



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AND DISTRICT RUGBY REFEREES' SOCIETY

# CONTACT

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

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### THOUGHT FOR 2014

Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.

### DATES FOR YOUR 2014 DIARY

Friday 28th March

Our Ladies Night and Annual Dinner will be held at Christ's College.

**£35 per head – meal and wine**

Book your place with  
**David Norman**  
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Wednesday 28th May 2014

**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**  
Details to follow

### WANTED

The position of Financial Manager will fall vacant in May. The Society needs to fill it. Could YOU do the job? If so, contact David Tyrrell asap

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## AMBITIONS

### AMBITIONS IN PERSPECTIVE

Let's talk about ambition, the desire and determination to achieve something. Then let's celebrate the progress some of our referees have made towards fulfilling their aspirations. **This is a really "good news" issue of CONTACT.**

Most people who decide to take up refereeing have the desire to referee at the highest level. What the highest level is for each of them depends on their personal ability and the degree of determination they show to fully realise their potential.

However, age is a relevant factor because for anyone to reach the very top, a lot of other people's time and money has to be invested to develop that talent. They, usually the RFU, look for a return on that investment in terms of how many years service the referee is likely to give thereafter. That's life in the Elite Rugby world.

Thus, anyone looking to referee at international level or in the National leagues, had better start before they are thirty years of age. Today, many teenagers do.

That said, if someone over forty wants to take up the whistle, there is a place for them in Community Rugby and CUDRRS has the key to the door of an enjoyable and satisfying career. We have several golden oldies who are testimony to that.

40+'s can still achieve their ambition to referee at the highest level whichever is the one realistic for them. CUDRRS has access to the resources to get them there - match opportunities, training, advising and coaching. These are available locally and regionally in the Central Federation but the ambitious must be prepared to travel.

Put the effort in and you will get on but don't ever fall into the trap of thinking you are better than you are. Have a sense of perspective as the following suggests.

***Success gives rise to arrogance, overconfidence, pride and prejudice.***

***Failure, by contrast, produces humility, wisdom, caution and a willingness to learn. Understandably you want to focus on the factor that makes you feel good.***

***The greatest benefit though is going to come from a good hard look at your most pressing problem. What isn't working? What can you do to make it work? It takes courage to ask such questions, but they will help you to come up with fresh answers that inspire and uplift you.***

The origin of these words is revealed on page 4. They suggest how referees should regard both the compliments and the criticisms they receive when debriefed by friendly and supportive advisers. They do exist.

The aim of our advisers is, firstly, to encourage referees by identifying the strengths they show and, secondly, to help them become better referees by identifying their weaknesses and suggesting how these might be overcome.

Debriefings should be a good exchange of ideas. Sometimes the adviser may say something the referee would rather not hear. It may nevertheless be valid. Just remember **L.E.A.D.** Listen, Evaluate, Accept (or reject, that's your decision), Do.

Referees should think about the game over the next few days and then compare, with honesty, the report they receive against previous ones. They should ask themselves. Have advisers made the same comments about me? Did I act on what was suggested? **Have I become a better referee?** Have I improved since last year and what targets in my **Personal Development Plan** remain to be met?

This season is drawing to a close but there is still time to work on weaknesses and get help to eliminate them. When sufficient progress has been made, confirmation comes with an upgrading as it did to several of our referees at Christmas.

Now read on about the progress some colleagues are making.

**Editor**

## AMBITION ADVANCED - 1

Congratulations to **Craig Maxwell Keys** on his appointment to referee the Ireland v Italy Under 20 International in Athlone on 7th March.

Craig moved to Newmarket in 2010 where he works in Bioresearch. He was already a level 5 referee on Midland Group having trained with the Staffordshire Society from 2006-2010. He was selected to join the National Panel of Referees in 2012-3 and became a member of CUDRRS soon after.

NPR members are expected to join and contribute to their local society. Craig is fulfilling that expectation and no doubt will be invited to tell us about his first international experience. This appointment advances his ambition and **CONTACT** wishes him further success soon.



