



Annual General Meeting

30th April 2018

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Minutes of the 2017 AGM



The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed as a true record of the meeting

Senior Rugby Report - Andrew White

Interesting season – expectation is getting higher and there is a feeling that we might be ready to kick on to the next level.

Thank you

Coaching and support team

- Kelly Wallis technical knowledge in scrums
- James Underwood providing excellent care
- Jamie Temple – a great job as captain
- Senior playing group (Joe Chalmers, Jamie Lee, Matt Payne)

The senior committee

Simon Wells and John Lambert – they have saved the 2nd xv

Tim Norman - Fixture Sec

Key points

- Player base increased – we used a few games this season to give experience
- Used a total of 42 senior players
- 9 University players
- 16 players made their full first team debuts
- 1 Academy player made their full senior debut in the league
- When looking at the numbers 42 players is too big with which to win the league.
- University is so important not just for the 1s but the fill the gaps in the 2s and 3s
- 16 debuts suggest that commitment in the 1s needs to be improved and we have a high number of lads that are not playing from one year to the next

1st xv finished 3rd in Southern Counties

- Real success was fielding 3 teams every week
- Developing some outstanding talent
- Numbers to training have been consistently good

Targets for next season

- Player recruitment & player registration
- 2nd team – do anything to keep Simon Wells on board !
- Continue U23's team – University link
- Start identifying coaches for the future and put them on a coaching course asap.
- Build on the relationship with the minis and juniors
- Create a positive relationship with the academy where the players thrive

Mitres Report - Simon Wells



Prior season had been disappointing culminating in relegation, not fulfilling league fixtures and a 5- point penalty deduction to start the new league season.

The mission for the new season was to re-establish the second XV and to ensure we fulfilled all league fixtures and to grow and develop a culture that was fun and provided a good standard of rugby to support the first XV and a platform to seed Academy players into senior rugby.

Additionally, a strong second XV can be used to encourage University players to continue to return and play for the Club whilst still studying and to return to their local club once they complete University.

Pleased to report that all league fixtures were fulfilled, the Mitres were undefeated in all home league fixtures and home friendlies. Highlights of the season were beating Beaconsfield home and away and the demolition of both Bracknell and Bicester at home.

Thanks to the Club for the first Mitres supporters lunch which illustrated the desire for success both off and on the pitch.

Despite the 5-point handicap we finished in a creditable third position in the league and if the 5 points were added back would have finished second in the league. For the record League played 18, won 13, lost 5. Friendlies played 4, won 3, lost 1. And staggeringly, 81 players played at least one game for the Mitres.

More pleasingly four Academy players have made their senior rugby debuts in the later part of the season.

2018/2019 season objectives are to consolidate the success of this season, improve the commitment to travel to away fixtures, continue to nurture Academy players into senior rugby and develop home grown talent to support the first XV.

Integration into coaching, appointing a strong Captain for the new season and recruiting new talent will be the priorities for the coming season.

Overall a remarkable season with great support from all in the Club and a hard core of 10 players who played more than 15 times in the season.

Academy Rugby Report – Ed Gibson



- Academy started the season looking as if we might not be able to field a competitive side, with 22 players and only 1 front row. Although losing 2 players, we gained 7 including 3 front rows and developed a competitive squad that managed at the end of the season to beat a full strength Bedford side without conceding a point - so credit to the players both for finding new players and their hard work and commitment
- In the League we finished last without a win and having conceded 2 matches. We went out of the National Colts Cup and Referees Cup in round 1 but made the Final of the Oceanic Trophy, losing to a very strong ONs side.
- Although fewer than previous seasons due to low numbers generally, a number of players have successfully transitioned to Seniors during the season and also played for the Young Bucks against Olney.
- Overall a successful season from a development perspective if not from a rugby results perspective. Mick, Steve and I finish this season and hand over to a new group of coaches from last year and this year's U16s (and thanks for all the fish).

