

NORTHWICH JUNIORS 2002—2003



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December Newsletter

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UP COMING DATES!

- *Christmas Party 22nd December*
- *New Year's Eve Party 31st December*
- *Spring Ball 8th March*
- *Cheshire Cup 9th March*

Christmas is nearly here!

With Christmas nearly upon us, may I say a big thank you to all the players and their parents for supporting the club so far this season. A sterling effort both off and on the pitch has meant a pretty eventful few months. Whilst the weather hasn't been too kind to us this season so far, thank you to those that turned up to a very wet bonfire night. We're all looking forward to the run up to Christmas, hopefully with success in the matches on December 15th at Stockport. To celebrate Christmas the club have organised a Christmas party for the mini teams on December 22nd and a New Years Eve party at the club (More details below). I look forward to seeing you all there.

Simon Bridle Junior Chairman

Winter Training

The Moss Farm all-weather pitch is now available for use by the club every Wednesday between 7-8 pm. (With £1 per player to cover cost of the lights) Please check with your team coach or Phil Clarke about plans for specific coaching activities after training on Sundays.

Cheshire Cup and other fixture changes

Every year we are invited to participate in the knockout cup competition run by the Cheshire Rugby Union. The competition is open to all rugby clubs in Cheshire. The first round matches have already been played for the older teams. The mini sides (up to U12) play all their matches together in a festival format on a single day this year this will be on Sunday March 9th. This year the venues will be :-

- Under 7's Old Anselmians (date to be confirmed)
- Under 8's Winnington Park
- Under 9's Wirral
- Under 10's Sandbach
- Under 11's Chester
- Under 12's Caldby

Let's hope for better weather, good luck to everyone.

A revised copy of the fixture list is printed with this newsletter. There are some minor changes, for example the Sandbach fixture has been rearranged. Please throw away your old list to avoid any confusion.

Northwich Rugby kit

Well done to Wendy Beesley and Laraine Dodd for organising orders and stocks of club rugby kit and equipment. Shorts (£10), socks (£4.50) and training tops (£18 or £20 depending on size) are now in stock. New shirts should be available on Sunday. If you'd like to buy any items please see Wendy or Lorraine each Sunday morning for a price list and to try items for size. If you have a particular request for items not on the price list please ask anyway as I'm sure we'll be able to get it for you at a competitive price through our range of suppliers. If you can't get down on Sunday you can email them (wbeesley@northwichrufc.co.uk or ldodd@northwichrufc.co.uk) with your request instead.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party for the mini teams this year will be held at Moss Farm on Sunday December 22nd between 12 noon and 3 pm. Players and parents are very welcome, Santa will be there to meet the children and a disco and party games will be organised for everyone to join in. While Moss Farm will provide a bar for soft drinks, and not so soft drinks for the parents, could each player please help by providing food. If everyone brings something it will help reduce the costs. To make sure everyone doesn't bring the same thing can each team bring the following :-

Under 7/8's	Snacks, crisps
Under 9's	Drinks
Under 10's	Cakes, mince pies, biscuits
Under 11's	Sandwiches
Under 12's	Sausage rolls, pizza, pork pies



New Year's Eve Party

On December 31st the club have secured the facilities at Moss Farm for a New Year's Eve party. Everyone is welcome, the bar will be open from 8 pm. till late. The Entrance fee of £8 will include food and fancy hats. Tickets on the door on the night. For more details speak to Phil Clarke.

Club social nights

After Christmas the club will organise a social night every month for the players and parents of the Junior section to get together socially. The junior committee will organise everything for a Friday night in the middle of the month, starting Friday January 17th. All we need to know now is what you'd like to do. So we've included a questionnaire with the newsletter with some suggestions. Please fill it in as soon as possible with your preferences.

