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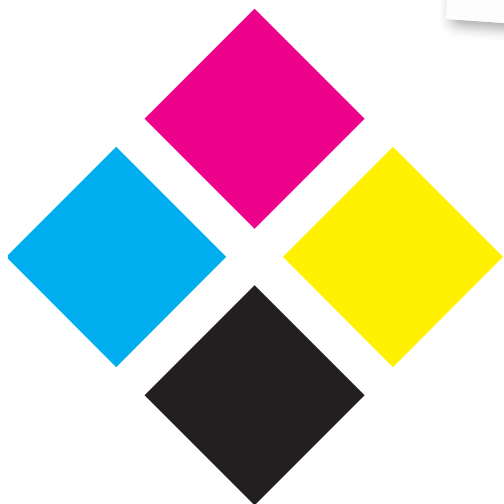
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# President's Welcome

## MICK COLEMAN



It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to Silver Leys this afternoon for our first home match of 2022. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and managed to stay healthy!

It goes without saying, (although I'm still going to...) that as we begin the second half of the season, we're looking for an uplift in our performances and of course our results. Whilst it's certainly true that we've suffered more than our fair share of injuries so far this season, our coaches Tom and Marcus won't be hiding behind that, and they will certainly be demanding more from the squad to play to their potential.

Unfortunately, in atrocious conditions down at Plymouth last week, where trying to play any sort of decent rugby was nigh on impossible, our mid-season re-boot didn't get off to the perfect start, but I'm confident that today will be different!

As spectators, we're spoilt for choice this afternoon, as our Blues take on Jersey, kicking off at 2pm, and then, for the very first time, we

welcome Leeds Tykes to Bishop's Stortford for the first team clash. One point and one league position currently separate us, so both teams will be desperate for a win.

As ever, we're very grateful to all our exceptional sponsors, and today we have our oldest recorded sponsor Nockolds (as detailed in our excellent centenary book - on sale in the club shop!) as our Match Day sponsor and Price Bailey will select today's Man of the Match. Also here are the ever-present Ace of Lanes/ Three Willows, who really love their rugby!

Thanks to everyone who generously supported our Christmas raffle which has now been drawn. If you're interested to see who's won what - although if you haven't been informed, you haven't won!! - then please visit our website, where you can view the lucky winners and so much more about what's happening in your club.

I hope you all have a great day, and that we can all cheer on a couple of Stortford wins!







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## TOM COLEMAN / MARCUS CATTELL



Happy New Year to you all, we hope you were able to stay in good health and enjoy the festivities with your friends and families. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all again in what we hope will be a successful second half of the season.

National One is an incredibly attractive league to compete in with many quality teams throughout. We're all aware there can be many reasons you do not win a game of rugby but to know we have been so close in many shows that we aren't too far away. We are entering an important period of the season and we need to learn from our mistakes and grow from the experiences we've had so far.

Importantly, this period has given us the opportunity to get some players back fit and healthy, none other than our captain Sam Winter who we are looking forward to

seeing make a big impact with the quality and experience he brings to the group. His leadership can be key for the squad entering the second half of the season.

Today's game represents a big challenge for us against another team who probably feel they should also be in a better league position than what they currently are. Leeds Tykes have put in some very good performances and have been unlucky on numerous occasions to not come away with victories. They will pose a huge threat to us and we need to be ready for an 80 minute battle!

Let's hope for an entertaining spectacle where the boys in blue can get the victory.

Come on you Blues!

