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Greetings from the office of the Chairman. The club continues to go from strength to strength and we are all busy trying to fulfill this years objectives, both off and on the pitch. This is our second newsletter of the season, please find below some dates and news for events we have organised for the club's junior section leading up to Christmas. The newsletter will also go out electronically to those who have given us their email addresses.

### **BBC NorthWest Sports Awards**

Club officials will be attending the 2005 BBC Northwest Awards Evening. For the third year running the club has won the "Shell/Sports Cheshire Community Club of the Year" award and I was amazed that we won it again which completes the "hattrick". By winning this award we were automatically nominated for the BBC North West Awards evening which will be held at the Manchester Midland Hotel on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2005. Let's all hope we pull this one off as we are now recognized as the leading and most visible Sports club in Cheshire. Please wish us the best of luck in our quest to win this prestigious award!



The event is a great night and amongst last years winners were Freddie Flintoff and Amir Khan, let's hope we can join such illustrious stars this year!!!

### **Sale Sharks**

Sale's forthcoming fixtures include :-

Heineken Cup - 16<sup>th</sup> December 8.00 pm vs. Castres Olympique

Guinness Premiership - 26<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 pm vs. Northampton Saints

Special ticket prices are available again this season for all Sale Sharks home games. Please ring or email Laraine Dodd for tickets on 01606 782323 or

[ldodd@northwichrufc.co.uk](mailto:ldodd@northwichrufc.co.uk). Please channel all your ticket requests through Laraine as apart from the price we also obtain points for the "kit back" scheme which helps us obtain kit and equipment for the club!

## Social Events

Our recent Halloween party was a great success and we will be organizing Christmas parties at the Moss Farm Club house for the younger element. Could coaches please advise me whether their teams want to do a Xmas party or some other event such as 10 pin bowling. Also, the U16's have organised a "Beetle Drive" next Saturday to help raise funds for their February tour to Ireland. Please support them by coming along. So dates for the diary are:-

**Beetle drive** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 pm at the Hartford Legion

This will be a great family night out, lots of fun and "supper" included! (Family £10 or Adults £3.50 / Children £2.50)

**Bengal Dynasty 'All you can eat curry event'** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1pm

**Mini/Junior Xmas Party**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

**Junior Bowling**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December Various times

**Spring Ball**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006

The U14's and U16's have decided to hold their Christmas "bash" on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bengal Dynasty at 1.00pm. This is straight after their home fixture against our friends from Winnington Park. The teams have invited their counterparts from Park to the event as well and so far the uptake from Park has been very good. Ken Houghton has eaten there and was very impressed; I visited recently and was struck with how clean the restaurant is! If any other club members would like to come along just let me or a coach know and I will finalize the numbers. It is £8.95 for as much as you can eat with reductions for the youngsters. If this event proves successful we would like to set up a Northwich RUFC "gourmet" club where we will visit local restaurants to sample their delights!

[www.bengaldynasty.com](http://www.bengaldynasty.com) is the website if you wish to visit!



## Match Reports

As you may all know we try and get the match reports from every game into the local newspapers each week. These reports also go onto the web site for players to look back over the season. However we are always looking for help to write them. It only takes a few minutes of your time and your help is much appreciated by busy coaches trying to shuffle substitutes and develop player's skills. If you'd like to help, please speak to your team coach.

## **Players Subscriptions**

The club is in reasonable financial shape, but to keep it this way, please would those players who have not paid their annual subscription do so as soon as possible. You are all aware that the club, at the moment, provides the shirts free of charge (this will change to a £10 deposit in the next year as we are losing too many.) I have asked Kevin Jones and Ken Houghton to provide me with a list of players who have not paid their subs. If they are not paid by the end of November the player will NOT be allowed to play for his/her respective team! As of today we are close to 100% subscriptions paid, please help us achieve the magic number!

## **Sponsorship**

We are always looking for sponsors to help us with the significant expenses such as new kit etc. If anyone has contacts with companies that would be interested in sponsoring us then please have them contact me. We are developing a whole range of sponsorship packages starting from as little as £100.

## **Spring Ball**

Now is the time to get your tickets booked for next years Spring Ball. It is booked for the 1<sup>st</sup> April at Portal Golf & Country club. This event is growing in popularity every year and this year the signs are that it could sell out very quickly. Tickets are £35 per person. Anyone willing to get a table of 10 together will earn a £50 discount!! Thereby reducing the cost to £30 per head or allowing them and their partner to go free. Tables are already selling, so don't delay - book today. Contact Ken Houghton - see website for his contact details.

## **Senior Section**

Our Seniors, especially the 1stXV team are having a mixed season; they have flattered to deceive in the league where they have contrived to loose games that they should easily have won. Yet in the Powergen Intermediate Cup, they are storming along into the 4<sup>th</sup> round where they play Scunthorpe, a team that are 2 divisions higher, so good luck to them. If you come and watch the Seniors you may spot our 3 "Imports". These are 3 guys from Natal in South Africa, over in the UK on an exchange visit and despite feeling the cold, they are adding greatly to the firepower of the team. The club intends to grow this relationship with Northwich players traveling to South Africa in a return exchange later next year.

## **Feedback PLEASE!**

We are looking for feedback on a few of our initiatives:-

### **1. Club merchandise**

We have the opportunity to obtain a wide range of merchandise; logo'd up with the Northwich crest and personalized with your name or "moniker". Minimum quantities are very low and the range of goods is too wide to list out here.

However, if people are looking for Xmas presents, why not give us an idea of the sort of things you want and let us get you a price on them. You may be pleasantly surprised!

## 2. Sale Trip

Would anyone be interested in a coach to the Sale game against Northampton on Boxing day? Kick off is 3pm so we would need to leave Moss Farm by 2pm. We would need to book up quickly in order to secure a coach for that day.

Feedback on both these items to Laraine in the shop please.

## Fixtures & the Weather

Last but not least, October was a poor month for the weather and fixtures. Usually our fixtures secretary will confirm details of the matches on a Tuesday or Wednesday. If there are any problems he will email all the coaches. They will in turn arrange to contact all the players by email, phone or text. However we often cannot judge the state of the pitches until Saturday. Again if there are cancellations the coaches will be told and they will text or call as many of you as possible. However we cannot cope with every eventuality, so please check the website or call your coach if you are not sure.

Good luck to you all for the next month, let's hope the weather will start to be a little kinder to us. As usual please find me if you have any questions or take a look at the web site for fixtures, directions, club policies, registrations, remember each team has its own page. <http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk>

The next newsletter will appear in December!

Best Regards

**Simon**

Simon Bridle

Junior Chairman

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**PLEASE REMEMBER NEXT SATURDAY'S BEETLE DRIVE !!!!!**