



**SELBY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
SELBY RUFC MINI/JUNIOR SECTION
Newsletter 2007/8**

Welcome to a new season of rugby at Selby Rugby Club.

It only seems like a few sunny days have passed since we finished last season in the sweltering heat of April! I hope you have enjoyed your break. I am sure we are all looking forward to an Indian summer, as we return to our winter routine and the start of a new exciting season!

We face a challenging season ahead to build upon the successful season we all enjoyed in 2006/7. The club's continual development both on and off the pitch ensured we achieved a great deal including promotion back to Yorkshire Division One. We look forward to watching an increasing number of you come along this season to support our senior teams and likewise senior players assisting with coaching younger players.

'Leeds Tykes' return to the Premiership as 'Leeds Carnegie'

Our connection with the Tykes remained strong, as they too achieved promotion and the return to top-flight rugby in Yorkshire. We look forward to our continued involvement with Leeds Carnegie both in supporting them and our younger teams maintaining the tradition of playing during half time at Headingley.

Their Community Development Team play an important part in promoting Rugby in our catchment area alongside the RFU team, who we fund to the sum of £2000 each year, to promote rugby in your schools. Also have a look at the website or notice board in the clubhouse for details of our third annual **2-day Rugby Camp** this October Half Term.

Ground Developments

Work has started on erecting the new floodlights and planning permission has finally been gained to demolish the existing changing rooms and stand at the end of the season.

Kitchen –No more kitchen duty!

Following a review of kitchen arrangements we have appointed an external caterer to manage the kitchen on both a Saturday and Sunday this season. For the first time the club will receive a rent to offset the cost of providing a free meal to visiting teams. This should enable us to achieve at least a neutral position without having to be responsible for and reliant upon the goodwill of our volunteers.

As with all changes your patience and support would be much appreciated in the first few weeks.

We would like to thank all parents who have previously volunteered to work in the kitchen and hope that they continue to support other projects. Particular thanks are owed to our Kitchen Co-ordinator Cath Blaymire who has worked on the review with the Clubhouse Chairman, Peter Foster.

Website

Having successfully launched the mini and junior section of the website last season we need to develop this as our primary source of communication keeping you up to date on key subjects as well as a place to share our successes on and off the pitch. Please register your details on the website and when we have sufficient interest we will hopefully develop an electronic newsletter. So if you have not already done so, please visit the site to download your registration form.

Kit

We continue our relationship with Kukri as our kit suppliers. The supply chain is now well established for individual items. This season in response to requests from players and parents you will be able to purchase training shirts and base layer tops.

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Thanks to the Club's sponsorship deal with Kukri and direct sponsorship received from Doosan Babcock the initial batch of training shirts will be available at a subsidised price.

Registration Day Sunday 2 September 2007. 'Help your club - register and pay your subs early!'

The registration form can be downloaded from our website www.selbyruffc.co.uk or is available in the clubhouse foyer.

Subscriptions frozen for at least the 4th year running at £30 (£15 for the 2nd and/or any subsequent player).

It would be appreciated if payment is made by cheque payable to Selby RUFC and put in an envelope addressed to Steve Ibbetson. The envelope can then either be posted directly to him at the address below or placed in the 'registration application post box' that will be in the clubhouse on 2nd Sept.

Mr S Ibbetson - 17 Barff Lane, Brayton, Selby, YO8 9ET

If you prefer to pay by cash then please complete the form and pass it to Steve in person in order that a receipt can be given. **DO NOT SEND or ENCLOSE CASH IN THE POST BOX**

*We are committed to keeping access to rugby as affordable as possible. In order to protect our volunteer coaches and meet our early season expenses; subscriptions should be **paid by no later than the third week of attendance**. Anyone anticipating difficulties in paying their subscriptions within this timescale should speak to their team manager who will, in the strictest confidence, place an alternative proposal for payment to the Committee.*

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers

Keeping Subs this low is not easy. We need to ensure that we continue to support and enjoy the social events and make an effort to buy and sell as many raffle tickets as possible on each and every Sunday. We face increasing costs for cup and festival fees and as we improve the quality of coaching and first aiders, the more kit they require!

So, whether it is marking out pitches at the beginning of the season, assisting to arrange social events, assisting with funding applications or writing letters for sponsorship, arranging a tour, the festival or presentation evening etc, it is the effort of you, our members, that ensures the success of your club!

There will be lots of opportunities to get involved in projects (You do not have to be on committees or commit to something week in week out) and it can be very rewarding. All help is warmly welcomed, please do not wait to be asked just speak to your team manager or me.

I wish you all a successful and enjoyable season and remember if you know someone who has not played for a while or who has never played rugby before, no matter how old, invite them along to give it a try, you know they will receive a warm welcome from us all!

Yours sincerely

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