



Pewsheets September 2020

Welcome to September's edition of the Pewsheets. September sees us poised on the start of a new season where the club needs to do as much as it can to advance competitive rugby whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible under all circumstances. More about this later

NatWest Weekend

Many thanks to all the many volunteers who gave up their time on the 5th and 6th of September as part of the NatWest weekend. A truly magnificent effort from all those involved saw the transformation of the pavilion from a building site to a pavilion almost ready for use. New building work was completed and a thorough clean up conducted of the surrounding areas around the car park and players entrance. This was truly a CLUB effort with all ages and groups involved. We were also able to conduct these activities in ways which met the current Covid-19 recommendations.

Clubhouse

The work completed means that we are now close to finishing with only some plumbing and decoration works left to be completed which should see us finished by the end of September. Our next steps will be approval of the building by the building inspectorate followed by registration with Wiltshire Council for business rates. The club will then be in a position to apply for a permanent license to sell alcohol and thus become fully functional on a day to day basis.

Back to Rugby -Seniors

The club is at level D in the RFU's plan to get back to full rugby. This is two stages away from the full game. This means that senior training can involve tackling, rucking and lineout drills. We are still some way from competing fully and October fixtures will not now take place.

Training is being well supported and the club is now running two sessions a week Tuesday and Thursday both starting at 7pm. Training is being conducted under precautions to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Which involves self-assessment forms regular disinfections and other procedures to allow training in a safe environment.

Intra Club Rugby Tournament

The club is planning to run an intra club rugby tournament using the "back to rugby" version of the game. This is basically a sophisticated version of touch rugby which can be played competitively. Team will be a minimum of 5 players and will compete on a league basis. Games start at 1pm and

some form of refreshments will be provided probably in an open-air environment. If you are interested in playing text your name to 07968 123406 before 15th September

Junior Training

Training starts on Sunday 13th September under new conditions again designed to keep all participating safe. Vernon Sandra and the year coaches have conducted a thorough risk assessment and have put in place a series of procedures designed to keep people safe and prepare the necessary documentation required by the government. This will mean mandatory self-assessment documents and temperature checks before players are allowed to enter the training area. Precautions will be in place for disinfecting equipment and for procedures designed to give maximum fun as well as a serious coaching environment. Please ensure you and your family comply with the new procedures which are designed to keep everyone safe.

Membership

We are delighted to welcome Jan Jones onto the committee as membership secretary. Jan will be managing all the memberships, senior and junior. Memberships fees remain constant for the 20-21 season -£180.00 for Senior players, £75.00 for Family membership and £75.00 for VPs. We will be looking to collect junior memberships early in October.

Social Committee

We still plan to hold the club's black- tie ball at the Bouverie hall on the 5th December subject of course to government restrictions. Please keep the date free in your diary, we will be making a final decision early next month.

We intend to open the clubhouse (once legal issues mentioned earlier are sorted) in a way that allows us to get maximum use in a safe environment.

Dogs

Many of you will know that we have had a problem with dog faeces appearing all over the ground. Over the past months the club has fenced off much of the ground and has actively discouraged dog walkers from using the ground. To this end we have had the support of the local council who have helped us fend off problems from a vociferous minority who believe it is their right to use the ground. To support our argument, we would ask you not to bring dogs to the ground (guide dogs and other medical use dogs of course excepted).

Club Development

As part of the social and commercial development of the club we have recently welcomed Pewsey Tae Kwon Do martial arts group to the Angela Yeates memorial ground, they join our regular associates Pewsey netball club. Both groups help to extend the use of eth ground and provide revenue streams to ensure financial security. If you know of any groups, clubs or individuals who you think could be benefit from the use of the Pavilion or the grounds please contact info@pewseyrugby.co.uk or telephone 0796 8123406

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