



WELCOME TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON RFC

We welcome the players, committee and supporters of Stratford Upon Avon RFC to Glasshouse Lane and look forward to a keenly contested match.

We have been playing our local rivals from Shakespeare's town for many years although our last league fixtures were back in season 2016/17 where we were defeated 24-39 at home in September and then Stratford beat us again 31-17 at Pearcecroft. This was the season we sadly finished bottom of Midlands 1 West and were relegated ahead of our rebuilding period.

Stratford then moved regions and spent a few seasons in the South West which ultimately proved challenging for them. Trips to the likes of Wimborne, Chippenham and Old Centralians soon took their toll and after a year of consolidation they found themselves bottom of South West 1 East. A switch back across to the Midlands saw them dominate Midlands 2 West and secure top spot in the curtailed 2019/20 season which led them back into Midlands 1 West.

They have certainly found their feet in the league and come to us on the back of an impressive run of 5 wins in their last 6 games (with a blip against lowly Droitwich) and

sit 4th in the division. Fixtures against Stratford are always an entertaining and lively affair and we look forward to locking horns once again.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The annual Christmas lunch will be on Saturday 18th December and as ever, places will go quickly. Enjoy a 3-course festive lunch along with a fun auction and raffle – this will also be followed by some live music and the players Christmas Social. Tickets can be booked on the club website: <https://krfc.rfu.club/events/krfc-christmas-lunch/226356376> or by e mailing saralouiseboard@gmail.com

If you are able to donate a prize to the raffle/auction please could you contact Club Chairman Johnny Marsh on chairman@kenilworthrugby.co.uk

Senior Women

It continues to be a tough season in Championship North 1 for our Women's team and their defeat to Lichfield a couple of weeks ago leaves them 9th in the table, just above Sefton who they were due to play last week. Sadly the weather put paid to that match and the next fixture is away to Firwood Waterloo next Sunday.

Midlands 1 West 2021/22

After the disappointment of the Cup Final defeat we bounced back with a vengeance against Old Halesonians, securing the try bonus point and scoring just shy of 50 points. This victory proved to be even more vital when news of Stoke's surprise defeat to struggling Hereford came through. This bumped us up to 2nd in the league, 5 points behind undefeated leaders Lichfield who show no signs of easing off.

Our match last week at Stoke fell foul of the weather and will be rescheduled for a free Saturday in the New Year, possibly early February.

Ludlow continue to show impressive form with heavy wins at home to Malvern and away at Newbold and sit 5th in the league behind Stoke and today's visitors Stratford.

At the bottom Wolverhampton finally got off the mark with a win at home to Sutton Coldfield and then backed this up with an away victory at Worcester which has seen them climb up to 11th. Sutton Coldfield are now bottom of the league, on the same points as Worcester who are above them due to their narrow victory when they played each other.

In the league below the promotion places seem to be being fought out by Nuneaton Old Edwardians, Evesham and Barker Butts with Old Laurentians close behind. Midlands Premier is headed by our pre-season opponents Bromsgrove whilst our Cup Final nemesis Nuneaton still struggle at the bottom of the table.



Nathan Tilsley v Old Halesonians

Old Halesonians (Won 48-21)

After scorching into an early lead it looked ominous for our visitors from Hagley, however a couple of misplaced passes and dropped balls saw us on the back foot. Two silly yellow cards and some decent finishing from Old Halesonians had us looking over our shoulders at half time.



Ed Hannam v Old Halesonians



Sam Peppitt v Old Halesonians

However the 2nd period was much improved with patches of sublime rugby in-dispersed with a few skirmishes to keep the crowd on their toes on a bleak November afternoon. Again, we probably left a few tries out on the field and we will be looking to be more clinical when the opportunities arise. On the injury front we have picked up a few casualties with veteran scrum half Gareth Renowden having had an operation on his bicep and looking at a pretty long lay-off. However with over 40 training last week and a hugely impressive 2XV sweeping all before them, our strength in depth has been key to what so far is proving to be a strong season for the Senior men.