**Tom & Marcus**

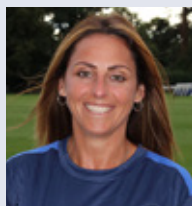
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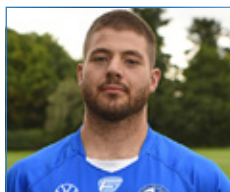


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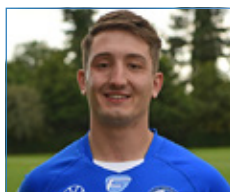
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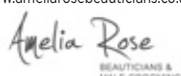
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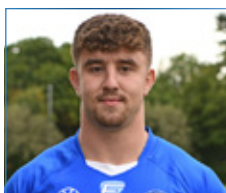
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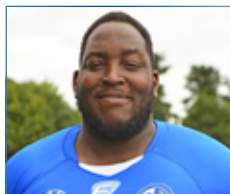
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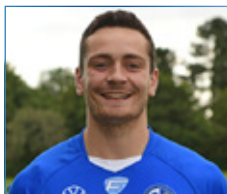


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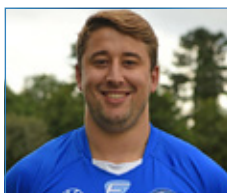


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# Today's Opposition

## LEEDS TYKES



Trying to do justice to the history behind the team currently known as Leeds Tykes in one page is no easy task but here goes. They can trace their heritage back to 1878 with the formation of Headingley FC, who were later to merge with Roundhay RUFC to form Leeds RUFC.

Before we go much further this precis make help you make sense of their many incarnations and what follows

Headingley existed from 1878-1992. Roundhay existed from 1924-1992. In 1992 they merged to form Leeds RUFC which existed until 1998. When they became Leeds Tykes but in 2007 they changed their name to Leeds Carnegie. And then in 2014 to Yorkshire Carnegie. Before in 2020 reverting to being the Leeds Tykes again.

Mike Bidgood who is Mr. Leeds Rugby was involved at the outset with the proposed merger of his club Roundhay and Headingley and to his immense credit he is still heavily involved with the club today.

Leeds RUFC played their first game in the then Courage National Division 3 (equivalent to Nat One today) on 1st September 1992 with a starting XV which fittingly included five from Roundhay, five from Headingley plus five new recruits.

League reorganisation the following season 'relegated' them to Courage Division 4, when interestingly from a local perspective they played Sudbury!!

Another reorganisation at the end of the 95/96 season, when Rugby Union went professional, saw them restored to level 3 at which point they published what was then considered to be a 'very ambitious' mission statement to "make a challenge for the 1st Division in the year 2000". However on 1st January 2000 Leeds were actually top of National One!

Leeds Tykes (mk.1) were part of a historic world first dual code rugby partnership alongside sister club Leeds Rhinos that ran from 1998 to 2007. It was the first time that one business had owned

both a professional Rugby League and Rugby Union club with the sides using joint training facilities at Kirkstall and playing at the Headingley Stadium.

The Tykes gained promotion to the Zurich Premiership for the first time in 2001, and defeated Bath in the first ever Premiership game at Headingley.

They also qualified twice for the Heineken Cup, the first time thanks to a fifth place finish in the Premiership in the 2002-03 season and then in 2005-06 after winning the Powergen Cup at Twickenham. However after five consecutive seasons in the top flight, The Tykes were relegated in 2006

In 2007, it was announced that Leeds Beckett University had taken a majority stake in Leeds Tykes, with the club renamed Leeds Carnegie for their return to the Premiership.

On 9th July 2014 plans were revealed to create Yorkshire Carnegie from the start point of Leeds Carnegie and put in place the foundations to create a sustainable and successful club for the county at the elite level of the game. Ultimately those ambitions sadly went unrealised leading to the club overcommitting resources ahead of