**Moseley v Bedford**



**London Welsh v Ealing Trailfinders**

**Rowan, Nigel Carrick, Craig and Andrew Jackson in Athlone**



A year ago, in his Getting to Know You responses, Craig said *"I want to fulfil the potential that others have identified in me and as a result operate at the highest level of the game that I can and essentially look back with no regrets."*

He is now one of four in the RFU Academy run by ex-international referee, Chris White, and operates at Level 2 in the Championship. The Academy is the final stepping stone to Championship and Premiership Rugby. The selection process includes interviews so that the RFU can feel assured about the quality of those sent around the world to represent it.

Half of his career was spent at Level 5 as a Group referee getting varied and valuable experience. His eagerness to climb made him feel he was treading water there but in hindsight he realises how beneficial those years were. He is an example of someone keeping his ambition in perspective.

Last December's issue of **CONTACT** included a report about Craig's presentation to the November meeting of the Society. The front page of this issue echoes what he said about the progress of his refereeing career. It bears repeating as sound advice to those hopeful of following in his footsteps. Craig explained

*"Will talent be enough? No, you need much more than that. Ambition, a plan, dedication, opportunities and the help of your Society are other essentials."*

*Staying fit for the long haul helps too! But if you are to succeed, you must be prepared to pay the price and the biggest cost is your time. You have to give up a lot of it, in addition to match appointments. Time to review, research, study, train, prepare and travel. How do you feel about that and how does your family and employer feel about it too? You need them to support you. To reach the top on any sport requires sacrifice."*

### **Success in Rugby does not come cheap.**

CUDRRS had another member officiating in this match. Rowan Kitt was the TMO. He had a busy weekend as he followed up his Six Nations appointment in Ireland on Friday with the semi final of the LV Cup at Bath where the home side played Exeter Chiefs on Sunday. Rowan has had a very busy first year in the broadcasters van with the Professional Referee Unit. No doubt he has some tales to tell to future monthly meetings. Book him Dave.

Hopefully, all our officials have enjoyed refereeing with CUDRRS since last September and will again next season. Keep ambitions and targets realistic, give them your best shot and take the opportunities that exist in this Society.



On his return, Craig informed **CONTACT** that it was "Not a classic game but a lot of endeavour by both teams, with some points opportunities missed. This was due to a lack of accuracy in the final 22."

A good evening for the officials. Rowan was kept busy. Aside from being the nominated driver, he had the pressure of choosing the pre-match lunch venue in Dublin. I sent 2 referrals his way as well"

Craig is seen here **chasing** in Cian Kelleher who scored Ireland's first try in their 18-0 victory. Early in the second half, he had to **chasten** Cian when he yellow carded him along with Filippo Buscema of Italy after the pair clashed. **Job well done we hear Craig.**



## AMBITION ADVANCED - 2

And there's more. Good news that is. **CONTACT** has learned of another member who has become a better referee. An email has been received from Jon Cook who wishes us all the best and has updated Charles Osbourn about his progress. He has not forgotten the contribution CUDRRS has made to his development.



Jon moved back to his home county after several years with us as an undergraduate and post grad student at Jesus College.

He arrived at University in 2005 and immediately joined us. He looked a great prospect in his first inter-college match and sustained his promise season after season. Jon has steadily climbed the grading ladder, despite pursuing his athletics career as an international 800m runner at the same time.

Captain of a victorious Oxbridge athletics team against Harvard / Yale and a double winner in the 2013 Varsity match against Oxford, Jon has tasted success on the track and looks forward to repeating this on the rugby pitch. The fitness demand for top level refereeing is not a problem for him. Should he return to Cambridge in the future, he will add to our growing numbers of quality referees who constantly contribute to the high standing reputation of CUDRRS, locally and beyond.

Jon wrote *"Hope you are all well. I just wanted to give you an update on my season, which has progressed well. Though I am still training hard for athletics, I have found more time for refereeing this year and have consistently refereed at Level 6 for Northumberland and the North Federation.*

*I have done exchanges to Liverpool, Yorkshire, Manchester, Cumbria, and Edinburgh and have been nominated for the North Group Scheme. The selection process required that I be watched in two L6 games by L5 selectors.*

*I'm pleased to report that these games - the second of which was last Saturday (1st March) - went well, which means that I will be given at least one game at L5 before the end of the season, though I'm not yet sure when or where.*

*I'm unsure of my longer term plans at this time - but it is likely I will move back down south at some point in the future and possibly back to Cambridge.*

*Though I am still pursuing running at a high level, I am very much enjoying my rugby at the moment. So, I intend to keep both going as long as possible and devote more focus to refereeing once my running career is over.*

*I still consider myself a CUDRRS referee. I have been refereeing my way around the north this season predominantly in CUDRRS kit!"*

Jon has since confirmed that he is to referee Burnage v Billingham in National League 3 North on 5th April. Burnage play on a 3 G pitch, a long piled tufted carpet that has rubber and sand infill. On a surface like this, he could wear his running shoes to keep ahead of the game but he will be quick enough without.

