



## **Pewsheets 2018/19 Season**

Hello and welcome to November's Pewsheets. If you no longer wish to receive future copies please unsubscribe using the link below.

I have to begin this month's newsletter with an apology. In the last sheet I spelt out the names of the committee forgetting one of the most important posts. Club captain Nick Damper represents the players on the committee. Apologies Nick I have paid £25.00 into club funds as a suitable fine.

### **On the Pitch**

Mixed results for the seniors, a fine away win at Supermarine was followed by a chastening defeat at home to runaway league leaders Combe Down. It is to the credit of the team and the coaching staff that this defeat is being used as a major rallying point for the rest of the season. With the injury position becoming easier we can expect the team to move up the table. Home fixtures in December are 1<sup>st</sup> Melksham and 15<sup>th</sup> Minety.

Our junior group is going from strength to strength and we welcome 3 new coaches; two of whom are our first women coaches. Say hello to Lorraine Lamb with the under 6's and Vicky Fawdry with the under 12's. We also welcome Chris Andrews who will coach the under 9's. The juniors are well under way in their preparation to play Cricklade (away) on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Clubhouse**

Many thanks to the working party headed by Peter Curle and included Vernon Smith, Mick Haynes, Peter Duke, Elliot Soper Bertie Bowman and yours truly who worked with our contractors to successfully complete the laying of the floor and underfloor heating. This was made possible with a grant from the Hills group administered by Community first. This now means that we will be able to create a temporary social area away from the tractor store, We hope to have you out of the wet and cold by Christmas.

In addition to this we have, through the support of local benefactors and the Wiltshire Area fund, been able to complete the installation of a drainage system which deals with water flow from the roof of the building.

We have also been able to put to good use building materials generously provided by Railtrack and with the help of AG builders we have the foundations completed for the patio area in front of the clubhouse. These three projects alone cost £24,000 the majority of which has been externally funded

We have now completed an accurate assessment of what we need to complete the clubhouse - some £100,000 give or take. The committee is now working on a plan to obtain this money and secure a sustainable business plan for the completed clubhouse. Watch this space!

### **Club Sponsor**

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Andy Watson of 4 square Advice Ltd ( <https://4sq.biz> ) presented the new shirts for the senior team at our recent home meeting with Combe Down. An event that made the local newspaper. Thanks to Andy and his business for the new smart look for the team.

We are still looking for a sponsor for our junior section and as we grow this could be a great chance to get a company (your business) known around Wiltshire. If you are interested contact any of the committee for further details.

#### Fund Raising

The response to the Aviva funding has been disappointing. Please follow the link below and vote, it takes about 2 minutes. Once you have voted then get others to vote. Voting closes on the 20<sup>th</sup> November so there is not much time left <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-2262>

Only if we gain enough votes will we get through to the final stages and have a chance of winning the cash.

We have also been successful in being selected for support by our local co-op in Pewsey. This is how the scheme works

The Co-op Local Community Fund helps to support local projects that our members care about. Since its launch in 2017, Co-op members have raised **£39 million pounds** for over 12,000 local causes. **Pewsey Vale Rugby Football Club** will now be able to access this funding opportunity.

#### How the fund works

Every time our members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on Co-op branded products and services helps fund community projects. Members can shop at any Co-op Group stores across the UK to raise money for your cause.

Members can choose which causes to support by signing into their [membership account](#) or by calling the membership helpline on **0800 023 4708**. Your cause will be available for members to select until **November 2019**.

Your cause will receive two payments as part of the Local Community Fund. The first payment will be in **June 2019** and the last payment in **November 2019**.

#### Your cause profile page

Every cause has a page on our membership website. This includes information about your cause and the project you want to complete. To encourage members to support your project, share the following link on social media:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/25301>

**So get in and register, select our cause and spend some money!**

#### Ladies Training

**Jamie Balls training sessions for women's fitness has had great initial success with some ten ladies in attendance. These are fun sessions designed for fitness with a Rugby touch. Sessions are held at the club ground every Saturday starting at 10.30am**

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Jamie is also setting up rugby fitness sessions for men over 35. These sessions will run from 7-8pm every Thursday at the club ground, so dig out your boots and come along for what will be fun non-contact sessions designed to improve your health

#### **Social Events**

The club dinner was a great success and apparently enjoyed by all. This contributed funds to help the club. Dates for the next two years are 2019 5<sup>th</sup> December and 2020 7<sup>th</sup> December - be there or be square. Tickets for the Fawly Towers dinner are going fast so if you want to come along contact Elaine Haynes or Catherine Burley in the next few days. We have a tentative date for a quiz Night at the Seven Stars of the 24<sup>th</sup> January cost will be £10.00 to include food.

We also are planning a family fun day at the club more details to follow but it will occur on the week-end of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Enjoy your Rugby

PVRFC Committee

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