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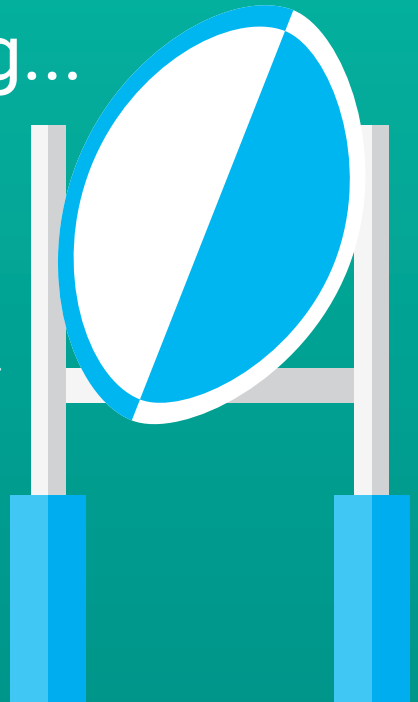
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| Bir M       |       | 33-3  | 22-20 | 15/01 | 29/01 | 22-29 | 23/04 | 23-22                          | 33-32 | 19/02  | 05/02 | 8-29    | 09/04 | 05/03   | 34-21 |
| BSRFC       | 33-3  |       | 02/04 | 20-31 | 19-24 | 16/04 | 12/03 | 12/02                          | 15/01 | 32-19  | 19-21 | 29/01   | 26/02 | 26-22   | 30/04 |
| Bkthh       | 17-22 | 16-6  |       | 16-18 | 9-15  | 29/01 | 15-18 | 23-14                          | 05/03 | 30-36  | 09/04 | 26/03   | 28-34 | 42-19   | 19/02 |
| Caldy       | 0-24  | 09/04 | 22/01 |       | 19/02 | 27-27 | 26-24 | 27-22                          | 31-28 | 05/03  | 20-3  | 20-26   | 23/04 | 26/03   | 47-40 |
| Camb        | 32-7  | 23/04 | 12/02 | 22-22 |       | 26/02 | 22/01 | 26-26                          | 15-17 | 26/03  | 28-34 | 34-29   | 17-14 | 09/04   | 45-14 |
| Chinnor     | 22/01 | 19-23 | 34-28 | 12/02 | 30-32 |       | 28-33 | 20-23                          | 26/03 | 36-41  | 22/04 | 09/04   | 34-21 | 22-5    | 05/03 |
| Cind        | 26-13 | 55-39 | 30/04 | 29-21 | 41-26 | 15/01 |       | 16/04                          | 50-12 | 36-12  | 26/03 | 05/03   | 15-19 | 26-21   | 29/01 |
| DMP         | 30/04 | 33-22 | 15/01 | 29/01 | 05/03 | 19/02 | 26-7  |                                | 22/04 | 09/04  | 29-23 | 17-28   | 15-32 | 32-38   | 26/03 |
| Leeds       | 26/02 | 33-25 | 27-25 | 12/03 | 02/04 | 12-29 | 19/02 | 19/03                          |       | 16/04  | 22/01 | 13-19   | 29/01 | 29-41   | 21-19 |
| Phym A      | 34-12 | 31-17 | 26/02 | 7-26  | 0-17  | 12/03 | 12/02 | 49-22                          | 05/02 |        | 19-26 | 08-37   | 22/01 | 23/04   | 02/04 |
| Rams        | 02/04 | 19/02 | 13-17 | 16/04 | 30/04 | 18/03 | 22-20 | 26/02                          | 29-11 | 15/01  |       | 24-21   | 21-32 | 29/01   | 24-13 |
| Ross Pk     | 12/03 | 14-13 | 55-14 | 02/04 | 16/04 | 28-27 | 38-31 | 22/01                          | 60-10 | 30/04  | 12/02 |         | 20-15 | 15/01   | 04/02 |
| Sale        | 24-0  | 32-24 | 16/04 | 21-26 | 15-7  | 30/04 | 02/04 | 12/03                          | 21-17 | 38-27  | 05/03 | 19/02   |       | 53-28   | 15/01 |
| Taunton     | 22-19 | 22/01 | 12/03 | 31-36 | 26-26 | 02/04 | 26/02 | 24-14                          | 30/04 | 35-25  | 18-17 | 14-40   | 12/02 |         | 16/04 |
| Tf's        | 12/02 | 18-18 | 21-23 | 26/02 | 12/03 | 15-34 | 12-21 | 24-30                          | 09/04 | 12-10  | 19-22 | 23/04   | 30-21 | 21-24   |       |
| ROUNDS 1-15 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | ROUNDS 16-28 (inc rescheduled) |       |        |       |         |       |         |       |

