



Northwich
Rugby Union Football Club
- the community rugby club in Mid Cheshire



e-News

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Dear **Club Member**,

Welcome to our latest eNewsletter - e-News. With an increasing number of our members using email both at home and work we've decided to use this format to keep our members up to date with things happening both at the club but also in the community. Hard copies of the e-News will be available at the shop or directly from your coach or team manager for those of you without internet/email access.

Xmas Edition

As the next few weeks will be a busy time for us all, this will probably be the last edition before Christmas. So Happy Christmas everyone and best wishes from the club and of course from the chairman, committee and club officials. Over the next few weeks many activities and events are planned, both on and off the pitch, so please take a look at the details in the newsletter below. In particular Juniors please let us know as soon as possible if you want to come to the Xmas parties organised on December 19th.



BBC North West Community Club of the Year

Keep your finger crossed for the club on December 6th. This is the evening of the BBC North West Sports Awards, hosted by Gordon Burns. As you all may have seen the BBC have already filmed us on a typical Sunday morning and this film will be shown at the event with the other nominees. I also expect coverage of the event itself will be on BBC's 'NorthWest Tonight' on Tuesday 6th December evening at 6.30pm. I'm sure there will be lots of sports stars there. Our chairmen and president will be there, so good luck Sam, Simon and John - PS don't forget to take a Northwich shirt along to get it autographed.

Andy Naylor is 'your champion'

At a special ceremony at a top Cheshire hotel, many of Cheshire's unsung heroes were honoured last week. Amongst the awards our very own Andy Naylor received the Individual Award for his sterling work in setting up and running the John Blower Trust Fund. Andy received his award from Paul McKelvie from Scottish Power who were joint organisers and sponsors of the event along with the Chronicle Newspaper group. Many local celebrities were on hand to meet the winners including Falkland veteran Simon Weston and Trevor Green of Granada TV. For the full story take a look at that this week's Chronicle. Well done Andy and all the JBT Trust team.

Tongan makes 2

Tongan Kolo Fifita is greeted here by Northwich 1st XV coach Donny Phillips and his son Donny. Kolo joins Nick Blake to increase the club's antipodean players to two. Kolo who was raised in New Zealand has played at representative and club rugby in Australia and as well as helping Northwich's activities on the rugby pitch, will be out and about working in Northwich helping with the club's community coaching programme. For news of his 'pitch' performance keep an eye on the [1st XV page](#).



New Shop for Wendy & Lorraine

As some of you have noticed we have taken over Room 1 in the changing room block. This will be open on Saturday at 1.30pm for Seniors and on Sunday between 10.00-10.30am and 12.00-12.30pm for Juniors. We have kit of all sizes including shorts, socks, mouth guards and leisure shirts. The shop is an important source of income for the club so please support the excellent work of Wendy Beesley and Laraine Dodd for setting up the shop and making it a valuable resource for the club. We have plenty of stock of all items for those Xmas presents you've always wanted. So please take a visit to the shop. If they do not have what you want or if you have an idea for something please channel your ideas through Wendy or Laraine. The club policy is now to arrange all procurement through the shop to get best prices, selection and quality. The club will not settle supplier invoices without a valid club order number, so please support the shop to support the club. Laraine's email is given below. For details of all the latest kit prices please visit:-

http://www.northwichruffc.co.uk/Junior_Teams/Kit/kit.html . Laraine is at ldodd@northwichruffc.co.uk



U14 Girls win RFUW Tournament

On a dark Sunday evening the U14 girls team won a mini tournament run by the RFUW to promote girls rugby in the North West. Well done girls, we hope this is the first of many wins and trophies. See the story and who scored on <http://www.northwichgirlsrugby.co.uk/#tour-win>

Sports Memorabilia Raffle

All the team managers and coaches have tickets for the Sports memorabilia Raffle. This is in aid of the John Blower Trust. Tickets are £1 each

and 'on offer' are many prizes including signed shirts, balls, photographs etc. from football (Manchester United, Manchester City), Rugby Union (Martin Johnson, Jason Robinson) and Rugby League (Widnes, Bradford Bulls). What a great chance to win that special present for Xmas? Please support the raffle and of course it helps get to that total of £150,000 that is planned for the John Blower Trust.

Social Events

We have organised a busy schedule leading up to and over Christmas. Remember Juniors please see your coach asap. We are in the process of organising a number of social events for young and old alike. Here are the details so far.