## AMBITION ADVANCED - 3

"The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton" said the Duke of Wellington, allegedly. The battle of ambition is being won on the playing fields of Girton and other Rugby pitches says CUDRRS, not allegedly according to the Chairman of Assessment and Grading.

For it is there that Louis Biggs is pursuing his Rugby as specialist hooker for Girton College in uncontested scrums and as a referee advancing rapidly as recent press reports and assessments have shown.

Last month he went to Warwickshire to do Old Leamingtonians v Nuneaton Old Edwardians in Midlands Two, a Level 7 game. The **Coventry Telegraph** commented "Two minutes later impressive young Cambridge Society referee Louis Biggs awarded a penalty. The **Nuneaton News** reported that "In a muddy match well handled by young referee Louis Biggs from the Cambridge Society, OL took advantage of some poor home defending and scored the first try within 3 minutes. With 8 minutes remaining, an OL's forward was fortunate to escape Mr Biggs otherwise faultless display". The reporter thought the foul warranted a yellow card. OL's won away by 12-10.

His next big game was Hertfordshire v Berkshire in the RFU National Under 20s competition at Bishops Stortford. Assisted by Calum Worsley and Tony Kennedy who ran the lines, Louis did a great job and boosted his chances of winning further promotion. The RFU Adviser gave him a **G** indicating Louis' Communication and Control were textbook performances and he is ready for the next level. That is Level 6 and he took charge of a London 1N game in March between Diss v Romford & Gidea Park. The Eastern Counties adviser confirmed Louis should be regarded as a Level 6 referee. From L10 to L6 in two years with CUDRRS is progress indeed. **Well done Louis.**

## DEGREES OF AMBITION

University students aspire to gain good degrees and those who play Rugby would like to do so on the Grange Road pitch. Those who referee have the same ambition. Louis Biggs (Girton) has already refereed a University Under 20's game there and the Plate Final in the Colleges Cuppers was refereed by Calum Worsley (Emmanuel).

The match officials for three Cuppers Finals this year were almost all University connected CUDRRS members



Left: Team of Three Queens. Stuart Graveston (alumni), Rowan Kitt (Dev. Officer) and Martin Dixon (Dean) all of Queen's College.

Rowan gives the Gonville and Caius 9 a non-verbal sign to throw the ball in as his St John's opponent looks on. In an exciting tussle, the Red Boys won 24 -19.



Left: Calum Worsley (Emmanuel) is flanked by Dave Howell and Fiona Gillanders (Queen's)

Calum, another talented prospect, uses sign language to Fitzwilliam 9 as Girton 9 watches how to put the ball in straight.

A close encounter of the thrilling kind resulted in Fitz winning the Plate by 13-7.

David Norman (Christ's) is due to referee the Shield Final assisted by new member Tom Sayer (Fitzwilliam) and John Hanlon. This will be fought out between Trinity (ex captain Jack Lewars) and St. Catharines.

## AMBITION TO ENJOY

Nigel Owens has refereed 50 Test matches over nine years and, deservedly, is acclaimed as the best IRB referee on the current international list. In an article in Planet Rugby recently, he explained his philosophy and methodology which has produced three of the best Test matches in recent memory, South Africa v New Zealand and Ireland v New Zealand in 2013, and the France v England clash earlier this year.

He says he fell into refereeing almost by accident and went on to say **"I loved the game and helped out at my local club. When it dawned on me that I wasn't really good enough as a player, I tried my hand at officiating and the rest is history. The key thing is I found I enjoyed it. This is the single most important quality in a referee. You must accept you're always going to be somewhat on your own in a team sport and even reffing the Under 11's you'll get comments from parents on the touch-line, but you accept this and develop the self-confidence and resolve to enjoy yourself. As with most things in life, the more fun you are having the better you tend to perform and refereeing is certainly no different in that respect"**.

