



Action from December 2019

WELCOME TO OLD HALESONIANS

Today it is the turn of Old Halesonians to visit Glasshouse Lane for our 8th league game of the season (and 5th at home) and we welcome all those associated with the club. The last time we played was in March 2024 when we both resided in level 5, the league above where we are now, the score that day being a rather tasty 36 all draw, our scorers being Max Robinson, Will Morgan (2), Alex Cox and Jack Rawlins (2). This draw did not stop Old Halesonians being relegated that season and we were soon to follow the following season. In their second season at level 6 they find themselves winless at the foot of the league with only two bonus points. In their last game they lost 19-57 to Shipston. They appear to be in a very similar situation as us – rebuilding.

I recall a game (Sept 2011) when we started the season with a brand new strip and a new team (including imports from Old Coventrians, Jonny Openshaw, Phil Dickson, Chris Wood and Dom Sheehan and a raft of ex colts). The programme (wrongly) said we were in blue and yellow and Old Halesonians in black. However, it was the opposite and a few of our older spectators on the far side, where I was, were a wee bit confused, not recognising the new payers on our side. They were also getting a wee bit excited when, they thought, “we” scored a few tries early on. It was not to be and we duly lost 15-31 and I said I would always check the strips for the programme! The rules have since changed and it is now the away team that has to change.

Rich Taylor and Luke Smith are their joint

Directors of Rugby, having amassed a total of 600 1st XV appearances. Rod Petty is the 1st XV coach and he is assisted by Sam Herrington (an ex Kenilworth player and coach).

PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE

Thank you Nick!

On the 25th October 2025 at the Former Players/Presidents Lunch, Nick Collett won the ‘President’s Volunteer Award’. This is an award we have introduced and will be given every two months in the season to someone who is an outstanding volunteer. Nick will get £50 on his club card account as a massive thank you for what he gives as a volunteer. This is what he is currently doing at the moment, he is one of our men’s first team managers, he oversees the smooth running of match days for the men’s team. In addition, he is our fixture secretary, he runs the men’s over 35’s Pirates with Dickie and when he is needed, he still plays in the front row or second row. He is often seen talking with referees before and after our men’s matches making sure the referee is looked after and has a pleasant experience with our club. This is a very important role as we need to look after them. Nick is an individual who is enthusiastic and puts in so much time and effort for the benefit of the club as a whole. He has strong opinions, which is absolutely fine. He is the epitome of a great club man who simply has a love of rugby and wants to see our club do well. Thank you for everything you do Nick!

- Rich (RB) Bennett, President, KRFC.



WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

Good afternoon everyone, and a very warm welcome to Glasshouse Lane.

A special welcome to our visitors today, Old Halesonians RFC – a proud club with roots dating back to 1930. Reaching nearly a century of rugby is an incredible achievement, and we're delighted to host you this afternoon.

Today's fixture holds extra significance as it's our Services Lunch and the game closest to Remembrance Day. It's a day for us to come together as a club and community to honour all those who have served – past and present – and to thank them for their dedication and sacrifice. We also take this time to remember all who served in the World Wars and other conflicts, without whom the freedoms we enjoy today would not be possible. A special mention to all that served & represented Kenilworth RFC whether it was pulling the shirt on or as a member/supporter that are no longer here with us.



On the rugby front, Old Halesonians will be eager to turn their season around. Despite a tough start and a recent 19–57 home loss to Shipston on Stour, they'll no doubt be determined to respond strongly today.

As for us, we come into this match unbeaten in three – with two wins and a draw away at Shipston. Week by week, we're improving, and there's a great sense of competition and togetherness within the squad. When we're accurate and play at our tempo, we're a side capable of causing real problems for anyone in this league. The challenge, as always, is consistency – delivering that level of performance for longer periods. With the league table so tight in the middle, a good run of results could see us pushing higher up the standings.

Today will be an emotional occasion, but also one to celebrate life, community, and the game we love.

Enjoy the rugby - Cheers, **Matt**.