- Saturday 11th December *Chairmans Day*

Join your chairman in his annual special afternoon at the club after the Warrington Home match. This year's Chairman's Day will be on Saturday December 11th. This is the traditional time of the year when club chairman, Sam Naylor invites former club members, sponsors and friends of the club, to enjoy the club's hospitality and join a special afternoon down at the club. Not only will the 1st XV be playing Warrington in the EuroManx league but this year Chairman's Day marks a year since John Blower's accident. John will hopefully be able to be down at the club during the match and to help with the results of the John Blower Trust 'Sporting Memorabilia Raffle'.

For more information about the event, please contact Sam Naylor at snaylor@northwichrufc.co.uk or telephone on 01606 871547. For information on the exciting Sporting Memorabilia Raffle and to get tickets (the draw will be on December 11th so hurry) please contact Andy Naylor on anaylor@northwichrufc.co.uk or telephone on 01606 76200.

- Sunday 19th December *Junior Bowling*

For the junior age groups, (U11 to U15) there will be 10 pin bowling at Winnington Bowl. Due to the large numbers of kids in these teams we have had to split the groups up. U11's and U12's will bowl from 10am to 12:00 noon, the U13's & U14's will bowl from 12:30 to 2:30 pm and U15's and U16's from 5.30 to 7.30pm. This year's price is £9 per person. This includes :- two games of bowls, shoe hire, choice of menu, Christmas crackers and Christmas party bag to take home. Obviously to make arrangements we need numbers and payments by Sunday 5th December at the latest. Earlier notification would be much appreciated. Forms will be given out on Sunday 28th, you can email us juniorexmasparty@northwichrufc.co.uk or you can visit the web site at http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk/Notice_Board/Forms/forms.html, print out the form, fill it in and give it to your coach.

Sunday 19th December *Minis Xmas Party*

The U7's to U10's will have a party at Moss Farm on Sunday 19th in the afternoon 2pm start. Our usual format is that parents are requested to provide some food and / or drink for the party and a small gift (wrapped and labelled for their child). The club will provide entertainment and ensure that the "man in red" puts in an appearance to ensure that all the gifts are distributed. Any parents that would like to volunteer to help set up this party should see Simon Bridle or one of the Mini's coaches.

Monday 27th December *Sale vs Bath at Edgeley Road*

After the success of the trip to see the Newcastle game recently we've decided to run another trip over the Xmas break. The 27th is the Monday after Xmas when you'll be needing to get out of the house away from the turkey sandwiches. Sale are playing Bath and hopefully will be back at full strength. Tickets are from £4 kids and £12 adults through to £40 for a family ticket etc. We organised a coach last time for a group of 50+ and the tickets will be approx £5 per head. Remember we earn 'kit back' points for every ticket sold and the scrummaging machine is very close now. As usual see Ken Houghton about tickets or go to http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk/Notice_Board/Forms/forms.html fill the form in and give it to your coach or team manager.

- Tuesday 28th December *Seniors Xmas Party*



The main seniors event over xmas will be a fabulous night with Abba tribute band at Winnington 'Rec'. Starting at 8pm with a late bar tickets are £10 per head. See Andy Naylor as soon as possible as tickets are going quickly. You can contact Andy at 01606 76200 or 07785 187152 or you can email him at anaylor@northwichruffc.co.uk. For a preview of Abba Magic and downloads of all these famous Abba tunes why not try <http://www.abbamagic.com/>.

- Saturday 5th March 2005 *Spring Ball*

Annual Spring Ball with 5 course meal, dance and live band at Portland Golf Club. As usual there will be superb food, stunning wines and top class entertainment with a live band and disco, all to make sure we all have another brilliant night. Tickets are now on sale at £30 per head. See the website for further details and some great pictures of last years do. We want to make this a premier event, so invite your friends along, why not make up a table and have a fantastic night out to really support the club and make this a great fund raising event. Cheap rates for overnight accommodation will also be available this year if you want to enjoy a 'lie in' on Sunday morning.

Tickets are already selling as this is a popular event. Ken Houghton is waiting to hear from you on 01606 558677 or email us at springball@northwichruffc.co.uk.

Training

As the summer training has been very successful, sometimes over 30 players (and parents) have been coming along, sessions will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 to 8pm for the time being. Girls and Ladies training is on Tuesdays at 7pm, see the girls web site for details. <http://www.northwichgirlsrugby.co.uk/>

Club Web site

As fixtures have emerged for all the teams, the web site has seen some updating. You should find up to date fixtures on each team page, downloaded fixture lists, directions to all Junior away fixtures (no need to go to opposition web site) as well as links to leagues, sponsors, the new electronic version of Touchline and much more. As always please let us know if there is anything you'd like to add.

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