Swans Rugby Report – Nicola Lepper



- Buckingham Swans have had their strongest season for a number of years, Swans fulfilled all leagues fixtures with 9 wins and 3 losses, finally finishing 2nd in Championship Midlands 2.
- The Swans squad has grown again with 13 new Swans, a mixture of experienced players moving over and ladies that had never played before. This has also seen a boost in the numbers at training and allowed us to learn and execute new moves and attacking formation.
- There has been a huge step forward in skill level with all the new players stepping up to the challenge of playing for a team in Championship 2
- Swans trained against Brackley men at the end of the year, this gave the girls a real boost and it was great to do a team run through against a live defence.
- Swans yet again would like to thank Mikey Clark for all his efforts as our coach, he works tirelessly to make sure we have good training sessions and all feel prepared for Sundays. He works really well with new players and brings out the best in all the girls. He is always giving feedback and helping the girls to develop. His ties in with Brackley rugby club also gave us the chance to train with them, something both the Swans and Brackley found to be hugely positive and will hopefully be continued on a regular basis next year.
- There are 6 Swans representing at county this year and as at date of writing the county captain has not been chosen but in both friendlies the Captain has been a Swan.
- As captain of the Swans I am proud to lead the team out each week and have had a fantastic year, I have been voted in as Captain again and hope to continue on with the success of this year. Vice-Captain next year goes to Chloe Allcorn, and Mikey Clark will be staying as coach for another year.
- Swans will again be in Championship Midlands 2 next year and hope to continue growing the numbers we have in the squad and grow on the success of the season we have just had.

Youth Rugby Report- Emma Weingart & Simon Smith



Roles and responsibilities

- **Dan Fellingham** will be the Chair of both Mini and Youth Section with the support of Sarah Fraser-Boggie (Mini) and Paul Wildman (Youth) acting as vice chairs
- **Sharon Strickland-Clark** will continue as registration officer – excellent job last season!
- **Brian Boggie** will continue as the M&J treasurer
- **Nick Glister** will continue with the M&J Pitch allocation and club duties role
- **Dr Kevin Barnett** will continue as the M&J medical advisor with admin support provided by **Emma Weingart**

Numbers – increasing every season!

Current number of mini section players – 216

Current number of youth section players - 188

Supported by
82 Coaches

Performance

U12's Silverware at Wasps, Saints and Tring . Semi Finalists at Saints, London Irish and Marlow Tournaments
U13's Winners of Northampton U13 Festival.
U14's Finalists of the Bucks County Cup – losing to A&C
U15's Semi-finalist in the County Cup
U16's 1st place Division II Bucks & Oxon League, Semi Finalists in the Bucks Cup
Cygnets U15's – Semi Finalist in area 2 Cup & final of Intermediate Cup, U18's runners up at RAF Halton

Safeguarding

Continue to be set the benchmark for the county with maintenance of 98% compliance of all current DBS status. A number of safeguarding incidents dealt with locally.

Tour

450 parents, players and siblings are heading to Devon this weekend – Green Army is the theme with our charity donation of the tour kit going to Bucks Young Carers - £1000! Girls section joining too!

U15's are on tour to lloret De Mar

Hon Sec Report – Finlay Gemmell



This season has seen continued improvements in our facilities:

- Total refurbishment of the clubhouse main room and hallway was carried out in March & April using a grant of £35,000 from WREN (Landfill tax reinvestment body) and around £20,000 of the club's own funds from senior and youth sections. The grant application was led by Julian Scar, with overall project management by Mark Blackwell
- As usual we also invested heavily, around £20,000, in summer pitch maintenance – verti draining all pitches, including Maids Moreton PF and applying many tons of sand

Future investment in our facilities:

- Planning permission to build phase 3 of Bellway's Moreton Road housing development has been refused by the Secretary of State ; this is the final decision for now. The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan will, we believe, have this land in its scope for housing, so the local Neighbourhood Plan may be challenged to include this area as part of the town's overall expansion. IF planning is eventually approved any benefits accruing to the club here (provision of a full size pitch plus a training area and possibly section 106 funds to allow us develop facilities further) are probably at least five years away.
- Any significant investment in facilities is likely to depend on S106 funds, but smaller projects are feasible over the next few years. For example, extending the surfaced area of the car park, improving the patio surface

Hon Sec Report continued.....



On the social and fundraising for the club:

