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Once again, we are hosting Chinnor to Silver Leys, and up until last year we had not lost at home to them. It is no wonder in last week's match report Chinnor reported that BSRFC was described as "their traditional bogey team" However despite losing last year we did manage to gain a "4 try" bonus point in each of the losses, indicating the closeness of the games. We also finished above them for the first time in a few years. We are expecting to the usual close game of contrasting styles. The Blues are looking forward to playing Chinnor Saxons, after missing the fixtures last season.

We would like to thank all those who made last week's match day one of the best in our history. The commemoration of "Armistice Day" impacted all through the day. culminating in a great game of rugby with Taunton Titans where we managed a fivepoint Victory, leading all the way from our try in the first few minutes. There was a real "buzz" around the clubhouse from when the veterans were turning up to their pre-lunch drinks and everyone listening to the speech of our senior serving officer Lieutenant Colonel, David Walker, and the grace by the President of the local branch of the Royal British Legion to which any money raised on the day will go to their funds. The marguee was equally resplendent with the hanging banners, the poppies on the tables, and the excellent lunch provided by Lisa from Chives. We would like to thank Geoff Pedersen. Dee Compton. and Julle North for their help in organising the day. It was especially good to see many of the Veterans on tables hosted by the Sponsors allowing them to share in the hospitality of the "Rugby Club". It was also very beneficial to have the service supported by Lynette, our bugler, and the 1096 Air Cadets.

The "buzz" continued long after lunch with Service, the rugby with the Blues winning 43 -27 against Wimbledon meant it was there long into the night in the clubhouse.

Coming back to this week we would like to welcome Jamie and Guy Baker from Mantle Space who are our match Day Sponsors and Ashton Hunt from Tees who are our Man of the Match sponsor. We also welcome our regulars Three Willows/ Ace of Lanes, hosted by Dave and Brian. Gareth Davies from Garson's is hosting a table. Gareth not only



prepares fantastic pitches for us to play our matches but reproduced the poppies on the pitch and the words "Lest we Forget", which set off the commemorative service.

Our speaker this week is Steve Young. A club stalwart who is the only club member to have played in all seven sides that the club has fielded. This will be quite difficult to emulate, as the seventh only turned out for a few weeks and the sixth for a season or so. Club rules in those days decreed that you could not be dropped more than one team in a week and Steve's presence in the 1st XV resulted in an emergency week when very few hookers were available.

This weekend will also see our Colts play Eaton Manor in the 3rd Round of the National Cup on Sunday, kick-off at 1.00 pm. Following the Colts match the Ladies hope to keep up the 100% record by defeating the league leaders, Cambridge Ladies.





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Here we go again! A week after a much-needed win and performance against Taunton Titans, we welcome our old friends Chinnor to Silver Leys.

It felt like we found our rhythm last week and after a fast start we relaxed and managed the game well. Some great individual performances from MOM Alex Rayment and Harry Charter, who really took charge of the line out, and two debutants in Jack Biard and Jack Hussey who looked right at home at this level, we look forward to seeing more of them in action today. Also, welcoming Fraizer Kiff and Dan Powell back from injury layoffs gave us an added dimension to our attack.

The whole occasion last Saturday just shows what a special club we are a part of. Huge thanks must go to Dave Walker & Geoff Pederson who were the driving force behind the Armistice Day lunch. From the specially designed one-off match shirts, to the amazing pitch artwork produced by Garsons, it was just a special day to be a part of and a day that will be remembered. A little update on the rest of the squad; Ryan Jackson will be fit again after completing his RTP (return to play) protocol after suffering concussion



early in the Rosslyn Park game. Austin Pope has a slight shoulder issue but should only miss a week. We should also be able to welcome back Harrison Langworthy next weekend after illness and has taken slightly longer to recover than we thought.

The game today will no doubt be one of our toughest games to date against an inform Chinnor side. Currently sitting third in the table, the Oxford based side have added some quality across their team and we will have to build on last week's performance if we want to take anything out of the game.

Get behind us today, make yourselves heard and be that 16th player.

Come on you Bishops.