MIDLANDS 1 West							
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Lichfield	10	10	0	0	399	162	50
Kenilworth	10	9	0	1	431	154	45
Stoke on Trent	10	9	0	1	321	142	43
Stratford Upon Avon	11	8	0	3	303	150	38
Ludlow	11	7	0	4	370	136	35
Old Halesonians	10	5	1	4	227	256	26
Whitchurch	11	3	1	7	231	241	24
Newbold on Avon	11	4	2	5	202	283	22
Hereford	11	4	1	6	168	317	20
Malvern	11	3	1	7	228	306	18
Wolverhampton	11	2	1	8	140	203	15
Droitwich	10	2	1	7	139	394	15
Worcester	11	3	0	8	167	396	11
Sutton Coldfield	10	1	0	9	201	387	11

NICK MOORE



This year we raise a toast at the lunch to a sorely missed friend in Nick Moore. Nick sadly passed away earlier this Summer, he was a friend to many at Kenilworth RFC with his infectious humour and kindness touching many of us over the years.

It is hoped that we will be joined by some of his family this afternoon.

LIVE MUSIC

After the match we are delighted to welcome former KRFC player and son in law of Nick Moore, Charlie Ward back to the club. Charlie is a local musician of quite some repute and he has been kind enough to offer to sing in the clubhouse later today. His band 'Rise' are back rehearsing and performing so please do check out when they are playing nearby again. Please show Charlie your support, raise a glass or two to absent friends, a terrific game of rugby and hopefully to a win over our old rivals.

THIS WEEK'S OTHER FIXTURES

Droitwich	v	Whitchurch
Hereford	v	Sutton Coldfield
Ludlow	v	Old Halesonians
Malvern	v	Newbold on Avon
Worcester	v	Wolverhampton
Lichfield	v	Stoke on Trent

Men's Teams for 4th December 2021

Kenilworth

Blue with Gold Shirts, Blue Shorts

1.....	David Bromfield
2.....	Ollie Stone
3.....	Jake Dodd
4.....	Jonny Openshaw
5.....	Morgan Fox
6.....	Michael Ryan
7.....	Mikkel Andresen
8.....	Bobby Thompson (c)
9.....	Sam Peppitt
10.....	Tyler Price
11.....	David Opoku-Fordjour
12.....	Nathan Tilsley
13.....	Ed Hannam (vc)
14.....	Jayde Alexander
15.....	Ben Leahy
Replacements:	
16.....	Josh Marsden
17.....	Paddy Grace
18.....	Todd Freemantle


Stratford-upon-Avon

Black & White Hooped Shirts, Black Shorts

1.....	Geoff Dyson
2.....	Michael Dawes
3.....	Matt Cook
4.....	Colin Markham
5.....	Daniel Kirby
6.....	Sam James
7.....	Daniel Dunmore
8.....	Angus Wightman
9.....	William Matthews
10.....	Nathan Geekie
11.....	Charlie Powell
12.....	Jack Young
13.....	Dan Whitby
14.....	Ianto Davies
15.....	Jon Cook
Replacements:	
16.....	Jack Kenderline
17.....	Luke Gardiner
18.....	Thomas Taylor

Today's referee:
Martin Nailor
Warwickshire Society

Player Sponsors

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Kieran Payne	<i>Lakeside</i>		
Sam Peppitt	<i>Projekt -M</i>		
Tyler Price	<i>Ace Tree Management</i>		



TODAY'S LUNCH

Today we host our annual Pirates Lunch which is always an enjoyable and lively affair. Our Pirates have been in hibernation for nearly 2 years and many made their seasonal bow under the guise of 'The Occasionals' against Old Leamingtonians Nomads a few weeks ago.

It will be fabulous to see a few familiar old faces and hear

lots of sage advice on the touchline from men who think they know better but actually should know better!

The lunch is being prepared by the chefs from Kenilworth's Oldest Pub and popular haunt of many of our members – The Virgins and Castle. The Virgins is located on Kenilworth's High Street in the old town and they have recently signed up as sponsors of the club as well.

The Pirates have just announced details of their tour which will be on 1st – 3rd April in Southport and eager tourists can book their place by e mailing kenilworthpirates@yahoo.co.uk or chatting to Dom Carrick, Nick Collett or Adam Turner.

