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Newsletter for CRC / Newlands Park

Newlands Park

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CLUB ACHIEVE RFU SEAL OF APPROVAL ACCREDITATION (FOR THE SECOND TIME)!



The Club first achieved Seal of Approval (SOA) accreditation in Sept 2004 and was the second Club in the South West to receive this award. Mysteriously all the documentation prepared by Clive Stuart-Smith was lost between RFU HQ at Twickenham and the Prince of Wales Stadium and as a result, our development progress had not been monitored. Thus we lost our accreditation. One of the conditions of RFU funding to purchase Newlands Park was to achieve accreditation, which we did in a record breaking five months.



Emma Edwards

The Club is indebted to Emma Edwards, for the huge task that she took on willingly and to her committee of Steve Guildford, Tony Martin, Andrew Raistrick and Sandy Pattison. Emma received the grateful thanks of the Executive Committee at the monthly meeting last week.

The next stage of SOA requires a detailed Club Development Plan, outlining the aspirations and targets of the Seniors, Ladies and Minis & Juniors Section.

New Chairman of Minis & Juniors Section

Many congratulations to Emma Edwards who has been elected the first lady Chairman of the Minis & Juniors Section since its formation in 1974. Emma sons Rhys and Dewi, play in the minis and juniors, and husband, David, assists with coaching the under 11s.

Mobile Floodlights at Newlands Park



The Club took delivery of top of the range mobile floodlights last month, with the help of a donation from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association (GPFA). Major Tom Hancock, Chairman of GPFA said 'he was extremely pleased to be able to support such a worthwhile venture and we look forward to working closely with you over the coming months and years'. The official handing over ceremony will take place at Newlands Park on 1 November at 7pm. The lights are presently being used by the Ladies and Minis & Juniors sections.

Player Profile

Richard Morris
Age 27
Weight 14st 8lbs
Height 5ft10ins
Nickname: Skins
Position: Centre/ Wing threequarter
Playing Record: Joined Cheltenham RFC Minis & Juniors at age 7, Colts, SeniorXV
Strengths: Dynamic runner, strong tackler.
Good at off loading
Target this season : 20 tries



Cheltenham Rugby Club - Newlands Park

Happy Halloween
at
Newlands Park

Wednesday 21 October 2007

Time 6pm - 8.30 pm
Tickets £3 each
Up to age 12

BBQ
Competition
Best Lantern and Fairy Press
Games Quiz

Tickets available at
Newlands Park, Southam Lane, Bishops Cleeve.
Tel. 01242 672752

We are extremely grateful to the following Companies, who are supporting the Club this season.

Abbey Servicing
Airconworld
ARV
Asset Management Services
Battledown Business Consultants
Beam
Bespoke Complete Services
Business Link Glos
Caradon Mira
C&GCladding Ltd
CCGround Investigation
Cellar Supplies
CGT Lettings
Cheltenham Fencing
Clive Wynn
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Cotswold Scaffolding
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Dave Mason's Motors
Doug Watt/Ind Ins Advisers
Emotive Design
Eurosite Services
Farr & Farr
FrameWise/Travis Perkins
Glos Granite & Marble
Gloucestershire Echo
Gloucestershire Enterprise
Gordon Gilder Transport
Grundon
Hollow Bottom
Hunting Butts Holiday Cottages
In2Print
Kingscott Dix
Messier Dowty

Meta-Morphose
Midwinters
MudwayWorkman Marquees
Place Maintenance
Preform Tools
Proctor & Whittaker Ltd
RBS plc
RFGardiner
Room58
Ski Tyres
Smiths Protective Coatings
Sutton Builders
Travelscope Sports
Truckman
Vertex Financial Services
Wayne Plant Hire
Willans

Ladies section

Results so far - CLRFC v's Trojans
17 - 5 to CLRFC, first half was a great display of dominating rugby from CLRFC, 2nd half saw a lowering of standards allowing a scrappy 20/30 minutes, but team spirit brought about the win.
CLRFC lost to Plymouth Albion, but played very well against a very experienced and well drilled team.
We are looking into forming a 2nd XV a development team, hopefully entering league rugby 2008/09.
We have a few friendlies in place, always looking at arranging more to get more experience under the belts of our new/inexperienced players and our social players.
Contact Katrina for information on their development plan and social activities.
Email katsmajic@hotmail.com

International RL9's

We have accepted an invitation to host a Rugby League Nines Festival at Newlands Park on Saturday May 31st 2008.
The organizers of this event have been running a Festival in York for many years, and wish to try another venue. They feel that Cheltenham is an ideal location. Several teams from France have been invited. Local rugby clubs will be able to participate, in addition to RL clubs elsewhere in the country. There is a strong feeling that rugby league could be introduced at Newlands Park in the near future. We need to gauge the level of interest over the next few months, prior to having an Open Meeting, to discuss this initiative. Please e mail Lionel Hurst to discuss this idea, lionelhurst@yahoo.co.uk

Tewkesbury Borough Council

Playing Pitch Assessment
TBC is working to improve outdoor sports facilities and have commissioned a Leisure Management Consultancy to produce a playing pitch strategy. Newlands Park is a major provider of pitches in the Borough and we are working closely with the consultants. TBC gave us a grant of £40K for the purchase of Newlands Park and the Mayor Cllr Awford attended the recent Chairman's lunch at the POW Stadium.



Christmas Shopping Day at the Prince of Wales
Saturday 24th November.
Many stalls . Some great ideas for presents.
Please support this event.
Speak to Mal Place for further information.
Christmas Lunch at The Prince of Wales Stadium on Saturday 15th December
12 - 12.30pm. Price £15 a head.

Caravan Rallies at Newlands Park

Our venue offers an ideal location for caravan rallies on hard standing in the winter and grass in the summer. Three bookings to date. Contact Tom Holland for information at Newlands.



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