Marcus

THE COACHING STAFF

Below, left to right: Cameron Boon, Konrad McKenzie, Ian Simpson, Darren Orbart.









Below, left to right: Manu Vunipola, Rob Faiers, Ryan Clarke, Jon Skelton.













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Youth Update

The 23/24 season is well underway and it appears that every age group has come out of the starting blocks with real intent. Solid performances have yielded brilliant results against local rivals and it's already looking like some silverware could be returning to the youth's trophy cabinet. The U14s in particular are showing early form, following a terrific run at the recent Southend Floodlit Festival, finishing as runners-up, and winning all group matches, only losing in the final by a single try. Well done fellas!

Not only do we applaud good results here at BSRFC, but another important aim is to be the club that produces the most respectful players and supporters. Both on and off-pitch behaviour is vital to making this sport safe, fun and inclusive while retaining the obvious physicality required. We need our players, coaches and parents to all understand the importance of discipline. Winding each other up results in poor decision making, which inevitably leads to cards. Last season refs were at breaking point - it needed addressing.

As Youth Chair my ambition alongside our coaches and refs, is to help make our club 'the friendly one'; a club where the opposition feels

welcome, where the referees are treated with the respect they deserve and the supporters of



both teams can safely mingle together while still remaining partisan - go to any professional or international game and this is the norm. Honestly, there's been many a time I've sat next to an over-excited Welshman at Twickenham and yet left the stadium with a new friend and drinking buddy! This is rugby.

We must always remember that rugby was built on this culture. You may have read of the Essex club banning a mum from the touchline for a few months for entering the field of play to protect a young player from a perceived violent act. Whatever your thoughts on this, supporters need to stay behind the respect barriers provided, otherwise it will be a freefor-all on the pitch and our extraordinary volunteer referees will simply abandon matches - who needs that? But on a positive note, it feels like we are getting somewhere, that our message is getting through, and our youth support are in full voice but our players are putting a sock in it! Let's all work together to keep rugby wonderful.



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Our opponents today are Chinnor RFC who were founded as recently as 1962 by a group of regulars at 'The Bird in Hand' pub in Chinnor making them the 'youngest' club in the National leagues. The pub was their unofficial HQ and 'clubhouse' for many years whilst they played matches on a field next door.

In 1971 the club moved to Towersey Playing Fields in Thame, building their very first clubhouse on the site, entirely through volunteer labour. The club quickly grew, adding Mini & Youth Rugby in 1973 and winning the Oxfordshire County Cup in 1976. Not bad for a club, that was at that point, only 14 years old!

Within a few years though the village decided they wanted their playing fields back forcing the club to look elsewhere for a permanent home. In 1987 they moved to their site of ten acres at Kingsley Road which many of our supporters will be familiar through visiting it for away fixtures.

They won a play-off to secure their promotion to National league 2S (Level 4) in 2012 and many of you will remember our first encounter with them which was at this level on 26th October 2013. That match at Kingsley Road was a close fought encounter with the hosts running out winners on that occasion 29-27.

That was the first of several memorable matches which we contested in the three seasons we were together in National 2 South. Chinnor were of course, along with Old Elthamians and ourselves involved in a 3-way dog fight for promotion during the 2016-17 season, a fight that thankfully resulted in us gaining the automatic promotion with OE's just pipping Chinnor to the play-off spot.

They themselves were promoted to level 3 the season afterwards via the playoff. Happily, we emerged victorious from both our meetings with them in the 2018-2019 season. We won 6-13 in Thame in October and again more comprehensively 47-10 here in January. These two results contributed to us finishing one place above them in the final league table with us 9th and Chinnor 10th. We



were level on points at 72 each but we had won 13 games to their 11 games.

In the truncated 2019-2020 season we were able to play them twice and lost at home 17-30 and narrowly losing in the last minutes 32-29 at Chinnor. The final truncated table placed Chinnor 4th and Stortford 11th.

In 2021-2022 season we did the double against Chinnor winning 19-23 at Chinnor and 39-26 at Stortford. However, Chinnor finished 7th and we finished 9th in the league.