SEASON SCORING STATS SO FAR

Men's 1XV

Top Points Scorers:

Tyler Price – 74 (2 tries)

Ed Hannam – 74 (6 tries)

Ben Harrison – 40 (8 tries)

Bobby Thompson – 35 (7 tries)

Ollie Stone – 35 (7 tries)

Men's 2XV

Top Points Scorers:

Sam Miles – 47 (5 tries)

Dan Retter – 37 (5 tries)

Jack Rawlins – 36 (6 tries)

Hugh Whidbourne – 30 (6 tries)

Keiron Byrne – 27 (1 try)

Women's 1XV

Top Points Scorers:

Kaz Harris – 10 (2 tries)

Philippa Rawbone – 10 (2 tries)

Becci Lewis – 10 (2 tries)

WHAT'S ON AT KRFC

18th Dec Christmas Lunch, Mens 1XV v Wolverhampton

27th Dec Festive Touch Rugby Tournament

15th Jan Services Lunch (tickets will be available on the website), Mens 1XV v Hereford

28th Jan Wine Tasting with Mercia Wines (more details to follow)

KENILWORTH RFC 1ST FIXTURES 2021/2022

Date	Opposition	For	Agst.	Pos.
Pre-season friendlies				
08 08 21	Didsbury Toc H (A)	33	5	
12 08 21	Bromsgrove (A)	33	31	
Warwickshire Cup				
17 08 21	Newbold	27	10	
League				
04 09 21	Whitchurch (H)	41	15	2nd
11 09 21	Wolverhampton (A)	27	5	1st
18 09 21	Droitwich (H)	59	17	1st
25 09 21	Hereford (A)	50	10	1st
02 10 21	Worcester (H)	67	8	1st
09 10 21	Lichfield (H)	24	36	2nd
23 10 21	Ludlow (A)	15	13	3rd
30 10 21	Malvern (H)	59	14	3rd
06 11 21	Newbold (A)	38	15	3rd
Warwickshire Cup Final (@ Sutton Coldfield)				
14 11 21	Nuneaton	26	27	
League				
20 11 21	Old Halesonians (H)	48	21	2nd
27 11 21	Stoke on Trent (A)		<i>Postponed</i>	2nd
04 12 21	Stratford Upon Avon (H)			
11 12 21	Sutton Coldfield (A)			
18 12 21	Wolverhampton (H)			
08 01 22	Droitwich (A)			
15 01 22	Hereford (H)			
22 01 22	Worcester (A)			
29 01 22	Lichfield (A)			
12 02 22	Ludlow (H)			
19 02 22	Malvern (A)			
05 03 22	Newbold (H)			
12 03 22	Old Halesonians (A)			
26 03 22	Stoke on Trent (H)			
02 04 22	Stratford Upon Avon (A)			
09 04 22	Sutton Coldfield (H)			
23 04 22	Whitchurch (A)			

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Jai Purewal, KRFC Director of Rugby

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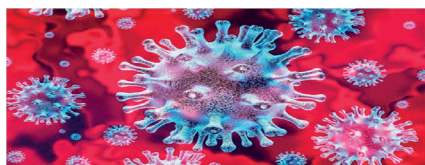
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dor@kenilworthrugby.co.uk

Raffle Draw

We will be drawing tickets for the ongoing raffle in aid of Prostate Cancer UK with a prize of an Advent Wine Tree kindly donated by Joss Selby. Tickets are still available to purchase at the bar so please do buy a strip to support an incredibly worthy cause.

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Hugh Whidbourne 2XV Final - see next page

County 2XV Cup Winners



Warwickshire 2XV Cup final

Last Sunday our 2XV took on Sutton Coldfield at Broadstreet's ground in driving snow and freezing conditions.

Sutton were unbeaten in their Midlands Reserve League so the squad knew a fair challenge awaited them but captain Jack Rawlins' side soon showed they were up to the task ahead.

With set piece dominance and an aggressive defensive line, they struck early with tries for High Whidbourne and veteran forward Ian Phillips. Scrum Half Sam Miles capitalised on good work from Jacob Line to score and vice-captain Josh Marsden crashed over after a tap penalty. The final try came from replacement winger Jacob Elliott

and Kieran Byrne kicked 3 conversions for a 31-0 victory and we retain the Warwickshire 2nd XV Cup for another year.

Jimmy Middleton 2XV Final



2XV Captain Jack Rawlins

2XV Result

The previous week the 2XV took on Shipston in a last-minute friendly after Newbold pulled out of the league fixture. Sadly, this has become a regular occurrence this season with many clubs struggling to field competitive 2XVs week in week out. We have been there ourselves before so understand the challenges but it is definitely becoming more prevalent this year.

Our side ran out 57-0 winners with tries from Harry Rowley, Tom Naismith (2), Jacob Line (2), Paddy Grace, Josh Marsden, Jake Elliott along with 6 conversions from Keiron Byrne.