# Results grid, table and fixtures

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 1

### Season 2021/2022 NATIONAL 1

### Results from 8th January

| HOME TEAM          |       | AWAY TEAM              |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Leeds Tykes        | 13-19 | Rosslyn Park           |
| Cambridge          | 17-14 | Sale FC                |
| Caldy              | 26-24 | Cinderford             |
| Blackheath         | 17-22 | Birmingham Moseley     |
| Plymouth Albion    | 31-17 | Bishop's Stortford     |
| Tonbridge Juddians | 19-22 | Rams                   |
| Taunton            | 24-14 | Darlington Mowden Park |
| Spare week         |       | Chinnor                |

### Season 2021/2022 NATIONAL 1

### Fixtures for 15th January

| HOME TEAM              |    | AWAY TEAM          |
|------------------------|----|--------------------|
| Rams                   | vs | Plymouth Albion    |
| Bishop's Stortford     | vs | Leeds Tykes        |
| Birmingham Moseley     | vs | Caldy              |
| Cinderford             | vs | Chinnor            |
| Darlington Mowden Park | vs | Blackheath         |
| Sale FC                | vs | Tonbridge Juddians |
| Rosslyn Park           | vs | Taunton            |
| Spare week             |    | Cambridge          |

### National League 1 - 2021/2022

| Team                   | P  | W  | D | L  | PF  | PA  | PD   | TBP | LBP | Points |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|
| Rosslyn Park           | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2  | 444 | 248 | 196  | 9   | 2   | 59     |
| Cinderford             | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5  | 432 | 330 | 102  | 9   | 4   | 53     |
| Caldy                  | 15 | 10 | 2 | 3  | 378 | 340 | 38   | 7   | 1   | 52     |
| Sale FC                | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5  | 392 | 309 | 83   | 6   | 3   | 49     |
| Cambridge              | 15 | 8  | 3 | 4  | 366 | 303 | 63   | 9   | 2   | 49     |
| Taunton                | 15 | 7  | 1 | 7  | 368 | 428 | -60  | 9   | 3   | 42     |
| Chinnor                | 13 | 6  | 1 | 6  | 369 | 310 | 59   | 10  | 6   | 42     |
| Rams                   | 13 | 8  | 0 | 5  | 279 | 266 | 13   | 5   | 3   | 40     |
| Blackheath             | 15 | 5  | 0 | 10 | 323 | 354 | -31  | 4   | 9   | 33     |
| Darlington Mowden Park | 14 | 5  | 1 | 8  | 325 | 366 | -41  | 4   | 3   | 29     |
| Birmingham Moseley     | 14 | 6  | 0 | 8  | 242 | 341 | -99  | 2   | 2   | 28     |
| Plymouth Albion        | 14 | 5  | 0 | 9  | 318 | 376 | -58  | 6   | 2   | 28     |
| Bishop's Stortford     | 15 | 4  | 1 | 10 | 336 | 371 | -35  | 5   | 3   | 26     |
| Leeds Tykes            | 13 | 4  | 0 | 9  | 262 | 397 | -135 | 4   | 4   | 24     |
| Tonbridge Juddians     | 14 | 2  | 1 | 11 | 279 | 374 | -95  | 3   | 6   | 19     |

# The Teams



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### BLUE AND WHITE

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 1  | Will Roberts     |
| 2  | Declan Caulfield |
| 3  | Tom McCrone      |
| 4  | Harry Charter    |
| 5  | James Thacker    |
| 6  | James Apperley   |
| 7  | Alex Rayment     |
| 8  | Jacob Wrafter    |
| 9  | Dan Smart        |
| 10 | George Cullen    |
| 11 | Josh Stannard    |
| 12 | James Ayrtton    |
| 13 | Sam Winter (c)   |
| 14 | Joss Linney      |
| 15 | Dan Powell       |