Last season Chinnor did the double over us winning beating us 33-29 at Chinnor and 26-34 at Stortford. Stortford finished 6th in the league and Chinnor finished 8th six points behind us.

Chinnor benefited from the final demise of Worcester Warriors in 2022 when Nick Easter joined them as their new Director of Rugby.





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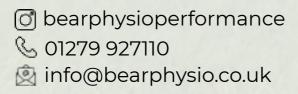


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A Fresh Perspective on BSRFC

This week our BSRFC Women's XV Vice Captain, Yasmin Knott, interviewed two of our newest players, Hannah Stoner and Chloe Arthur, ahead of a top table clash against Cambridge tomorrow, 19th November, head down to the club at 2pm to see how the women get on!

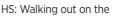


YK: Why did you decide to start playing Rugby?

HS: It all started with my company, MCB Financial Services, sponsoring the Men's 1st XV this season. I came along to the sponsors evening in August and met some of the ladies who somewhat twisted my arm to come and train with them a few days later, having never played before I was a little apprehensive, but I turned up and fell in love with the game and haven't looked back!

CA: I started playing because I was looking for a way to get active and, at the same time, meet new people. Rugby seemed like the perfect blend of physical challenge and social opportunity, giving me a chance to improve my fitness and make new friends in a new area.

YK: What has been your highlight of the season so far?



pitch for my first game against Aylesbury. I got the same buzz I used to get as a kid playing football, but now being in my 30s with my parents still on the side-line alongside my partner and my children was just something else.

CA: The highlight for me was attending training after a match win and the buzz that followed it. The sense of unity and camaraderie was special and reminded me of why I wanted to get back into a team sport. It felt (as a newbie) that all the training sessions, discussions and support that had been given to each other leading up to the match is what created that win and reminded me that unity is a great strength!

YK: What has been your favourite part so far about BSRFC?

HS: Being part of another family is really something everyone as BSRFC should be proud of! For anybody thinking of joining, they should. It's a really special place and somewhere my whole family love to be!

CA: My favourite part has been the welcoming atmosphere. I have been taken in with open arms despite knowing very little about rugby. No question is a silly question, and everyone just wants to help and to make me feel welcome. BSRFC is an inclusive and nurturing environment so no matter your level come and join us!



Fancy giving the game a go?

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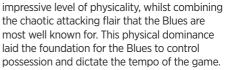
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Bishop's Stortford Blues Triumph in Thrilling Encounter Against Wimbledon 2XV

In a gripping clash at Silver Leys, the Blues emerged victorious against a determined Wimbledon 2XV side, securing a 41-27 win in a match that showcased the resilience and determination of both teams.

The game kicked off with Wimbledon setting the pace, applying relentless pressure on the Blues from the start. The visiting team displayed swift ball movement and skilful attacking plays, putting the Blues on the defensive. The early exchanges saw Wimbledon threaten with two certain tries, only to be denied by the Blues' dedicated last-ditch defending and brilliant cover tackles. The home side showcased a commitment to defending their try line, denying their opponents crucial early points and setting the tone for a hard-fought battle.

As the first half progressed, the Blues found their footing and began to establish a rhythm. With newfound confidence, they managed to turn the tables and score a brace of tries on either side of the break. The first-half turnaround highlighted the resilience and adaptability of the Blues, who not only weathered the storm but also capitalised on key moments to take control of the game. The second half commenced with the Blues displaying an



Despite the Blues' dominance, Wimbledon remained a formidable opponent, showcasing their own moments of brilliance and determination. In the final 10 minutes of the game, Wimbledon staged a late comeback, scoring a series of breakaway tries to add to their scoreline. The late surge tested the Blues' defence once again, but the home side held firm, showcasing resilience and composure under pressure.

The final whistle blew, signalling a hardfought victory for the Bishop's Stortford Blues with a final score of 41-27. The match encapsulated the essence of rugby, with both teams displaying skill, determination, and sportsmanship. The Blues' ability to weather an early storm, coupled with their physical dominance in the second half, ultimately secured their triumph.



