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We welcome Darlington Mowden Park on Saturday to visit Silver Leys. It is very opportune that we are playing them this week after our victory at Leicester Lions as we are now equal on 25 points in 9th and 10th place in the league. Whilst victory for us will at least ensure we confirm 9th place it could be slightly better depending on the result of the Blackheath game at Sedgeley Park, not an easy fixture for Blackheath.

Last week's game at Leicester Lions proved to be a success for us in taking on one of the new sides to the league, who managed to strengthen their team with two Tigers and three from Saints. Reading the report, the Tiger players certainly helped with their fight back to a game we were winning comfortably. Last season's England Under 21 certainly helped when scoring a late try for them.

I did manage to get off my sick bed and watch the Chindits defeat the top of their Merit Table, Old Grammarians 34-31. Again, this was close because Old Grammarians fought back when we had to resort to unopposed scrums. It was good to see so many up at the club watching the game and some staying in the clubhouse to watch the Premier League match on the TV. The numbers increased watching because the opponents of the Abbots cried off late on Friday. As the Mitres had no fixture, we only had one game at the club. The 1st team was away, and the Blues had to travel to Dorking for a 1.00 pm kick-off, as Dorking's 1st team had a home fixture at 2.00 pm.

It is a pity the leagues cannot organise fixtures a little better than this. It would have been better to see Dorking 2nds come to us and then return to Dorking later in the season when Leicester came to us for the corresponding fixture. This way both Dorking and we would be better placed to allow home supporters to attend the fixtures and all their matches.

It was interesting that we played the three games on Saturday and won all three, albeit closely but over 200 points were scored. A very entertaining day's rugby but just a pity we could not have had at least two games at home. This is spoken from the heart of one of the Club's Treasurers.



We welcome our Match Day sponsor Hilton's Group, a long-serving Sponsor, who has now added a five-year sponsorship of the Hilton marquee to their portfolio. The table is hosted by Peter Hilton and Paul Underdown. Darren Havwood from Nockolds is hosting the Man of the Match sponsorship. Other sponsors present on the day are our regulars. Ace of Lanes/Three Willows hosted by Dave and Brian. We also welcome Bishop's Stortford College to the lunch and appreciate their support in hosting our Mini sides at their grounds on Sunday mornings. We also want to welcome Jon Tann from Bit Solutions who has helped Geoff Pedersen extend our internet cable to the marquee and Banksy's Bar.

Recently, I watched the Colts defeat Eaton Manor in a well-fought game, 17-13 to enable them to get into the last 16 of the National Colts Cup where we will play Windsor, a side new to the competition. The tie will be in January. On the same day, as the Colts the Women's team could not overcome League Leaders, Cambridge Women, in their league Match but showed plenty of spirit and effort on the day.

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Game week 12 is upon us and the visit of Darlington Mowden Park, a team who always bring one of the most feared attacking games in the league. A very similar style to us, games have always been exciting encounters with only one score separating the sides. Over the years we have faced DMP ten times, coming out on top three times (the previous three games we have played), drawing one and losing six! Today I'm sure will be a high-quality spectacle and the team who can execute in the big moments will give themselves a great chance of winning...

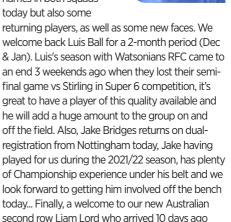
Last week we travelled up to the East Midlands to face an inform Leicester Lions team, fresh off the back of an excellent away win over our Armistice Day opponents Taunton Titans. It would seem Leicester came out the traps the guickest with a try after only some 45 seconds, but from this moment until the 70th minute we controlled the game superbly and built a commanding 33-12 scoreline, or so we thought... a nervy last 10 mins allowed Lions to come away with 2 bonus points from an unlikely position. However, our main job was to get the win, and 5 points away from home is never taken from granted, but lesson must be learnt, and a ruthless edge is something we are trying to create once we get ourselves into these strong positions.

The Blues had another excellent result down at Dorking last Saturday, not a commanding performance by any stretch but the sign of a good team, who can win even when not at their best.

Today they welcome Richmond Vikings (2ndXV) to Silver Leys for an early 1pm KO, with an extremely strong team on paper, I'd expect this to

be a game of high-quality rugby between two teams at the top of the Zoo table.