#### REPLACEMENTS

|    |               |
|----|---------------|
| 16 | Harrison King |
| 17 | Seb Brownhill |
| 18 | Ollie Jones   |
| 19 | Sam Bryan     |
| 20 | Chris Smith   |

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# The Teams

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|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
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| Adam Brown       | <b>2</b>  |
| Dom Hardman      | <b>3</b>  |
| Jake Brady       | <b>4</b>  |
| Chris Bell       | <b>5</b>  |
| Tom Collins      | <b>6</b>  |
| Will Smith (c)   | <b>7</b>  |
| Matt Burke       | <b>8</b>  |
| Will Hardwick    | <b>9</b>  |
| Charlie Morgan   | <b>10</b> |
| Harry Jukes      | <b>11</b> |
| Tom Williams     | <b>12</b> |
| Charlie Venables | <b>13</b> |
| Jerry Bai        | <b>14</b> |
| Andrew Lawson    | <b>15</b> |

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### REPLACEMENTS

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
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| Simon Ridgeway  | <b>17</b> |
| Rahat Choudhury | <b>18</b> |
| Ethan Thiar     | <b>19</b> |
| Ben Dixon       | <b>20</b> |

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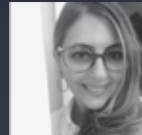
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Following the disruption caused to everyone's lives by coronavirus, the minis section has been back in full effect this season and continues to be as strong as ever.

One of the highlights of the minis' season is also returning this year - the tour!

On 1st to the 3rd April 2022 all the age groups from under 6s to under 12s will be traveling to Grantham, Lincolnshire for a fun-filled weekend, which will involve lots of activities, the obligatory Kangaroo Court and rugby matches for all age groups against Sleaford, a team local to Grantham. As any veterans of the Tour will testify, it is a great weekend and really helps cement the camaraderie and team spirit that our younger players exhibit through all of the age groups.

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# Match Report

PLYMOUTH 31-17 BISHOP'S STORTFORD



Stortford battle hard in dreadful playing conditions of cold, wet and mud, but too many defensive lapses were exploited by a strong Plymouth side.

Stortford started strongly, but the Plymouth defence held tight and, with virtually their first possession they scored the opening try after 6 minutes, when a speculative kick over the visitors' flat defence bounced kindly for the home side, resulting in a score close to the posts, providing an easy conversion. Worse was soon to come, when, 6 minutes later a penalty try was awarded, after George Cullen clearly knocked on a ball he had little chance of catching, but the long, looping pass seemed far from certain to reach its target on the right wing and, even if it had in the tough conditions a clean catch and try was hardly a given, so the seven points, plus the yellow card shown to the flyhalf looked harsh indeed. Credit has to be given to Plymouth, though for the skill they showed in playing some ambitious rugby up to that point, based on some excellent offloading and handling in the dreadful conditions. Nevertheless, and despite their 10 minutes' one man disadvantage, Stortford rallied tremendously over the rest of the first half and steadily whittled down the deficit to a mere 2 points at the break, as first Dan Powell and then Cullen himself (twice) slotted penalty goals. All followed good kicks, using the strong following wind to great effect, with Dan Smart putting in two excellent positional kicks, the first brilliantly chased down by Alex Gilham and then Cullen registering his first 50-22 touch to set up the crucial attacking positions, where intense pressure forced the errors.