REGIONAL 2 MIDLANDS WEST

It is still Moseley Oak at the top of the league with a very impressive seven (out of seven) bonus point wins, scoring 285 points and conceding 94. Ludlow, our next opponents on the 22nd Nov, lie second, 10 points adrift, with five wins and two losses and they are one point ahead of Stow and Edwardians.

Our visitors today, Old Halesonians, lie at the foot of the table with two points, and 10 points adrift of Silhillians. Our recent two wins and a draw have seen us climb up to 9th, with 16 points and well in touch of the group above us.



HEALTH TESTING EVENT FOR MEN & WOMEN

On Wednesday 26th Nov (from 6.30) we are hosting a Health Testing Event, including PSA, Diabetes, Cholesterol and many others. You need to pre book at;

www.mypsatestests.org.uk or www.myhealthtests.org.uk or ring **01926 419959**.

Tests cost £25 each. Full details are posted in the club and web site.

TODAYS SPECIAL LUNCH

Today is one of the most meaningful days in our club calendar, the Services Pre-Match Lunch, held in support of the Royal British Legion and in honour of those who serve. This special day brings together servicemen and women, veterans, and blue light staff, including the police, fire service, and community responders, to recognise their dedication and sacrifice. We have as our guests Veterans (known as 'Brethren') from the Lord Leycester Hospital joining us. The event will feature the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant. Kenilworth RFC along with club sponsors and local businesses including Frederick Cooper Birmingham, BOSS UK, Triple A Renovations Ltd. and Sable Leigh Consultancy will formally commit to supporting the Armed Forces community. The signing will be attended by Lt Col Richard Pelan RLC and representatives from the West Midland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, marking a proud milestone in our club's journey. This is more than a lunch. It is a celebration of courage, community, and connection. It is what makes Kenilworth RFC more than the game. There will be a two minute silence before the game, with players lined up on the pitch and our community standing together.

Tomorrow, at Kenilworth's Annual Remembrance Sunday service club Chairman, Lt Col (Retd) Paul Fountaine, will lay a wreath during the service of Remembrance on behalf of the club. All are welcome to attend.

LAST FEW WEEKS

Only one Men's 1st XV game to report and it was another late one, scoring two tries very late on to defeat Silhillians 29-27. It was the turn of winger Dan Ward to score the crucial conversion with five minutes to go and to complicate matters and stress the nerves we finished the game with 13 men. Our try scorers were Charlie Morris (in his 50th game), Sam Johnson, Gaz Renowden, Ross Lowthian and Mat Gibson. Max Brain was the Napton Cider man of the match. Of note was the appearance of brothers Sam & Isaac Fountaine, playing 1st XV rugby together for the first time in front of a very proud father. The current top try scorer is Bobby Thompson with 5 (from 5 games) and the leading kicker is Dan Ward (17 points and a 67% success rate.)

Our 2nd XV are struggling for front rows at the moment and had to concede their game away at Spartans last week.

The Colts had a week off and played Old Leamingtonians last night under the lights.

Our Women had a good 31-21 away win at Barnsley and last week they had a tremendous 113-0 win over Blydon Red Kites. They currently lie in 5th place in their league with 3 wins and 3 losses. Their current top try scorer is Tamzin Pinches with 2nd rower Jorge Jones the top kicker. Jorja had 7 successful conversions of the 7 first half tries scored. The Women's 2nd XV had a Junior Cup walkover against Rugby Lionesses. They have home league game tomorrow v Silhillians.

NEXT FEW WEEKS

It is yet another week off next weekend (15th Nov) and our next league game is 22nd Nov away at the very picturesque Ludlow who play at The Linney, Ludlow, SY8 1EE. We then return home on the 29th Nov with a game against the league leaders Moseley Oak. Our 2nd XV (availability of front rows willing) are down to play at home on the 22nd Nov against Leamington. Our high flying Colts are next at home on the 28th Nov against Old Laurentian.

Our Women are also at home today v Cheltenham and the 2nd XV are at home tomorrow against Silhillians.

All of the Autumn Internationals are being shown at the club.