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Results from 11th November 2023

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM			
Bishop's Stortford	38 - 29	Taunton Titans		
Blackheath	21 - 17	Richmond		
Chinnor	17 - 22	Plymouth Albion		
Cinderford	14 - 34	Birmingham Moseley		
Darlington Mowden Park	25 -18	Sedgley Park		
Leicester Lions	23 - 32	Rosslyn Park		
Sale FC	29 - 17	Rams		

Fixtures for 18th November 2023

HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Sedgley park	VS	Sale FC
Birmingham Moseley	VS	Blackheath
Bishop's Stortford	vs	Chinnor
Rams	VS	Cinderford
Richmond	VS	Plymouth Albion
Rosslyn Park	VS	Darlington Mowden Park
Taunton Titans	VS	Leicester Lions

NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 TABLE											
Team	Р	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TBP	LBP	Points	Adj.
Plymouth Albion	9	7	0	2	284	189	95	6	1	35	0
Rams	9	6	0	3	295	236	59	8	2	34	0
Chinnor	9	6	0	3	317	155	162	6	2	32	0
Sedgley Park	9	6	0	3	261	287	-26	4	1	29	0
Birmingham Moseley	9	6	0	3	247	237	10	3	1	28	0
Blackheath	9	5	0	4	250	209	41	4	2	26	0
Rosslyn Park	9	5	0	4	294	263	31	5	1	26	0
Darlington Mowden Park	9	5	0	4	220	239	-19	3	1	24	0
Richmond	9	4	0	5	241	233	8	5	3	24	0
Cinderford	9	5	0	4	175	235	-60	0	1	21	0
Bishop's Stortford	9	3	0	6	252	301	-49	6	2	20	0
Taunton	9	1	0	8	251	335	-84	7	3	14	0
Sale FC	9	2	0	7	139	215	-76	1	3	12	0
Leicester Lions	9	2	0	7	173	265	-92	1	2	11	0

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- 2 Alex Rayment
- 3 Henry Peck
- 4 Fraizer Kiff
- 5 Harry Charter
- 6 Ollie Jones
- 7 Samson Adejimi
- 8 Will Rogers
- 9 Chris Bolton
- 10 Matt Riddington
- 11 Chris Smith
- 12 James Ayrton (c)
- 13 Jack Biard
- 14 Josh Stannard
- 15 Dan Powell

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- 19 Toby Tierney
- 20 Dan Cole

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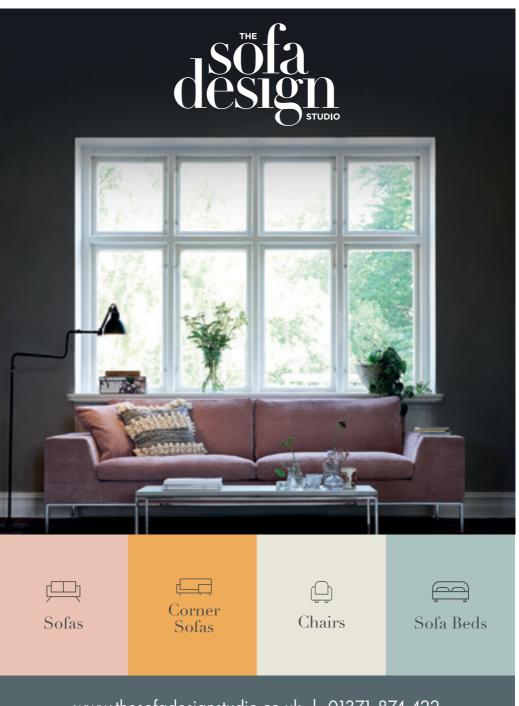
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MATCH REPORT JOHN ALLANSON