Unfortunately, Stortford's start to the second half was even more profligate than in the first, not only relieving the scoreboard pressure that had been built up when the first period had ended, but conceding two further tries within the first 5 minutes to give themselves a mountain to climb - even though neither was converted. Both came

from some uncharacteristically sloppy defending, with Plymouth's right wing given an overlap far too easily for the first and the second coming from a chipped kick to the same player, given yards of room outside his opposite number. The initial errors were then both compounded by some poor cover tackling. Once again, however, the visitors showed great spirit to fight their way back into the game and a half-break by returning skipper, Sam Winter led to an unconverted try on 20 minutes to fellow centre, James Ayrton, when he rounded off some good, team rugby, by stepping inside and breaking the last tackle to touch down, after his side had gone through several phases in the increasingly difficult conditions. This brought Stortford back within losing bonus point range, but that too was snatched away 7 minutes later, when Plymouth once again, ruthlessly exploited some loose defending to touch down under the posts for a converted try. The visitors, yet again showed their fighting spirit, forcing their way upfield through sheer force of will, but had left themselves too much to do and, even though they were hammering at the Plymouth line at the death, a knock-on in a tackle brought the game to an end.



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# Sam Winter

BY DECLAN CAULFIELD



The Ginger Wizard is back, and aren't we pleased. Sam has been one of the most effective players for BSRFC for the last decade! He started his Blue and White career with a solitary debut against Dorking in National 3 in the 2010/11 season but became a regular at Full Back in the 11/12 season and hasn't looked back.



He has helped the team gain two promotions from both National 3 and National 2 South and is one of only a handful of players still playing who can boast this. Sam has a no nonsense style of play. A somewhat "Mr Consistent". At Full Back he rarely missed a tackle or dropped a high ball. His natural ability to read the game meant he ran outstanding lines in attack, often finding himself cutting through defenses untouched to either assist or score himself.

Sam's game went from strength to strength, when the squad gained a few more options in the back three and Sam moved into the Centre's. This is where Sam really comes into his own. His defensive reads and tackle and jackal technique makes him one of the best defenders in the league. This paired with his relentless intensity to win every gain line battle makes him the complete player. If you need someone to run through a brick wall for the team, Sam would be your best bet!



Having over 200 appearances for the 1st XV Sam is the eldest amongst the playing squad, hard to believe with Tom McCrone's hairline. His wealth of experience earned him the club captaincy in the 2017/18, the 1st season in National 1. Sam really leads from the front with his captaincy and has the ultimate respect of his team and peers. He is calm and cool under pressure yet fiercely competitive!

He leads the boys on and off the field, a top player, top captain and all-round top bloke.

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Working in conjunction with the 1stXV coaching team, CS provides funding for various expenditure beyond the financial resources of the main club.

Our Joint head coaches Tom and Marcus have stressed on a number of occasions how important the financial support given to them by Club Stortford is. Quite simply, without it’s support, the team would not be able to perform at such currently high levels.

We continue to look for new members, to allow us to broaden and deepen the extent of our support.

We would urge you to consider joining Club Stortford. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact our secretary,

**Russell Cattell 07778 101 988**





The Oval Club was formed in 1998 by some Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club members who wanted to find a way of raising funds to improve the playing facilities of the Club with the mission statement:

***'To contribute towards promoting the highest possible standard of rugby throughout Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club'***

The Oval Club is an autonomous body and entirely independent of the Rugby Club's operations. None of the Committee members hold a position or appointment in the Rugby Club's infrastructure. The Oval Club does not seek to influence decisions of the Rugby Club. It responds to requests for financial assistance for projects which have been approved by the Rugby Club's Executive Committee and which fall within its mission statement.

Funds are raised by monthly contributions from the Members two thirds of which are set aside for Rugby Club projects with the other third reserved for social events for Members.

To date The Oval Club has raised over a quarter of a million pounds with the Rugby Club receiving more than £150,000.

The Oval Club makes contributions to the Rugby Club for one off projects which are of long term value and not part of on-going budget requirements. Often these contributions have been made to the Club to enable it to secure grants from the Rugby Football Union and other sources.

So far, major contributions have been made towards the cost of:

- Flood lighting the main pitch,
- Floodlighting the back field pitches,
- Pitch repair and maintenance,
- Improvement of the playing surfaces, including the purchase of a verti-drainer,
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- Replacement of goal posts,
- Refurbishing the changing room showers,
- Purchase of physiotherapy equipment,
- Playing equipment and travel costs for all teams,
- Supporting youth and mini through tours, kit and additional playing facilities,
- Junior coaching courses.