- **7th Annual Beer Festival** repeated the success of the previous year's fund raising. The team led by Matt Harper, Simon Smith and Pat Ockendon introduced improved staging, an external real ale bar and additional catering outlets, raising around £17,000 once again. The key feature of our BF remains the musical content arranged by Ian Hewitt.
- **Summer Ball** successfully returned with a new marquee layout, and will be on the same lines once again this summer
- **Lunches** - three VP lunches, the Sponsors lunch, the Supporters Christmas Lunch were once again very successful, both socially and fund raising. New additions were the **Mitres Lunch** and a hugely popular **Ladies Lunch**, managed by Nic Lepper and Emma Weingart.
- **Harper Woods Christmas charity tournament** again raised significant funds for various charities and was a major source of fund raising for the club itself.
- **Minis Festival** was once again very successful & excellent feedback from neighbouring clubs
- Our **major sponsors (BCQ, Russell & Butler)** continue to be very satisfied with the visibility their investment in the club brings them locally , and they are set to continue to support us
- Our **telecoms mast rental income** has dropped to just a single mast, although that rental has been renewed on a 15 year lease and will bring in £8,000 pa ; this is a drop of £7,000 pa to when we had two masts. We have not been able to replace the Slimming World hire arrangement, and that has lost us an easy £5,000 pa. We are hopeful that the refurbished clubhouse will attract more hires than we currently have, but these are not as 'easy' as masts and regular weekday rentals

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Hon Sec Report continued.....

Volunteering:

- As usual particular thanks are due to the non Committee members who support the senior club with their efforts. The Swans for managing the bar on Lunch days, Carole Payne for the match programme work and being the Refs Contact, Tiger for clearing the patio of litter each week, Tony Hawkins for running touch and keeping the 1st xv playing statistics, Sally Hodges for organizing the match report rota.

We recognized our volunteers this year in the following ways :-

- County hospitality box day out at Wasps match for

Emma Weingart
Lisa Bussell
Kelly Glister
Paula Davies
Sharon Strickland-Clark
Lindsey Oliver
Fiona Robinson



- RFU Value the Volunteer Certificates will be presented across the club to recognise individual efforts.

