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## New Season

Welcome to the new season.

A number of you have already been involved in training in the mini and youth squads and our seniors have had a few run outs. Notable performances in the Cambridge 10s and a very pleasing result against West Norfolk 2nds (31-0 to Swaffham) looks like the signs are good for them for the matches ahead.

In the mini and youth sections we need some more players and we would ask you to encourage your friends to come and give rugby a try.

As a club we have one of the best facilities in the

county in terms of our clubhouse and whilst our pitches are hammered during the season they equally remain better than many we visit.

Our policies of always playing our whole squads in the mini and youth age group helps us to develop the whole squad which is something many other clubs seem to forget. On a positive note our Colts squad, set up only last season is now numbering over 45 players with new members turning up weekly.

This is testament to the hard work and effort of the coaches setting this up together with the players continued wish to play for our club.

The Colts provide a stepping stone for players to move into senior rugby and we have seen a number of our young players make this transition last season and no doubt more will do so this year.

This can only be good for the club but it does rely on the numbers coming through from the Under 7s all the way up.

So please try to bring a mate to training, it will have a very positive impact on your club.

**Finally the last thing is to say have a brilliant season, enjoy your rugby and have fun.**

## On-line club shop

If you have visited the club website recently you'll have noticed the new on-line club shop. If you haven't seen it yet please have a look.

Our new kit supplier DROPOUT RUGBY has done a great job on the site and the range of SWAFFHAM RUFC kit looks

great.

There are a lot of new items from sub-suits to hoodies available and the committee has set the prices as close to cost price as possible to provide an additional benefit to our members.

There will continue to be a stock of socks, shorts,

gumshields and ties held at the club which you will be able to purchase at training or on match days.

The site can be found at [www.swaffhamrugby.com](http://www.swaffhamrugby.com)

On the Club Shop tab at the top of the page.

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Really Providing RUGBY for all

The club would like to recognize the achievement of one of our ex-mini players. Jonny Harris who started his rugby career in our mini section has, this season, signed a contract as a prop for Leicester Tigers. He is dual registered with Nottingham (Tigers use them to develop new young players) and he has just been selected for England Under 20s. We would wish him all the best for the season ahead and look forward to seeing him play for England.



**We're on the web!**  
**[www.swaffhamrugby.com](http://www.swaffhamrugby.com)**

## Club usage

The committee is looking at the budgets and predicted expenditure for the coming season and we need to increase our income. We have some big costs coming, the pitch maintenance programme is likely to be £3,000 alone and there is a real need to replace our heating system too.

In simple terms our club costs about £1,000 per month to run.

We don't want to put this cost on membership or kit costs for you but we do need your help on this.

However, you can help by coming in for a drink and something to eat after

training or matches instead of going to the McDonalds up the road.

You really would be helping your club.

Equally if you know of any company who would like to be involved with the club in any form of sponsorship please talk to one of the committee. The amount isn't an issue we can tailor a package to suit them.

The same goes if you know of anyone who could use the facilities during the week or for events.

The functions which are organized have a massive impact on our income and

without these we would really struggle. However there is always room for more of these.

And finally team / age group events have been very popular in recent seasons and the club would very much encourage these as a way to socialize and bring new friends to rugby. If you fancy running something like this again please talk to one of the committee.

**Your help and support will ensure a successful season both on and off the pitch.**