**On the social side there are annual Members' events. Currently these are:**

- A self-supporting golf day at one of the local golf clubs,
- An Annual Dinner and Forum,
- First team home and away lunches.

Through its contributions The Oval Club plays a considerable part in helping the Rugby Club enhance its playing related facilities for the use and benefit of all members of the Club.

**Anyone who is interested in joining The Oval Club should contact a member of the Committee below.**

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# Welcome to... BISHOP'S STORTFORD



The former Zizzi restaurant in Market Square - vacant for almost two years - is the new site for Dough & Co pizzeria and Burger Armour



The former White Stuff premises in North Street could be turned into a restaurant



Arnhem sisters Hannah, 16, and Hannah, 13, are creating a vegan map of Bishop's Stortford



Restaurateurs have an appetite for Bishop's Stortford that remains unquenched.

This week planning authority East Herts Council is pondering proposals to:

- convert North Street's iconic former

Barrow's building, most recently used as a

White Stuff headspace, into a restaurant

■ turn the empty 1911 premises across

the corner street into a French Maison

patisserie and

- convert the redundant Tri Travel

agency in Market Square into a pub/cafe.

Meanwhile, restaurant chain entrepreneur

Christopher Shawcross is reworking his

Dough & Co and Burger Armour branches from

Anchor Street to the former Zizzi eatery in

Market Square to open next week.

Summit of middle class for the streets of Stortford

offering everything from traditional pie and

meat to modern Thai dishes.

Many of the town's oldest residents, as well

as those in the surrounding villages - chiefly

have a taste for this new expanding town and

are still hungry for new options, as evidenced

by the new vegan guide putting Bishop's

Stortford firmly on the foodie map.

For those who have had their fill of change,

it's worth remembering that in 1901, the town

had a population of just 4,001, but boasted

more than 50 inns,

churches and beer

shops.

Full story - see  
pages 4 and 5

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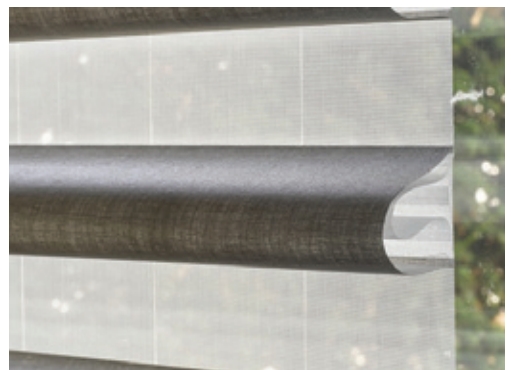
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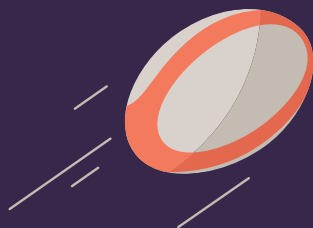
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# BSRFC Centenary Book

## ON THIS DAY - JANUARY



The Club had used the Chequers Hotel as headquarters for some year but in January 1961 the pub closed. The event was marked by 100 rugby and cricket club members conducting a mock funeral procession with pallbearers in frock coats and bowler hats followed by some fifty 'mourners' who traversed along Water Lane, Barrett Lane and into Long's Ballroom, to the surprise of the ballroom dancers!

In the 1960s the Club published a twice-yearly newsletter: here is an extract from that of January 1963 attempting to encourage more volunteers to help with administrative tasks. 'A cleaning rota was introduced on Sunday mornings along with players being asked to prepare sandwiches and so relieve the army of wives and girlfriends. That was a chaotic experiment and did not survive! The following season the ladies were back.

January 27th 1970 saw the first representative game by Chris 'Tubby' Davies playing for Herts 2nd XV at Bury St Edmunds. What can you remember of the game Tubby?