You'll see some familiar names in both squads today but also some



Special thanks today to match day sponsors Hilton Group who has recently agreed to naming right of the club marquee. The Hilton Marquee is such a huge part of our home match day, this can only add to the quality of experience had but all supporters, sponsors and guests to the club. Have a great day at Bishop's Stortford RFC today, we hope you all enjoy the match and we look forward to seeing you after for a well-earned pint or two! Come on you Bishop's!

from Bond University on the Gold Coast. He made his club debut for the Blues away at Dorking and

will again be out to impress for the Blues today and

put his name in the hat for 1stXV selection.

Marcus

















THE COACHING STAFF

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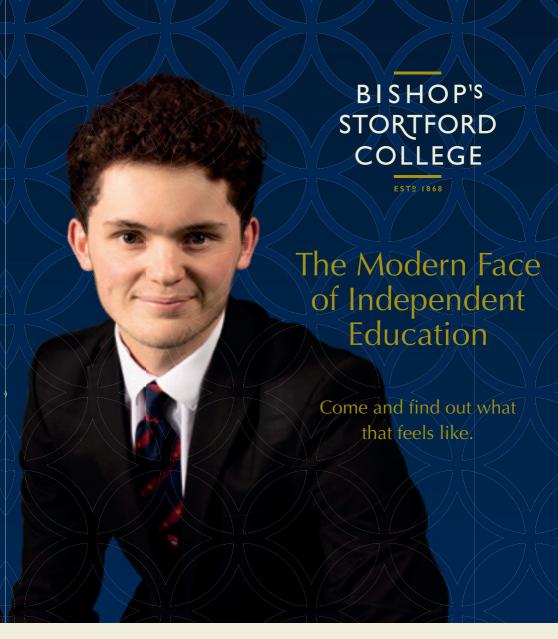


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The 23/24 Season So Far

Having played 7 matches, losing 4 and winning 3. it's fair to say it's been a mixed start to the season for the Abbots. However, the summer recruitment drive has been a great success: with 11 new players joining the ranks there has been plenty of positives as well as lots to work on in the months ahead.

The new-look squad had a testing pre-season, coming up second best at both Harlow and Chess Valley (and losing our vice-captain to a season-long injury in the process) We were then outdone by a well-drilled Hertford side in our first league encounter of the campaign. With 7 of our starting lineup pulling on the blue and white jersey for the first time ever, though, it was a performance to be proud of and it pointed towards brighter things to come.

Next up, we hosted Cheshunt in a cracking display of rugby at Silver Leys. Having gone 0-19 down after 20 minutes, inspired performances from Ben Millard, Ollie Collen and Francisco Farfan saw us taste victory for the first time this year, running out 33-29 winners.

Up next came a convincing 46-31 win at home over Cantabrigians. The away side were kind enough to bring a snazzy camera that filmed the entire match, including a bulldozing kickoff return from Tommy Hartrees that saw

Cantabrigians scattered across the field like pins at the Ace of Lanes. Speak to your local

Abbott for access to the YouTube link.

Heartbreak followed, with an agonising 7-5 loss away at Datchworth. A dogged Stortford performance saw a last-minute penalty sail just wide of the posts. We won't hold it against Jake Alger, though - without him, Billy would have to play 10!

We most recently faced Biggleswade on home ground in what was by far and away our best showing so far. Awesome turn outs from the whole squad but in particular Lee Wicks, Tom Hartrees (again) and Aron Williams ensured a 67-10 triumph for the Abbots.

As we look ahead to the rest the season, a big thank you must go to all the club staff and volunteers. Chetan for all the work he does for the side in the background, Elvy Cross for being the best water boy in the Herts Middlesex Leagues, and of course to our amazing player/ sponsor Steve "The Fire" Marshall of Marshall Fire Ltd.

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Conrad - BSRFC Abbots.



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Today's opponents began life in 1950 when they were founded as Darlington Grammar School Old Boys. In 1970/1971 the Old Boys, with growing numbers of players and supporters, decided to buy land to build their own clubhouse and pitches in Mowden. It therefore seemed appropriate, not least because the club was no longer an 'Old Boys Club', to change its name to Mowden Park RFC. In more recent years they were given permission to restore the 'Darlington'.

In late 2012 they sold that ground at Yiewsley Drive to a housing developer and with the proceeds opportunely bought the empty Darlington Arena. The Club played its first game at the Arena in March 2013. They

achieved promotion from National Two North to National One in 2013/2014.

The Darlington
Arena had originally
been built and
opened for
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2003 by Darlington
FC's chairman,
late local colourful
business personality
George Reynolds
who eventually went
to jail for money
laundering.

Last season 2022/2023 we narrowly managed to do the double against Darlington for the first time, Stortford won 24-25 at Darlington in September and 12-10 at home in January. Stortford finished higher in the league with Stortford sixth and Darlington tenth.

