very fortunate in agreeing partnerships with local organisations who have agreed to work with us to the benefit of members.



Coventry Plumbing and Heating Supplies (CPHS)

www.covplumbing.co.uk

Coventry's largest independent plumbers merchants have been trading for over 30 years and have showrooms in Swan Lane and Curriers Close, Coventry, and in Weddington Road, Nuneaton.

CPHS have made a significant financial contribution towards the costs of setting up our website, for which we are extremely grateful.



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Established in 1931 BSS is an independent builders and plumbers merchant.

BSS have agreed to pay 1 1/2 % of the total value of sales purchased by CRSC members into the CRSC bank account each quarter.

They will set up a monitoring system at their sales points and will give the customer, who must show his CRSC membership card, a receipt accordingly.

<http://www.akbarscuisine.com>

Akbars Indian Cuisine, 7-9 Butts, Coventry CV1 3GJ 02476 222213 / 228899

An organisation which has been in business for over 30 years, this is a high quality restaurant serving contemporary Indian Cuisine at its best, as well as Indian tapas. It has modern décor, a bar, a lounge and a terrace.

Upon production of their membership card, Supporters' Club members will benefit from a discount of 15% off their food bill.

Please note: a party of 4 or less receives a 15% discount on their food bill. For parties of more than 4 people the 15% discount is applied to 4 of the party, the additional attendees receive a 7.5% discount on their food bill.

Members are asked to show their CRSC membership card to staff both when they order from the menu AND when they ask for the bill, in order to assist staff in their preparation of the bill.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Proposed Events 2018

Old Albanian Pre-match Lunch

January 6th Butts Park Arena - Walker Suite

Pre-lunch drinks in the Vice Presidents (Centurion's) Suite

Including a presentation to former Old Albanian centre Chris May

£20 per head or £35 including adult match ticket

Email: crsc1874@gmail.com to reserve your ticket

The Two Johns

First Quarter 2018

We are particularly excited about offering supporters the opportunity to spend the evening in the company of Cov legends John Wilkinson and John Butler, as they reminisce on their experiences with Coventry RFC over the years.

Referee's Night #3

Start of Season 2018-19

After our first 2 very successful Ref's evenings, Rhys will be giving an overview of new laws that have been implemented, & looking at current ones with the help of players and coaches.

An evening with Chris White, former World Cup referee is currently in the early planning stages. Further details to be announced shortly.

All events will be open to members and non-members of the Supporters' Club.

We will be confirming these events by email, on both our and Coventry Rugby's websites and the unofficial forum .