The club had a glorious start to 1972 when, for the first time, they fielded eight teams and they all won. Most notably, the 'Santas' (8th team) beat a powerful Finchley 4th team and the first XV had a welcome and much-celebrated win by 36-3 over St Albans and the 'A' scored 33 points against the same opposition.

January 1981 was notable for the performance of Bishop's Stortford minis in a tournament against Camberley and London Welsh. There were over 130 youngsters in the section of which 90 played in the tournament. There were fine wins by all five sides against Camberley with the U10 A winning 22-0 and the B 56-0: wouldn't be allowed today!

On 12th January 1991, the 1st XV defeated league leaders Barking 25-3 and remained unbeaten in the Courage League to challenge for promotion but in the last game of the season, Norwich took the title on points difference.

January 1997 saw Bishop's Stortford again chasing promotion beating Cambridge 16-12 away and Cheshunt 24-12 at home. To go second level on points behind leaders Thurrock but a heavy pitch and a heavy Thurrock pack led to an 8-19 loss which ended promotion hopes.



**Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club, 100 Years Of Blood, Sweat and Cheers is available in the Club shop.**



# BSRFC 70-10 Tabard RFC

## LADIES MATCH REPORT



On Sunday Bishop's Stortford Ladies welcomed Tabard RFC to Silver Leys in National Challenge League 2 writes Dave Walker.

The visitors got proceedings underway, and Stortford fielded cleanly. Possession changed hands several times with the sides looking reasonably well matched, until the Stortford ladies managed to break from their own five metre line to set up camp in Tabard's 22. A typically powerful run from prop Carleigh LaLonge saw her barge her way over the line to score under the sticks. Outside half Rebekah Coppen slotted the extras in what was the start of a faultless performance from the tee.

The majority of the pressure remained with the ladies in blue and white, and a surging run by Mia Richey saw her dotting down under the posts. Coppen converted with ease to put the home team 14-0 up.

Some balance was restored as a clearance kick from deep in Stortford's 22 was expertly fielded by Tabard's fullback, who arced around the right wing to score under the posts and cut the deficit to nine points. The conversion was narrowly missed, hitting the right-hand upright.

Stortford's response came almost immediately

off the restart, with the home side regaining the ball and breaking the line, Coppen putting in an excellent offload to see Jess Keohane in under the posts. This marked the start of something of a purple patch for the home side, with a well taken try for No.8 Jess Slade followed in quick succession by a second for LaLonge.

The visitors rallied to put a second try over, but the momentum remained firmly with Stortford – a second try coming for Keohane, followed by scores for Eva Radukic and Kate Hazelwood before Keohane completed her hatrick which she also converted - Coppen graciously handing over kicking duties to mark the occasion! Coppen herself concluded the scoring to claim Stortford's tenth, which she duly converted to mark a perfect afternoon with the boot – Mia Richey also claiming a two-pointer during a brief break for Coppen.

The final score was arguably a fair reflection of the home side's performance, which was marked by some slick offloading as well as a power game that kept punching holes in the defence. However, absolute credit must go to Tabard Ladies, who fought to the final whistle, despite being shorthanded and hit by a number of injuries during the course of the game. They did themselves real credit and were a pleasure to host.



# Match Day Experience

BISHOP'S STORTFORD RFC

## Behind the scenes with the 1st XV...



As part of the Club's ethos 'to be a strong and successful rugby club united from Senior to Minis', trusted and valued by our community BSRFC Joint Head Coaches Tom Coleman and Marcus Cattell along with Club captain Sam Winter and the rest of the 1st XV Squad, provide an insight for our "Mini and Junior" Members into what goes on behind the scenes as the Players prepare for

a National League 1 Match. The day kicks off with a QandA in the 1st XV Changing Room, followed by Training, Games and Warm up Sessions with the Coaches and Players. They then form the "Players Tunnel" alongside the "Blazers" to welcome both the opposition and the 1st XV onto the pitch before the game. Their experience culminates with Post Match Photos alongside the Players.



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