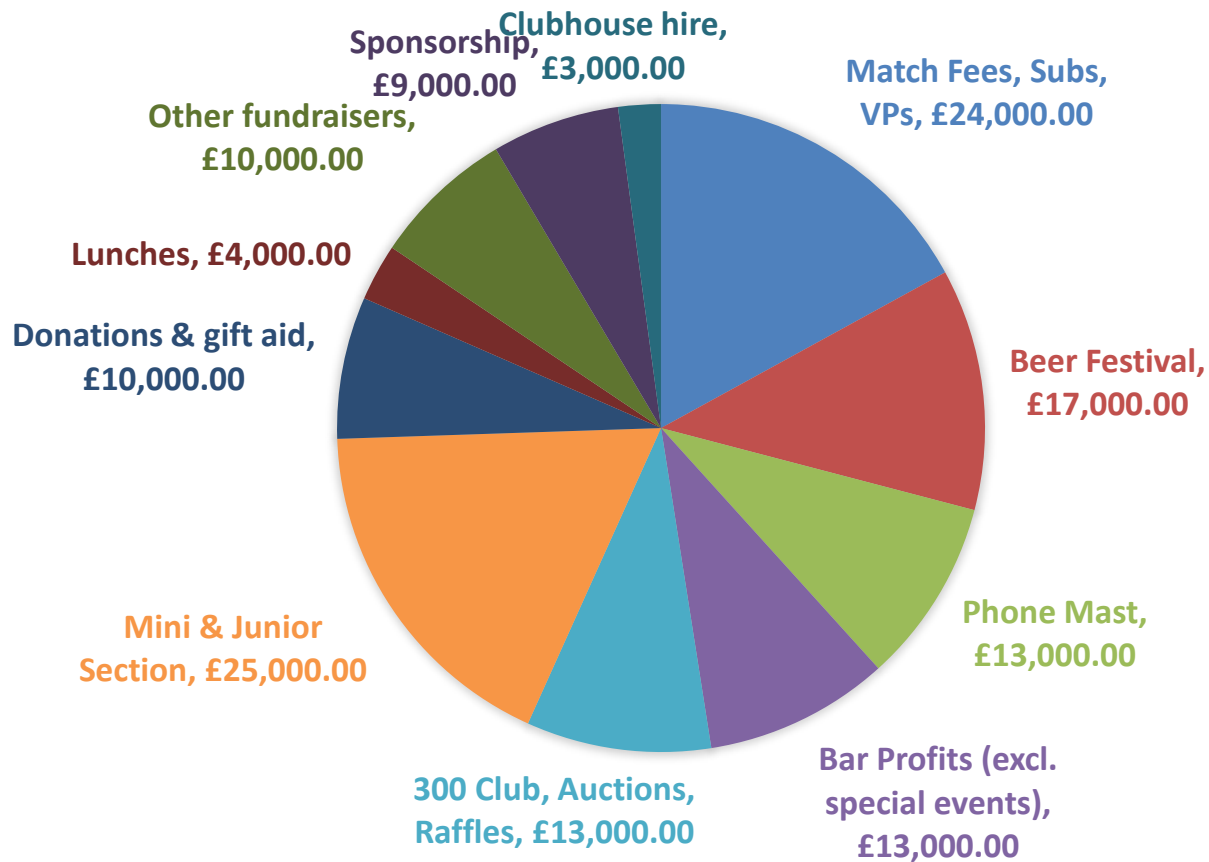
- **Rugby Force Weekend**

Mini and Youth day will be Saturday 19th May – organised by Emma Weingart who allocated specific jobs to age groups. The delivery of the work will be overseen by Simon O'Dell with Emma in the kitchen.

Treasurer's Report *as at year end 28th Feb 2018*



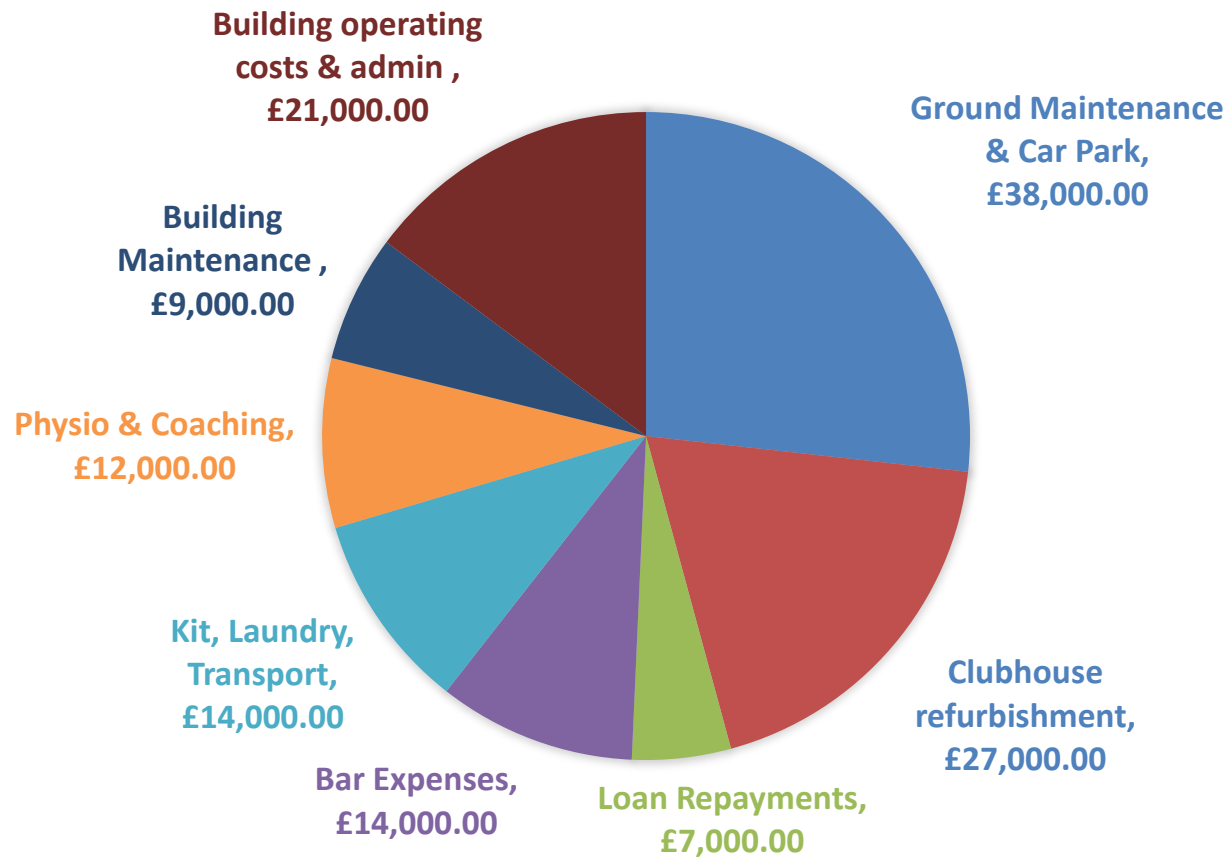
SENIOR SECTION INCOME - TOTAL AMOUNT 2017/18 £141K:



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SENIOR SECTION EXPENSES- TOTAL AMOUNT 2017/18 £142K :