FOOD AT KENILWORTH RUGBY CLUB

Match Day food is available in the form of filled rolls, pies, soup & roll or a more substantial meal, as served to the players. Ask behind the bar.

During the week, it is Burger Wednesday or Thank Cod it's Friday.

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT KRFC

9th Nov	U15's v Alcester, cup, 11am
9th Nov	Women II v Silhillians, 2pm
14th Nov	An Evening with Jimmy Gopperth
16th Nov	U14's v Berkswell & Balsall, 11am
16th Nov	U16's v Shipston, 1am
22nd Nov	2nd XV v Leamington, 2.15pm
23rd Nov	U14's v Berkswell & Balsall, cup, 11am
23rd Nov	U16's v Leamington, 11am
26th Nov	Health Testing, Men & Women
28th Nov	Colts v Old Laurentian, 7.30pm
29th Nov	1st XV v Moseley Oak, 2.15pm
30th Nov	Women 1 v West Park Leeds, 2pm
7th Dec	U16's v Old Wheatleyans, 11am
12th Dec	2nd XV v Berkswell & Balsall, 7.30pm
13th Dec	1st XV v Stow, 2.15pm
13th Dec	Christmas Lunch
14th Dec	U14's v Silhillians, 11am
14th Dec	U16's v Silhillians, 11am
20th Dec	2nd XV v Old Coventrians, 2.15pm
24th Dec	Xmas Eve at the club

TONIGHT'S LOTTERY NOS

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| 7 | 2nd rower Jorja Jones kicked seven out of seven conversions in the big win last week |
| 9 | Chairman Paul is laying a wreath tomorrow and all welcome to join him |
| 14 | An evening in November with Jimmy Gopperth – promises to be a very good night. |
| 16 | All sixteen Autumn Internationals involving the Home Nations are live on TV at the club |
| 26 | Health Testing Event in November at club for both Men & Women, from 6.30: need to book |
| 38 | Number of players utilised in the 1st XV after our first seven games |

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	POS
6/09/25	Luctonians II's (h)	20-33	9 th
13/09/25	Stow on the Wold (a)	20-33	10 th
20/09/25	Stratford (h)	17-20	11 th
27/09/25	Old Coventrians (h)	HWO	WAR CUP
4/10/25	Edwardians (a)	22-26	11 th
11/10/25	Hereford (h)	26-24	10 th
18/10/25	Shipston (a)	26-26	11 th
25/10/25	Silhillians (h)	29-27	9 th
1/11/25			
8/11/25	Old Halesonians (h)		
15/11/25			
22/11/25	Ludlow (a)		
29/11/25	Moseley Oak (h)		
6/12/25	Malvern (a)		
13/12/25	Stow on the Wold (h)		
20/12/25	Stratford (a)		
27/12/25			
30/12/26			
10/01/26	Edwardians (h)		
17/01/26	Hereford (a)		
24/01/26			
31/01/26	Shipston (h)		
7/02/26			
14/02/26	Silhillians (a)		
21/02/26			
28/02/26	Old Halesonians (a)		
7/03/26	Ludlow (h)		
14/03/26			
21/03/26	MoseleyOak (a)		
28/03/26	Malvern (h)		
4/04/26			
11/04/26	Luctonians II's (a)		

P7, W2, L4, D1, 160 pts for, 189 pts agst

KENILWORTH V OLD HALESONIANS

SAT 8TH NOVEMBER 2025

KENILWORTH TEAM

- 1 Ted Bromwich (C)
- 2 Charlie Morris
- 3 Ross Lowthian
- 4 Max Stanton
- 5 Tom Davenport
- 6 Isaac Fountaine
- 7 Dan Wildey
- 8 Max Brain
- 9 Robbie Holden
- 10 Sam Fountaine
- 11 Dan Ward
- 12 Sandeep Dhaliwal
- 13 Tom Hunter
- 14 Sam Johnson
- 15 Ed Mitchell
- 16 Matt Gibson
- 17 Aled Balman
- 18 Gaz Renowden

REFEREE Martin Nailor

FORM: KENILWORTH: WDWLLL
OLD HALESONIANS: LLLLLL