Famous rugby names to have worn the DMP shirt include Toby Flood, Alex Tait, Craig Newby, Phil Dowson and Tim Visser.



They have two regular Senior Men's XV's (1sts) and the Elizabethans (2nds) plus an 'occasional' Vets team. Their Women's XV, The Sharks, play in the Tyrrells Premier 15's aka the Women's Premiership. They also have a successful Mini & Youth section including three girl's rugby sides named the Stingrays U18, the Barracudas U16, and the Piranhas U14 an apt player growth path to the Sharks.





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Tackling a new sport: Meet Sabrina and Louise

Ahead of our game against Datchworth tomorrow, our BSRFC Women's XV Captain, Jasmin Bice, interviewed another two of our newest players, Sabrina Schutte and Louise Owen.

JB: Why did you decide to start playing rugby?



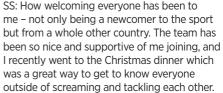
SS: I've loved watching the game since I was younger. I never got the chance to play growing up, despite my efforts to get a petition for girls to be allowed to play rugby in my school. Watching and supporting our

rugby team became a very important part of my university life. After moving to the UK from South Africa, I thought it would be a great idea to join BSRFC Women to make new friends and stay fit. I went to my first training session and I've enjoyed it ever since!

LO: I started for lots of reasons – I love sport and struggled to find something that I could play locally that fit in with work. I saw that BSRFC Women were looking for new players and thought I'd give it a go – I'm a competitive person, but I've also had no experience of rugby before! I found that the training was a great balance of being welcoming to new players, but also one that wanted to win. I've met so many new people and we often have

drinks after training in the clubhouse.

What has been your favourite part so far about BSRFC?



LO: My favourite moment so far was playing my first game. I was so nervous to begin with, but once I got on the pitch, I absolutely loved it! It's great to get out at the weekend and have a bit of fun, whilst also being competitive



with a great bunch of girls.

What message would you give to anyone interested in giving rugby a go?

SS: Don't overthink it – pitch up on the first day and just see if it's for you!

LO: If you're slightly unsure or nervous, I would just say come to training and give it a go – you won't regret it. It's great fun and you can meet so many new people. I had no experience when I started, so don't let that stop you... just grab some boots and come along to training!



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The mighty blues were set to play Chinnor with reports of continuous rain, however the players were blessed with dry weather and patches of clear sky, which led to unravelled 80 minutes of pure quality from a good-looking blues team.

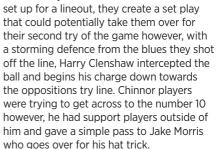
The blues kicked off to a well-trained Chinnor team who just came off a win against Ampthill 2s. With thundering defence from the blues, they managed to force a knock on in the first phase of the game giving them their first chance to attack. With continued back and forth phases from the blues Harry Clenshaw linked up with Jake Morris to put in a magnificent kick over the top for Morris to catch and go over the line for the first try of the game. 7-0 Blues!

15 or so minutes go by and good rugby is being played from both sides. Then with a powerful front row of Ben Harrison-price. George Bowen and Calum Coyne, they managed to win a scrum penalty in a good area of the field for Clenshaw to slot it straight into the corner. Blues then set up a dangerous looking driving maul choreographed by Ben Harrison. With the blues inching closer to the line they decide to go blindside with Harry Clenshaw dummving and bringing them millimetres away from the try line. With a few pick and goes drawing in the defence the ball is passed out to Jake Morris who goes crashing over the line to score his second try of the game.

5 more minutes have gone by and the blues are starting to lose their discipline giving Chinnor penalties in the middle of the field to kick for touch. Chinnor proceed to enter the blues 22 and set up for a lineout on the 5-metre line, they set up a good, structured maul and go over in the corner.

With both teams starting to share possession of the ball, the blues construct slick interplay in the midfield to get the ball to Jake Morris who bursts through, tackles and offloads to Alex Gilham. Gilham drives forward with players hanging off him and drops the ball over the line.

In the latter end of the first half Chinnor were creeping towards Stortford try line and



2 minutes to go to end of the second half and the blues are on the 5-metre line with a maul, storming towards the line and they all bulldoze over the line with Bailey Albert finishing off the half with a try.

With a slow start to the second half for both teams, the blues have a scrum just inside there halfway and with some flare get the ball out-wide to Benji Furrer who whizzed down the touch line and passed back inside to Jake Morris for him to go over for his 4th of the game!