Bishop's Stortford 1st XV 38 Taunton Titans 29

Stortford started strongly, forcing Taunton back inside their own 22, with quick handling and aggressive running and, when a penalty was won, Connor Lloyd took a guick tap and forced his way over for a try with only two minutes gone. The scrumhalf added the conversion. The home side stayed in the driving seat and showed their confidence by going for touch from a penalty under the visitors' posts but, having won good ball at the lineout, lost the ball in the resultant maul. Not to be denied, though, Stortford kept the pressure up and, although Lloyd was stopped inches short of a second try from another quick penalty after good build-up work from Jack Biard and Chris Smith, new backrow find, Austin Pope crashed over for a try with 19 minutes gone, again converted by Lloyd. Although Taunton looked threatening on occasions, the home side seemed well in charge of the game until an ambitious Stortford chip kick in midfield bounced badly and no 7, Charlie Wright seized on the ball to show an impressive turn of speed to burst through the spread-eagled opposition for a try after 25 minutes, comfortably converted by Louis Sinclair. This seemed to take the wind out of Stortford's sails and the rest of the half was played out with neither side really looking to add to the scoreline.

Taunton started quickly after the break and Sinclair narrowed the margin to 4 points with barely a minute gone, when Stortford were penalised at a breakdown. The visitors surged back onto the attack, but were thwarted by a strong turnover, allowing the hosts to work their way back upfield, where Fraizer Kiff forced his way over the line from the base of a ruck for a try, converted by Dan Cole. Within 4 minutes, though, the gap was again down to 4 points, when lightning-fast winger, Noah Fenton took full advantage of hesitation by Stortford's defence, when a Taunton pass fell behind their centres to seize on the ball and



sprint round for a try. Two tries to the home side in the next 7 minutes, though, seemed to take them out of sight, with a penalty try, as a maul was driving at the visitors' line, followed by a touchdown by Chris Smith, leaping high to win a contested crosskick from Cole, with the flyhalf adding the extras. Taunton now ran with increasing threat and the home side played into their hands by failing to keep the ball tight, as a result conceding two tries. The second was run almost the length of the field and finished by Fenton and the first created by the same player, but finished by Wright again. In between, Cole notched a long penalty for Stortford for a scrum offence, but his team still had to withstand a final period of extreme pressure on their line, as the visitors fought desperately for a second bonus point. Showing typical determination and team spirit, the whole home side dug deep and eventually pushed the opposition back to seal a crucial win, on what was already a memorable day, marked by the extremely impressive pre-match recognition of Armistice Day.



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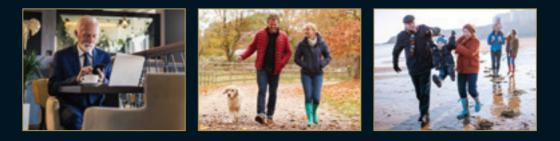
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THE SPOTLIGHTT RICHARD EVANS

Toby Hill

The Isle of Wight is not well known for its rugby heritage however, there are three adult teams currently playing in the lower RFU levels. It was the "rugby birthplace" of our new loosehead prop Toby Hill who was born in Bristol, his family moved to the Isle of Wight when Toby was aged seven.



Toby started playing at loosehead prop at Carisbrooke High School on the island. He also played for Vectis, the Isle of Wight Youth side, the many classicists at Stortford will know Vectis was the Roman name for the Isle of Wight. Toby was selected from Vectis for the U15s, U16s, u17s, U18s and U20s representative rugby sides for Hampshire. He finished his school education "off the island" at Brockenhurst College from where he was scouted to play for London Irish Academy in the u18s Premiership League. After Brockenhurst he went to Hartpury University and College and played for their BUCS side (British University and Colleges Sport). BUCS is the top league level of university and college rugby in the country. Hartpury are one of the present ten sides that play in this league as distinct from Hartpury University RFC who are the side that play presently in the RFU Championship.

Toby joined Bury St Edmunds from Hartpury, Bury then playing in National Two South. Following the recent league reorganisation, they are now playing in National Two East and



finished fifth in the league last season. Toby achieved the milestone of playing 100 first team games for Bury. Toby was working with lan Simpson who has coached at Bury and through that connection was recruited this season to play at Stortford, he has appeared at loosehead in all of Stortford's league games this season.

Toby featured in a number of pre-season friendly games against Stortford for Bury during in the Covid rule-based games during the re-start of rugby following the 2020/21 season closure. He was playing in the first pre-season game of the 2021/22 for Bury against Stortford when Bury won 49-7 at home however, Stortford had a reasonable excuse for that result as most of the Stortford first team squad on the day were absent as they were attending Declan Caulfield's wedding!