Nigel emphasised the importance of setting out the match parameters early on in the games and the need for absolute consistency in his decision making to bring players along that journey with him.

**"Look, it's about setting your standards and then letting the players follow. You don't go hard for 20 minutes then let the requirements slip; that's the wrong approach. Put the benchmark up for them to see and consistently keep those standards at the same level for 80 minutes. Players know where they are, how to react and how they're expected to behave"**.

Editor: **CONTACT** has consistently advocated these principles, commends them once again to CUDRRS referees and welcomes the confirmation by Nigel that they do work. Be ambitious and follow his approach.

## PARENTAL AMBITIONS - IT'S A BOY

Most people who get married have an ambition to add to their family They look forward to the birth of their first child. **Ben and Ros Whyall** are such a couple and their son, **Julian**, was born last month, three weeks earlier than expected.

Unfortunately, he had an infection which required a longer stay in the Rosie Maternity Hospital than planned but now all is well and mum and son are safely home. Proud father Ben looked very happy at the March meeting.

Julian seems likely to grow up as a caring child because his early arrival allowed Ben to attend the meeting about refereeing seven a side Rugby. His experience of reffing 7's in London was most helpful to the discussion.

It may also indicate that Julian was born to be a referee as arriving early is key to managing the breakdown effectively. Grow your own and start 'em young could well become the new CUDRRS recruitment strategy.

## SEVENS' AMBITIONS

The game of Seven a Side Rugby is usually played in a festival-like, knock-out type, fun-filled competition as opposed to the hurly burly of normal league rugby. It is a fast exciting game lasting 14 minutes and played both locally and internationally. Its popularity has grown and in 2016 will be included in the Olympic Games.

The ambition of teams playing Sevens is to secure and retain possession of the ball for as long as they can. Those teams with skilled 7's players are prepared to throw the ball about, keep it alive, only take a few calculated risks, use plenty of sidesteps and often provide surprise interceptions and breakaways. Others play in their usual take the ball into contact style resulting in a series of mauls.

The ambition of referees in Sevens should be to manage the games in each round for the enjoyment of the players and when they blow "No Side" be satisfied with their performance. That is if they have any wind left to blow.

Sevens are an unpredictable test of stamina for a referee who does not appreciate that they are played at a faster pace than 15 a side games.

With CUDRRS booked to referee several tournaments in the next two months, STO David Howell led a discussion at the March meeting about how refereeing of Sevens varies from the usual appointment.

The variations for 7's are set out in the Laws of the Game book, page 169. Referees should refresh their knowledge of them before every tournament they do. Similarly, they should establish with the organisers what the rules of the particular competition are in particular about playing any extra time.

An informative download about Refereeing Sevens can be found on

[http://clubs.rfu.com/Clubs/portals/YorkshireFederatedSocietyofReferees/Media/File/7s%20Refereeing/2009 Refereeing Sevens Handbook.pdf](http://clubs.rfu.com/Clubs/portals/YorkshireFederatedSocietyofReferees/Media/File/7s%20Refereeing/2009%20Refereeing%20Sevens%20Handbook.pdf)



These are the main points covered in the discussion between experienced and novice referees of the format.

**Refereeing the tackle is key.** There will many of them and the referee must insist on quick release of the ball and the tackled player. The players involved must get to their feet. Watch for the tacklers getting up who hold the tackled players down as they do so. Arriving players must be made to stay on their feet and support their own body weight. Divers should be penalised immediately. Do not allow squeeze ball moves to be slow.

**Rucks are rare.** If the tackled player is made to release, the ball is moved away quickly. If there no ruck is formed there are no offside lines. Defenders not up with play may be seen lurking amongst the attackers players away from the tackle. They are not offside.

**Line outs.** There are no law variations for this set piece. Usually two players from each side form the line out. Be ready for lots of quickly taken throw ins. There is no requirement to have a receiver. The player throwing in often becomes the receiver.

**Scrum.** The three forwards are not always experienced front row players. Ensure they are fully bound as the law requires and that hookers do not just have their arms loosely over the shoulders of their props. Watch that players trying to get way from the scrum when the ball is out are not held back. If a team decides to wheel the scrum round, it will happen very quickly. If there is any pulling round to achieve this, penalise. Note that it is a penalty offence to deliberately kick the ball out of the tunnel or out of the scrum towards the opponents goal line. Keep the scrum halves onside and penalise the scrum half who dives on the ball as it emerges.