Sale Sharks

I'm pleased to say a number of you are regular supporters of Sale Sharks attending their regular Friday evening home matches. This is obviously having a positive effect on Sale (now 2nd place in the Zurich Premiership) but also helps give Northwich better visibility within Sale's Community club programme. In turn this helps us get additional support, like the recent training visit by one of their senior squad members. As a Sale community club we are able to secure match tickets at attractive prices (£10 adults, £2 children) . If you are interested in coming along, the next home game is on Friday January 3rd against Newcastle. Call or email Ken Houghton for tickets. (khoughton@nrufc.co.uk)

Club Web site

The club web site has proved to be very successful with nearly 3000 visitors since it was set up in September. If you haven't already visited the site please take a look when you next get online. There's a page for every team in the club (including Seniors!), fixtures, match reports, maps and directions to away clubs. As well as general information about the club, events and so on. Web Links to other clubs and useful rugby resources like the English Rugby Union are in the **Links** page and contact numbers and email addresses for all the club coaches and officers are in the **Contacts** page. Over Christmas we plan to update the team pages with photographs and up to date reports from all the coaches. If you have any ideas for the site or would like to help with the design or just want to know how to find information please speak to Kevin Jones or send an email to enquiries@northwichrufc.co.uk.

Don't forget the web address is <http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk>

Volunteers wanted...Match Reports, newsletters...

At the end of each match day we try and collate reports and scores for each game so that we can notify the local papers (Chronicle & Guardian) and so get coverage in their sports pages. However the coaches are busy during the game so we are looking for parents who would be prepared to help out with non coaching matters especially on match days. These would include putting together a short match report, handing out newsletters and maps for away games. Any help of this type would be greatly appreciated, if you'd like to contribute please contact your child's team coach.

Moss Farm facilities

While the club doesn't have its own club house we do enjoy the facilities provided by Moss Farm and its full time staff. The bar, behind the changing rooms, is always open on Sunday's after training or matches and offers a chance to meet other parents, players and coaches socially, to talk about the match or look forward to future games. Hot food is usually available as well as sweets and soft drinks for the children. Please try and drop by for a chat sometime but make sure the children have a spare set of clean clothes or have a shower after the match.

NORTHWICH RUGBY UNION FOOTBAL CLUB								
JUNIOR FIXTURES 2002-2003 (December 2002)								
DATE	U16's		U15's		U13's		U8's-U12's	
01/12/2002	Sandbach	A	Sandbach	A	Sandbach	H	Chester & Wilmslow (U10 's only)	H
08/12/2002	Eagle (Warrington)	A						
15/12/2002	Orrell	A	Manchester	H	Manchester	A	Stockport & Trafford M.V.	A
23/12/2002	***** Xmas & New Year Break *****							
30/12/2002	***** Xmas & New Year Break *****							
05/01/2003	Winnington Park	H	Lymm	A	Lymm	H		A
12/01/2003	Wirral	H	Wirral	A	Wirral	A	Orrell (all age groups) Birkenhead Park (U12)	H
19/01/2003							Wirral	A
26/01/2003			Congleton	A			Congleton	H
02/02/2003	Oldershaw	H	Oldershaw	H			Sandbach	A
09/02/2003					Ashton on Mersey	A		
16/02/2003			Whitchurch	H			Spring Half Term	
23/02/2003							Wilmslow	H
02/03/2003	Newcastle	A	Newcastle	H	Newcastle	H	Newcastle	A
09/03/2003	Orrell	H					Cheshire Cup Festivals	
16/03/2003	Crewe & Nantwich	A	Crewe & Nantwich	A	Crewe & Nantwich	H	Crewe & Nantwich	H
23/03/2003	Whitchurch	H			Whitchurch	H		
30/03/2003			Ormskirk	H	Ormskirk	A	Ashton on Mersey	H
06/04/2003	Marple	H						
13/04/2003	Caldy	A	Caldy	H	Caldy	H	Hoylake	A
20/04/2003	Easter		Easter		Easter		Easter	
28/04/2003								

Club social nights

Here are the suggestions for social events. To help us organise the events you like just fill in the questionnaire below. Please fill in your 5 favourite activities scoring them 1 to 5 where 5 = best choice, 4 = next choice and so on. If you only like one suggestion just score that 5 and leave the rest. We'll just add up all the scores and start organising the ones with the highest scores. newsletter with some suggestions. Please fill it in as soon as possible with your preferences. If you have any suggestions of your own please use the box provided. Please give your completed form to your coach next week at training.

Club Social Night Questionnaire

Please score 1 to 5 for your favourite 5 activities. (5 = best, 4 = next best..)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Karoke & Disco Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Curry & Quiz Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Contest | <input type="checkbox"/> Go-Karting | <input type="checkbox"/> Paintball Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crocky Trail & BBQ | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Players Name _____ Age Group _____