

SWAFFHAM RUFC

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER

New Years Eve

As we approach the end of another year the club has organised a New Years Eve party to celebrate the end of 2010 and see in 2011. Posters have been sent to all members (where we have an email address) and they are displayed in the clubhouse.

Tickets can be obtained from Des—details on the poster. This is a brilliant opportunity to get the social side of the club going with all the age groups and sections coming together for a great night.

Please try to come and bring a friend!



FIREWORKS DISPLAY
& NEW YEARS EVE DISCO
31ST DEC 2010

STARTING AT 6PM

BBQ **TOMBOLA**
BOUNCY CASTLE **DISCO**
FREE DISPLAY AT 7PM
FOLLOWED BY
DISCO FROM 8:30
ADULTS £5 CHILD £2.50
FOR INFO AND TICKETS SEE DES
OR CALL 07747367076

OPEN TO MEMBERS & GUESTS ONLY

Under 10's in National Cup

If you were at the club on Sunday 14th November you well know that we played host to Leicester Tigers Prima Cup. This is a national competition for the Under 10 age group. This is the fifth year we have hosted this event and this year was the biggest so far with just over

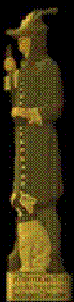
300 players from 16 teams (including us) taking part.

On the day Wymondham (who beat our team) and Ipswich took the honours and will play in the next round at Welford Road.

The standard of rugby on display in all the games was excellent as was the

spirit these young players played the game in.

Numerous teams praised the organization of the event and the welcome they received from our club and its members. Huge well done to Richard and the team for organizing this and Chloe and all for feeding them!



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Pitches

During the summer our pitches were inspected by the grounds-man from Twickenham and we received a maintenance plan to help maximise their usage for this season. This required use of specialist equipment together with a massive amount of specific sand.

Plans were put in place to acquire these items and these has been done. However, as normal the weather has had an impact on this as the pitches are considered too damp to run the machinery across them at the minute.

This has meant that we are considering starting this programme towards the end of the season. Therefore we need to ensure that we are sensible when we are using the pitches as the weather gets progressively more winter like.

We have seen mini and youth training all being brought back to the club which has helped greatly in building the club atmosphere on a Sunday morning and certainly helped on a more financial basis with benefits seen in both the bar and the kitchen. The pitch so far has stood up to this. The decision on last Sunday to move the mini matches in the morning was one as much about preserving the pitches for the Prima Cup as it was about the logistics of 120 players leaving as 300 turned up.....

The mini and youth teams with agreement from Swaffham Hamonds High School have the alternative to train and if necessary play matches at the school.

We have also in the past looked at alternatives to mid week training at the club and the club would suggest that having such a "Plan B" as a back up

for the coming months must be seen as being a sensible solution.

If teams could consider this and if helps is needed to arrange such a thing that you talk to one of the committee members. As the weather does at times catch us out please ensure that you check texts, emails and websites to ensure you are aware of any changes to fixtures, locations or training arrangements.

PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON PHONE CALLS AS YOUR TEAM MANAGERS / COACHES / CAPTAINS WILL NEED TO GET MESSAGES OUT IN THE MOST TIMELY MANNER WHICH IS TEXT, EMAIL OR VIA WEBSITE.

Schools

Over the last couple of years we have changed our focus a little on the work the club does with the local schools. In the past we helped out at numerous schools running the odd session here and there.

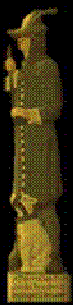
In the last year or so we have focused activity with

Swaffham Hamonds High School and worked with them to develop rugby in school.

Des Lloyd has been heavily involved in this and is our School Liaison Officer. He has assisted the school in fielding teams in most year groups and as a direct result a number of

new players have come to the club.

We are still involved in doing this work and always looking for help to run events, coach or referee the odd school game. If you can help please contact Des.



County Representation

In the last few weeks the club has been made aware of a number of players who have been selected to represent Norfolk.

The representative age groups start playing from Under 14 in competitive games and we have seen our players selected in all the age groups from Under 14 to the newly formed Under 20 squad.

The reports from county are that our players have all contributed much to these games and are a credit to the club.

The representative process has never been an easy one and it takes a lot of effort and commitment from these players and their parents to remain in contention for these coveted places.

It is however very pleasing to see our club so well represented.

News also reaches us of a number of our former girls players who have also been selected for Eastern Counties and although it is sad that they have moved elsewhere to play their rugby it is still good to know that the formative times at Swaffham RUFC is paying dividends.

Membership & RFU ID Cards

This year has seen the memberships coming in thick and fast which is excellent and the club very much appreciates the effort and organization of those who have sorted this out.

However, there are still those of you who have yet to pay your membership.

We would request that you address this as soon as possible. The membership forms are available on the website and also in the clubhouse.

It should be noted that you are not covered by our insurance if you are not a member and you are

not a member if you haven't paid.

Youth and Mini players are now required to have a photo ID card covering the RFU registration. These have been produced and are with the various teams. Any new players will also require a digital photograph.

Match reports

During the last 8 weeks the club as a whole has been involved in a may as 60 matches across all the various teams.

Unfortunately we are unable to bring you details of how our players have performed in most of these encounters as there are no match reports being

produced.

Please don't assume the coach can do this or someone else can. A match report doesn't need to be huge or time consuming but it does provide information to be sent to the press and published on the website both of which if regularly updated

will attract new players and possible sponsors to the club. Both of which we would make very welcome.

If you could make a few notes at your next match please do so and forward to Spike to get on the website.



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Really Providing RUGBY for all

Christmas shopping

At the point of writing this newsletter there are 40 shopping days left until Christmas.

The club has set up the on-line kit shop which can be accessed via our website. The link is at the top of every page.

This might be an opportunity to get some nice new kit for the start of the new year.

Also if you are one of those people who is more than happy to avoid the scum of a shopping trip at this time of year and do your shopping on-line PLEASE have a look at our shopping portal.

WWW.BUY.AT/SWAFFHAMRUF

This site has links to numerous on-line shops including; HMV, Play.com, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and many many more.

The club gets a commission on anything you buy from this shops providing you access them via WWW.BUY.AT/SWAFFHAMRUF.

The price you pay is exactly the same as if you went direct. This really is money for nothing.

PLEASE, PLEASE think of this if you do shop on-line.



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**when you
shop this
Christmas...**

Shop online at over 150 retailers and we'll get commission on every purchase.

As well as great online value you can:

- Shop from the comfort of your own home
- Beat the traffic, parking and queues
- Gifts direct to your door - often with free delivery
- Compare prices using our product search

Remember, every purchase must be made through our webshop at: ▼



Retailers on our site include:



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All offers are subject to change without notice. Most errors/omissions are only available if the purchase is completed online. Subsequent visits to a retailer's site need to be made via the webshop for commission to be payable.

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