**Free kicks and Penalties.** These are usually taken very quickly. Referees should brief teams that the kicks must be taken correctly (no bouncing off the thigh or knee) and in front of the referee. Wrongly taken kicks result in a scrum to the opposition. The meeting decided there should be zero tolerance on this point.

The mark for kicks awarded for scrum offences should be the same place as where the scrum was formed. Yellow card suspensions are for two minutes. Red card offences will be subject to the rules of the competition.

**Kicks at Goal.** These must be drop kicks and be taken within 30 secs. for penalties and 40 secs. for conversions.

**Positioning.** The principal area of operation for referees will be between the 22s and the 15m lines. A position behind the defending line is preferred. Referees located between the attackers and defenders may be used as a target or obstacle. That could be painful and embarrassing. Standing at the back of the lineout is standard practice for refereeing the set piece and moving away.

**Fitness.** The better sevens exponents can produce a fast flowing game. In tournaments, it is better to do a couple of games on the trot to maintain warmth and focus. There may be a demand for referees to do as many as six matches. Beyond this, only the very fittest will cope but suffer the next day. Dave concluded with video clips of top level 7's which convinced everyone to aim to referee Sevens in Hong Kong or at the Olympics. Joke!



## ONLY JOKING

It would appear that our referees are taking their Rugby too seriously. There has been little response to the suggestion that **CONTACT** should have a funny story feature. This new element in your newsletter may be short lived. Is refereeing less enjoyable these days? Come on, folks. Tell us a story.

In the last issue, referees were advised **not to walk down the middle of the line out**. The prospects of the referee being embarrassed when the ball is thrown in with him/her half way down the line are high. Players like to have their little joke. Mike Bragg in recalling his playing days provided evidence that these things do happen. We know he has quite a sense of humour. Advisers often need it.

He wrote "I once saw a referee walking backwards down the middle – with the inevitable consequence that he tripped and finished on his backside". He completed the tale by adding he said "Oh, I'm very sorry ref". Confession is good for the soul, Mike. Line walkers - you have been warned.

The referee arrived late to the breakdown and missed the first and second offences. A frustrated No 7 muttered quietly under his breath: "Come on ref are you blind?" The ref reacted angrily: "What did you say?" To which a voice from the other side of the pile up said: "Blimey. He's deaf too!"

Editor: I have left space here for your tale, dear reader.



**REPUBLIC OF RUGBY**

LIVE THE GAME



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## WINNING AMBITION

Paul Wilson, our retiring Treasurer (that describes his society status not his demeanour), enjoyed a great game at Twickenham witnessing England's Triple Crown triumph. So much so, he entered a draw to win £500 of Canterbury Republic of Rugby Stash. The competition involved submitting a photo and caption.

Paul submitted this and commented to **CONTACT** that it was "Getting our point across even when out at the game yesterday". He is a most conscientious manager.



## AMBITION 147

Ronnie O'Sullivan has often achieved his ambition to score a maximum break in snooker. He would approve of the colours chosen for CUDRRS kit for next season. They would remind him of the last two balls he has to pot when completing the perfect 147 break... Pink and Black.

"Being in the pink" describes being in the best of health and condition. The colour pink is also used to epitomise the pinnacle of quality. "In the black" indicates money in the bank.

So the colours are appropriate for our referees to wear as the Society is certainly in a healthy condition numerically and financially and our officials are tops in quality and commitment. **And for baby girls - see page 8.**

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## ALLIES IN AMBITION

CUDRRS has enjoyed a close association with the East Midlands Referees Society for many years. The officiating of Rugby in Cambridgeshire has been shared between us since the geographical boundaries of the counties were redrawn in 1973. Even before then, the EMRURS referees helped us out with College Rugby on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It's no wonder we were allied in the formation of the Central Federation in 2000 with the ambition of obtaining a more powerful voice for referees within the RFU. At least, that was one of the aims of federalisation which grouped 46 independent societies into 13 Federations. Our history shows that by switching partners from Eastern Counties to the Central Federation CUDRRS achieved greater independence of action and a higher status.