With Stortford keeping the foot on the gas they keep on showing signs that they are still looking dangerous, then from a quick tap they get the ball out-wide and Alex Gilham who is tackled inches before the line and Jake Morris being quick on his feet gathered the ball from the bottom of the ruck and dives over the line for his 5th try of the game.

With Stortford thinking they have sealed the game they let their foot off the gas for the last 10 minutes and Chinnor then unfolded what they had in their arsenal. Scoring two quick consecutive tries seeing off the game.



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Blackheath	22 - 42	Rams
Chinnor	55 - 26	Richmond
Cinderford	19 - 43	Sedgley Park
Darlington Mowden Park	24 - 33	Taunton Titans
Leicester Lions	29 - 36	Bishop's Stortford
Plymouth Albion	19 - 18	Birmingham Moseleyt
Sale FC	45 - 12	Rosslyn Park

Fixtures for 2nd December 2023

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

NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 TABLE											
Team	Р	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TBP	LBP	Points	Adj.
Rams	11	8	0	3	361	268	93	10	2	44	0
Chinnor	11	8	0	3	398	188	210	8	2	42	0
Plymouth Albion	11	8	0	3	325	243	82	7	1	40	0
Sedgley Park	11	8	0	3	330	317	13	5	1	38	0
Birmingham Moseley	11	7	0	4	284	273	11	3	2	33	0
Rosslyn Park	11	6	0	5	344	315	29	6	1	31	0
Richmond	11	5	0	6	303	310	-7	7	3	30	0
Blackheath	11	5	0	6	289	270	19	4	3	27	0
Darlington Mowden Park	11	5	0	6	251	310	-59	4	1	25	0
Bishop's Stortford	11	4	0	7	295	356	-61	7	2	25	0
Cinderford	11	5	0	6	204	302	-98	0	1	21	0
Taunton	11	2	0	9	301	386	-85	8	3	19	0
Leicester Lions	11	3	0	8	229	318	-89	3	3	18	0
Sale FC	11	3	0	8	195	253	-58	2	3	17	0

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- 2 Alex Rayment
- 3 Henry Peck
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A pinpoint opening dropout from Lions flyhalf, Dan Lewis, dropping on the ten metre line allowed his forwards to win the ball and guick hands and a clever bouncing kick into Stortford's 22 allowed the home scrumhalf to regather and dash under the posts for a 7-0 lead within the opening minute. This shock start provided early warning of the threat posed throughout the game by the home side's lively backs, including a couple of outstanding Academy players from Tigers and Saints on dual-registrations. Stortford were undaunted, though and drove back upfield. forcing successive penalties, resulting in a 5 metre lineout, from which a strongly driven maul saw Will Rogers over for a try, wellconverted by Matt Riddington after 6 minutes. Both sides were keen to maintain a fast pace, but were equally accident-prone, preventing a further score, until the 20th minute, when Alex Rayment was the beneficiary of another well-driven lineout maul with a try, again converted by Riddington. The home side flew back onto the attack and, with the young Tigers' 12. Charlie Myall always to the fore. it took some stout Stortford defence, with notable red zone turnovers by Ollie Jones and Chris Bolton to prevent a score. With just over half an hour gone, it was the visitors that were next on the scoreboard, with Riddington took full advantage of a stretched home defence to put in a pinpoint crossfield chip kick into the arms of Rogers for the No 8's second try. Lions launched themselves back onto the attack and it took some more colossal Stortford defence on their line for phase after phase to hold the opposition out. Eventually, though, with first half time running out, it was Myall, who broke a tackle to plunge over for an unconverted try.

The visitors started the second period strongly and came very close to another try after 4 minutes, when Dan Powell could not hold onto the ball in a cover tackle, after he had recovered his own kick ahead inside the

home 22, following great interplay with James Ayrton. The third Stortford try soon came,



though, with Rayment again touching down from a powerful driving maul from lineout 8 metres out and Riddington again converting. Entering into the fourth quarter, the visitors extended their lead to 21 points with a good try to Josh Stannard, taking advantage of a favourable bounce of his own chip kick, after good interpassing with Powell. Connor Lloyd converted. Stortford's defence, hitherto, generally very strong suddenly faltered, though, after Lions won yet another restart kick to drive deep into Stortford's half, where an enormous gap was left down the side of a ruck for the home 9 to dart through and find Ollie Chessum in close support for a try under the posts. With the hosts' threequarters looking increasingly threatening, Stortford still managed to steady the ship and Lloyd stretched the lead again to 17 points with a testing penalty goal from some 40 metres out with some 10 minutes left. Undaunted, Lions swarmed back onto the attack and, although the visitors managed to hold out two attacking lineouts, the home side scored a good, bonus point try - again through Myall! - from a set move off a tapped 5 metre penalty, seeing the centre cutting a great line to take a short inside pass for a try out wide. Lewis converted well, as he did a penalty goal in injury time to seal his side's second bonus point, after a couple of poor Stortford tactical choices, compounded by some loose tackling, invited the opposition onto them. A patchy Stortford performance then, but a crucial 5 points hardwon on the road.