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Club Stortford works closely with the 1st XV coaching team to provide funding for expenditure beyond the resources of the main club. Head coach Marcus Cattell says "We could not remain as competitive as we are in National League Rugby without the help of Club Stortford. The group

has helped us with everything from match analysis equipment, scrum machine repair and even funding of players' medical expenses to get them back on the pitch sooner. This allows us to develop our entire squad, improve our performance and nature our homegrown talent."

We are always on the hunt for new members which help us broaden the extent of our support for the squad. Both individual and corporate membership options are available, and come with exclusive Club Stortford jacket and ties, pre-match lunches and other perks like access to Six Nations and Autumn Internationals tickets. Alongside this, you'll get discounts to local restaurants like Zara.

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'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 ongoing 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,
- Drainage of the back field pitches,
- Rabbit fencing,

- 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. THE OVAL CLUB COMMITTEE: Robbie Kerr - Chairman John Robinson - Secretary John Power - Treasurer Mark Caulfield Steven Wasley Mark Smith October 2022 Keen to discuss your needs Here's my mobile number A drink in the pub Just popping in to say hi We're not estate agents. We're friends.



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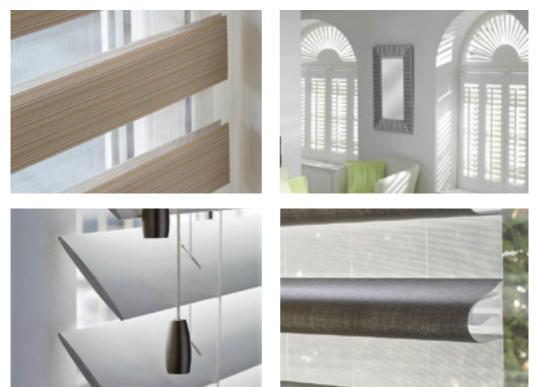




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To utilise modern technology and have the Internet connectivity with the reliability to support the new tills, a dedicated fibre leased line has been provisioned for Internet access. In addition, a new Wi-Fi solution has been installed in the clubhouse and the marguee to provide improved private and guest Wi-Fi access. The next phase of the network infrastructure expansion is to connect Banksy's bar onto the network (using fibre cable kindly donated by fellow sponsor, Belcom), to allow the new tills to operate from the pitch side and give members the ability at that location to pay for drinks using their membership card.

Bit Solutions have implemented Microsoft 365 for BSRFC, allowing officials to move away from using personal email addresses for club communications. This is much more professional and secure.

Microsoft SharePoint and OneDrive as well as the wider adoption of Microsoft Teams to allow video conferencina.



As part of this modernisation project, Bit Solutions have migrated BSRFC to a 3CX cloud based unified communications platform which provides the ability to route calls coming into the club to the most appropriate person. being a cloud system no telephone hardware system is required at the club. It includes many other features such as a digital switchboard. voicemail and the ability to use a smartphone app to interact with the system, meaning club officials can answer calls from any location using their smartphone.

Geoff Pederson has worked closely with Bit Solutions throughout the projects to ensure the full potential of these services are implemented by the club. In addition, Club Secretary Dee Compton has already found working much easier with these new systems in place.

As part of their larger sponsorship package, Bit Solutions sponsor loosehead prop Toby Hill as well as Alex Rayment. In this month's programme, Toby Hill is our featured player, go have a read of that article!

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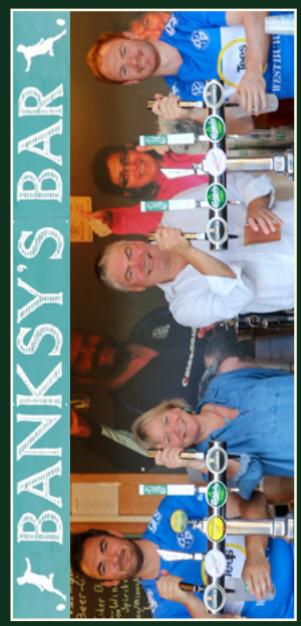
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