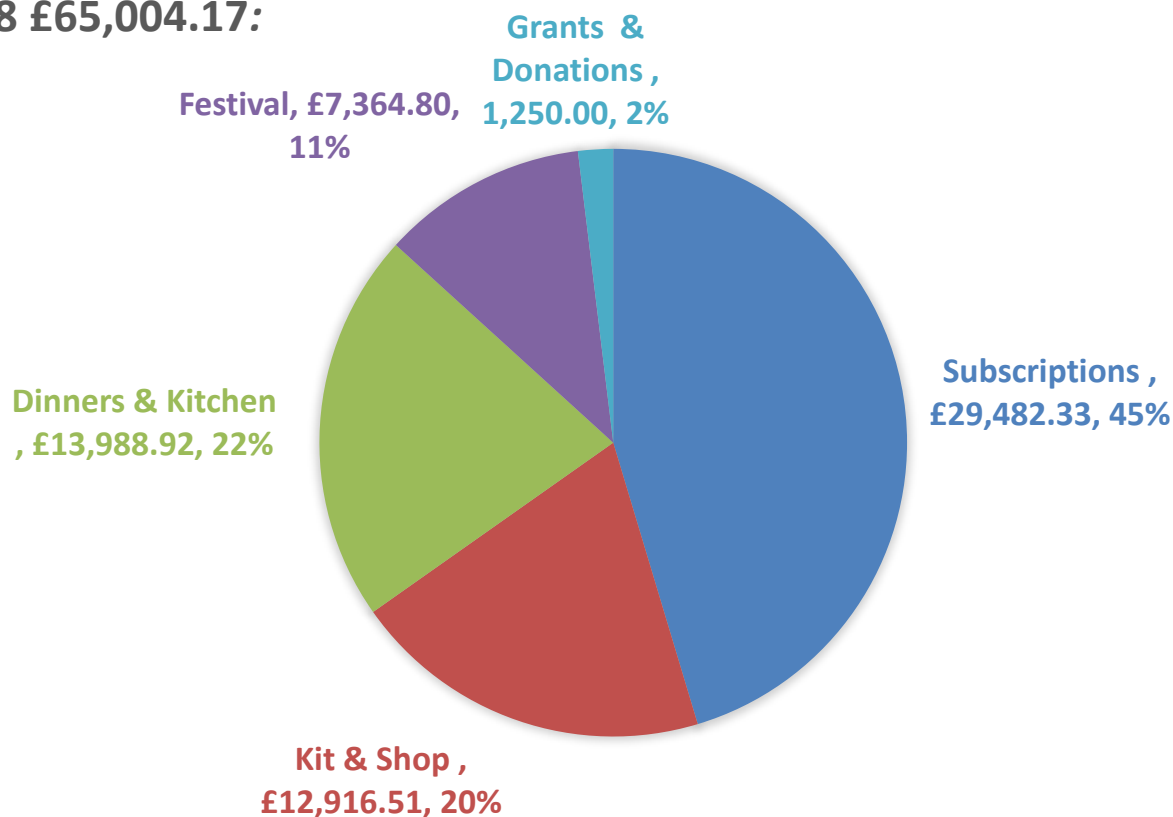


Finance Report *as at year end 28th Feb 2018*



MINI & JUNIOR SECTION - INCOME - TOTAL AMOUNT

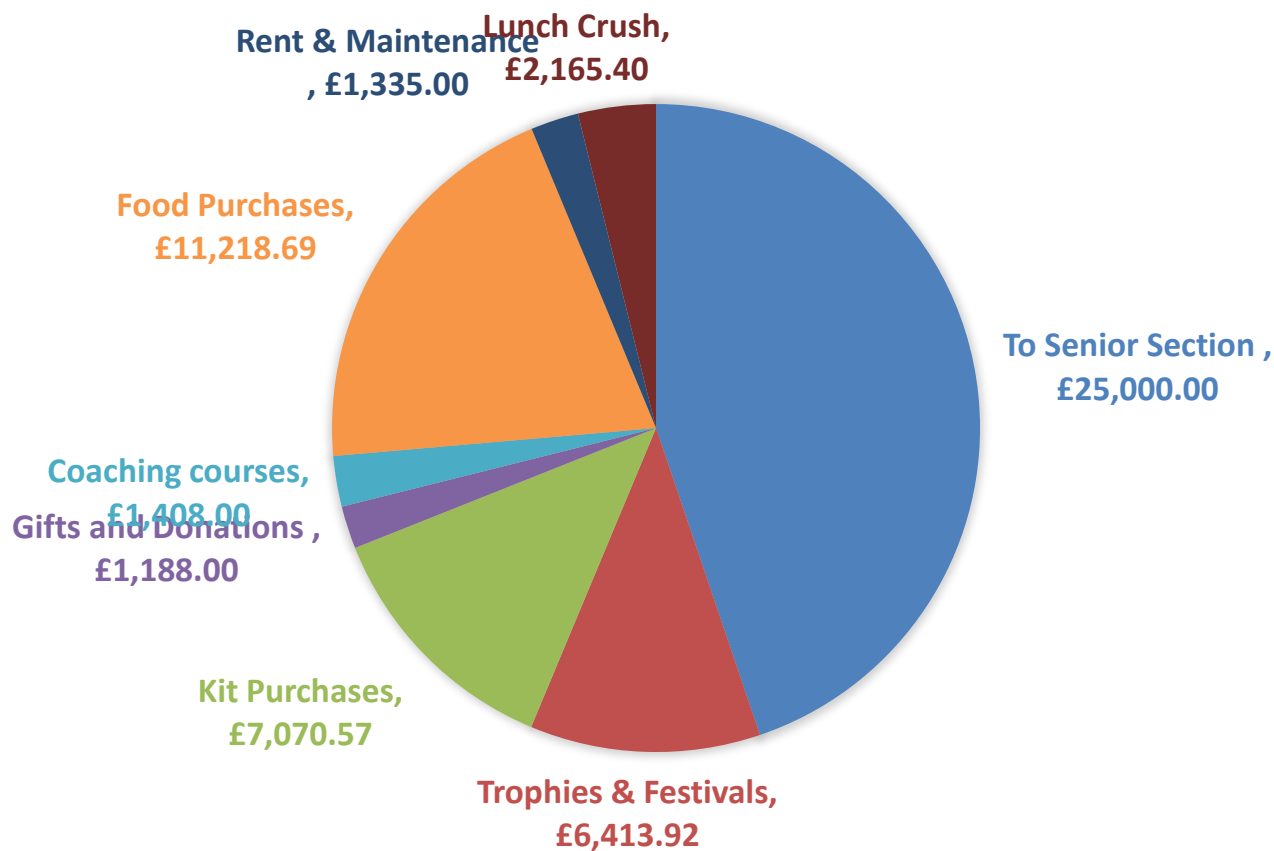
2017/18 £65,004.17:



Finance Report *as at year end 28th Feb 2018*



MINI & JUNIOR SECTION EXPENSES- TOTAL AMOUNT 2017/18 £63,444.77:



Auditing of Accounts



For members approval that the club accounts should continue to be unaudited for the forthcoming year but should be independently reviewed by a club member who is a chartered accountant on behalf of the membership.

Election of Officers & Committee / Captains / Team Managers / Coaches



Officers (5)

President	Alan Leach
Chairman	Simon Smith
Vice Chairman	Seth Williams
Treasurer	Alan Leach
Secretary	Finlay Gemmell

Captains and Vice Captains

1st XV	TBC – at pre season training
2nd XV	Chris Dicey & Tom Haycock (Joint)
3rd XV	Dave Cummins & Adam Boothby (Joint)

Team Managers

1 st xv	Steve Glendinning
2 nd xv	Simon Wells
3 rd xv	Adam Boothby
Academy	TBC

Coaches

Seniors	Andy White,
Academy	Dave Toone, Jim Quirke, Simon Bateman
Swans	Mikey Clark

Head of Senior Rugby – Yan Mallet

Head of Youth Rugby – Dan Fellingham

Committee (20)

M&J Rep	Dan Fellingham
Junior rep	Paul Wildman
Mini rep	Sarah Fraser – Boggie
M&J Treasurer	Brian Boggie
Swans Rep	Nicola Lepper
Girls Rep	Lisa Bussell
Academy Rep	TBC
Safeguarding Officer	Kelly Glister
General 1	Simon Wells
General 2	Tim Norman
General 3	Will Landon
General 4	Tony Hinton
General 5	Julie Nichols
General 6	Julie Turnham
General 7	Julian Scarr
General 8	Jamie Temple
General 9	John Phillips
General 10	Adam Boothby
General 11	Mark Blackwell
General 12	Vacancy

And finally.....a pondering moment on the last 50 years



BRUFC thanked Mr Anthony Flack for is time and dedication

A final message.....

Thank you

For your time, support and dedication to BRUFC

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