This season, EMRURS has continued to be represented in Colleges Rugby and made Stuart Graveston's job of providing competent referees to all University games in league and cup matches that much easier.

**CONTACT** acknowledges the contribution of three of them, Peter Biernis, Nicola Reynolds and Paul Dickens.



Left and Right  
**Peter is seen here in action at Oxford Road refereeing a semi final of the Plate between Fitzwilliam and St Catherine's Colleges.**



**Good news for our golden oldies.  
Pink makes you look younger, doesn't it ?  
Next season our refs will look like young bucks.**

Nicola and Paul (above) are a married couple. They share a passion for refereeing that blossomed whilst they were both officiating in a tournament in Denmark. Since then, both of them have often refereed abroad.

Paul has been refereeing for thirty years, half of them on the National Panel. Currently, he is a RFU touch judge in the National Leagues and a frequent visitor to Grantchester Road and the Davey Field. He is also an ELRA course tutor. Nicola is an independent financial adviser and a Level 6 referee, voted EMRURS Referee of the Year in 2009. She was one of a trio of female referees from the Midlands who in 2007 completed a unique first for women's refereeing. She was one of the first all women team of three to officiate three back to back internationals managing women's under 19s matches between Canada, England and U.S.A.

EMRURS contributed to the Laws Laboratory through Chris Harrison and John Stapleton whilst John Wearing and Murray Felstead were active in making exchange appointments for our referees. Several of our "up and coming" stars have been helped via the EMRURS RWP Group that provides extra and specialised development training.

Mike Bragg, Nick Pett and Bob Kamper have also been members of both societies.

EMRURS and CUDRRS sing from the same hymn sheet, are in harmony (most of the time) and are united in making refereeing the joy it is.  
Long may our alliance continue.

## LEAGUE AMBITIONS

Fewer cancellations due to weather. More games played than last. The Colleges league season has been completed on time. At the start of it, the ambition of each college to win their league was tempered by realism when they reviewed their resources. It was going to be uncontested scrums for several of them.

Eventually, the First Division was won by **Downing** which pleased Tom Northcote, its Deputy Development Director. **Gonville & Caius** are Division Two champions and get promoted. Emmanuel (David Allen and Calum Worsley's alma mater) play St. Catherine's to decide the Division Three title with Tom Northcote as referee.

The University's complement in CUDRRS and their contribution to refereeing is increasing. More Good News!!!

## ALIMENTARY MY DEAR DOCTOR

It doesn't take a Sherlock Holmes to reveal that CUDRRS is indebted to Dr Norman, not Watson, for the efforts he makes year after year to ensure this major event is a gastronomic and social success. Thanks David.

# ANNUAL DINNER AND LADIES NIGHT 2014

## TOP VENUE - TOP SPEAKER



**CHRIST'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**  
**FRIDAY, 28th MARCH**  
**7.00pm for 7.20pm**  
**Four course meal in the Great Hall**  
**with complimentary wine**

**Tickets: £35 or Group of 10: £315 available from**  
**David Norman,**  
**Christ's College, Cambridge CB2 3BU**  
**Tel: 01223 335068 Email: dn102@cam.ac.uk**  
**Cheques made payable to CUDRRS Dress Code - Smart**

**Guest Speaker : Ian Robertson**  
**Cambridge University, Scotland and Barbarians**



Ian has been the BBC Rugby correspondent and commentated on Rugby and horseracing for many years.

He is a highly entertaining after-dinner speaker. His wit and sharp sense of humour makes for the funniest speeches you are ever likely to hear.

Come and listen to his wealth of sporting anecdotes and one liners. This occasion is one you are sure to enjoy.

Give yourselves a treat. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## IT'S A GIRL - RACHEL DELIVERS

**CONTACT** is delighted to announce the arrival of **Katie Clare Wade**, a daughter for Simon and Rachel (Forrest). Katie arrived at 12.56 pm on 10th March and weighed 7lb 12oz.

Chairman Charles has sent best wishes to the proud parents on behalf of the Society and Management Group has said it with flowers. We understand all the family are well.

The announcement on page 4 of the arrival of Julian Whyall is in blue, so this one is appropriately in pink.

This is the colour MG chose for next year's kit. Coincidence or is girl power taking over in CUDRRS?