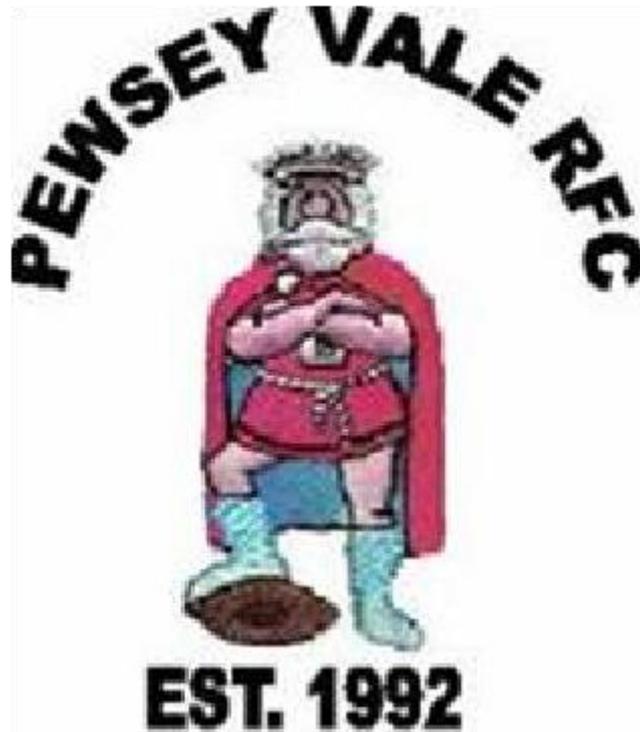


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### **Pewsheets 2018/19 Season**

**Hello and welcome to the first Pewsheets of 2019. We wish you a very happy New Year. If you no longer wish to receive future copies please unsubscribe using the link below. This has been one of the busiest months both on and off the pitch that I can remember**

### **On the Pitch**

**I am glad to report that the seniors are back to winning ways with two wins on the trot, away v's Trowbridge and at home v Minety. The Minety win was particularly impressive as Pewsey stuck to their task in freezing, monsoon like conditions, the margin of victory foreshortened by the oppositions inability to maintain enough number on the field.**

**Our junior group continues to develop and we can now provide coaching and much needed shelter for years 6 through to 12.**

**We now have sprung loaded corner flags which are part of the safety upgrades the RFU is progressing which can be used by both seniors and juniors alike. The cost of these, some £600, was kindly donated by Dave and Jan Jones and by Richard Mercer. Our thanks to them, this means that the club can make £600 available towards the club house.**

### **Ladies Training**

**Ladies training sessions are going from strength to strength despite some pretty inclement weather conditions. If you need to get fit then the sessions are run by our head coach Jamie Balls every Saturday starting at 10.30AM.**

### **Clubhouse**

**There was no rest for the working parties when the flooring was completed. Thanks to a generous donation from the parents in the junior section we raised sufficient funds to install a partitioning wall in the social area. This enabled a temporary club house arrangement to be created and the clubhouse is now functioning, all be it in a temporary manner. Thanks to Peter Curle, Peter Duke and Vernon Smith who led the efforts to get this completed.**

**We have now been able to host two home meetings and the junior families have somewhere to shelter from the elements. Dennis is delighted to get his Tractor shed back. Already since opening the club has been able to clear some £500 in cash towards the further development of the clubhouse.**

**Not wishing to rest on our laurels and thanks to Andy Watson we have raised sufficient money to install a ceiling and complete the painting. Many thanks to Nick Damper, Peter Curle, Andy Watson, Vernon Smith, Tim Atkins, Chris Andrews, Simon Burley, James Murell, Matt Burchill, the Flippances and special thanks to Freya and Vicky Burchill for the painting works.**

### **Accreditation**

**I am delighted to say that the club has completed its accreditation exercise. This is a standard set by the RFU to ensure clubs have in place**

suitable personnel, funds and procedures to provide an inclusive safe and suitable environment in which to play rugby. The work for compliance has been a useful exercise which has identified strengths and weaknesses in the club and has enabled us to complete a comprehensive documented review. The plaque awarded by the RFYU will soon be on the club wall. Thanks to the working party of Peter Duke, Mick Haynes, Vernon Smith, Cath Burley and Steve Park in completing the work ahead of schedule. With this exercise completed new funding opportunities will become available.

### **Web Site**

The club now has a new web site [www.pewseyrugby.co.uk](http://www.pewseyrugby.co.uk) and our thanks go to Reid Buck for developing it and to Peter Duke for populating the site. This will be the go-to place for information about the club including match reports, club information, club policies, committee meetings building plans fund raising activities and, yes, even copies of the newsletter. But please remember the site will only be as good as you make it so please send in your match reports, anecdotes, questions, queries and fun pictures to help make the web-site alive and current.

### **Fund Raising**

The club has now completed a full costing exercise to complete the clubhouse with approximately £100,000 still needed. We have pledges and money in the bank to cover at least the first £10,000 and are working on a number of sources of funds including the Army Covenant, Sport England, The Rugby Football Foundation and the North Wessex Downs Leader Fund. Our priority to install a permanent power supply and build the changing rooms. If you know of other sources of funds then please let me know.

### **Social Events**

There is quiz night at The Seven Stars at Bottlesford on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 7pm for 7.30 pm start. Cost is £10.00 per person to include a meal. Teams should be a maximum of six people. If you are interested please contact Nick Damper, Dave and Jan Jones, Peter Curle or Elaine Haynes. You can contact Elaine on 07795 437180. All profits go to the club.

**Tickets for the Fawly Towers dinner have sold out. We also are planning a family fun day as part of the NatWest Rugby Force initiative run by the RFU. More details to follow but it will occur on the week-end of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June not July as previously reported.**

**Enjoy your Rugby**

**PVRFC Committee**