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Reece Lane



Reece Lane signed to join Stortford as a back row forward at the start of 2018/19 season. He had completed a degree course at Hartpury College having played rugby there in the back row. He was raised in Braintree and Stortford was the logical local rugby side to join. Andy Long signed him at the start of the 2018/19 season with Stortford in their second season in National Division One. At this time Stortford had several good back row players so he had limited opportunities to play for the Firsts.

Reece became an established player in the Blues that season, the following season 2020, before the Covid break. Reece became Blues vice-captain under the then captain Jamie Campbell. He took over as Captain of the Blues from Jamie at the start of 2022/23 season, retaining the Blues Captaincy in the present season.

Reece has very much enjoyed playing for the Blues especially in the competitive Halbro Raging Bull Shield Division One league. It was at first considered a risk for the Blues to join this league, but the Blues are now well established in the same. Last season under Reece's captaincy the Blues finished third in the table below Ampthill



and Rams. Reece is quick to acknowledge the importance of the coaching of lan Simpson, his development of a very specific Blues culture and style of play that stress the enjoyment of playing the game. This culture allows Reece to consider players moving from the Firsts to play in the Blues as not being dropped from the Firsts but promoted to the Blues.

Reece considers his highlights playing for the Blues have been the first away win over Richmond Saxons and the great win away at Cambridge University in early 2022. He has also played in the Blues alongside a current English International hooker, Theo Dan, who is undoubtedly destined for future greatness. Another highlight in playing for the Blues has been their away trips for the fixture at Jersey which were greatly enjoyed by the players and their dedicated band of Blues supporters.

Reece appreciates the support of his sponsors, Anglia Improvements. Through his own startup business of R Lane Tiling, he has himself taken on the sponsorship of George Bowen who has recently signed for Stortford's senior squad from the Colts.





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League Rugby in 2013/14.

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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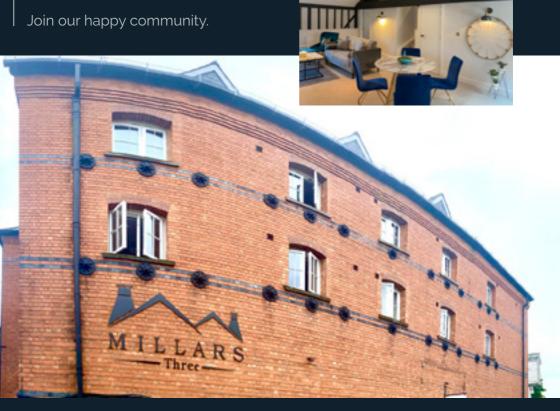
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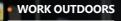




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'To contribute towards promoting the highest possible standard of rugby throughout Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club'

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 £200,000.

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 of all sections and members of the Club, including Senior Sides, Ladies & Girls, Colts, Youth, Mini and Touch Rugby

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

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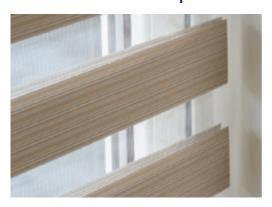
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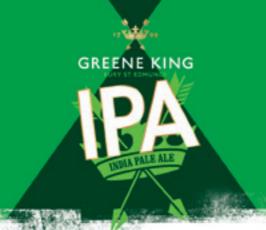








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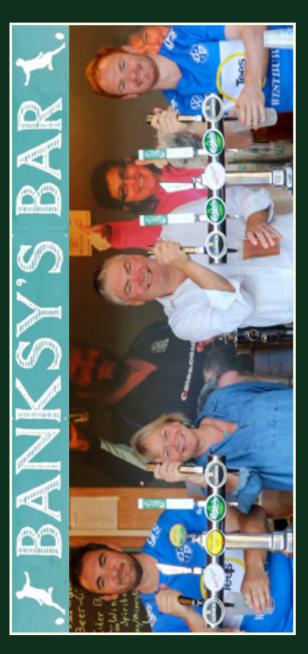




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