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# FROM THE PRESIDENT: AL JONES



We welcome Plymouth Albion back to Bishop's Stortford today as we hope to return to winning ways. There have been on the wrong side of the scoreline for the last couple of weeks. Plymouth, like us, have not had quite the start they would have liked, but they sit two spots above us in the league having secured a couple more bonus points.

Plymouth did the double over us last year, but there were only 3 points in it at Silver Leys, and I know Tom and guys will be giving their all to look to secure a win today.

Nockolds, our longest serving sponsor, are today's Match Day Sponsor and Bit Solutions are our Man of the Match sponsors. As ever, we remain indebted to all our sponsors for the support they give us.

We are also joined by the ever present Three Willows & Ace of Lanes, and by Spencer Fellows & Co.

Two of BSRFC's 'power couples' join me for lunch today. Gemma and Andrew Menzies are sponsors of the Club via Menor, and Gemma, with Andrew's support, has taken over running our Match Day lunches this season. They have also been part of our 'Match Day Tweeter' team (should that not be 'Match Day Xer team' now? - Ed) for the last couple of seasons.

Jim Tanfield has been around the Club for years and is currently the Chair of Youth Rugby. And Kate Tanfield has taken on the huge job of organising our annual Fireworks display which is always a great night for us here at the Club.

It's great to have both the Menzies and Tanfields here today

Our other notable guests are the RFU Injured Players Foundation and it's wonderful to be able to host the IPF at the Club for their 4th seasonal visit.

The IPF give support to any player who sustains a catastrophic spinal cord injury or acute severe traumatic brain injury playing the game and empower them to lead their lives as fully and independently as they can. They are there for the player, family, friends and club immediately after injury and for the rest of their lives.

We are honoured to host four IPF clients and their carers, along with John Burgess and his wife Katherine. John is a past IPF client and is now the charity's Welfare Officer, he covers the whole of England Rugby along with Volunteer Liaison Officers including our own Colin Haslam who also joins us with his (long suffering) wife Rowena. In addition, we are joined by Herts RFU President Adrian Sparks, and Richard Millnes who has just finished his term as President of OAs. Adrian and Richard are great supporters of the IPF, and it is a pleasure to welcome you all today.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our Colts who had a great win over a very tough Westcliff side in the first round of the National Cup last Sunday and to thank the tremendous support they received. It was good to see a large number of our 1st XV along to support the next generation. #OneClub.

Have a great day everyone, and I will see you pitch side.

*Al*







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# TOM COLEMAN: HEAD COACH



After a frustrating couple of weeks, we are very keen to put things right this weekend against another tough opponent in Plymouth Albion.

The injury list continues to grow but this is part and parcel of the game and other teams will also be suffering. We have to remain strong and get the best out of the players we have available.

Enjoy the game and let's hear you all get behind the boys.

COYB

*Tom*

We've had some really good battles with them over the years and I'm sure today's game will be no different. I think it's fair to say both sides haven't started the league campaign exactly how we'd want, so today will definitely have some extra spice involved as we search for that level of consistency.

The last two weeks have been incredibly frustrating as there's been some very good rugby played by us, but also too many mistakes that we've been brutally punished for (especially against Blackheath!) The first 30 minutes of that game was the best rugby we've played so far this season, but we learnt a big lesson that you cannot make the errors we did at this level and get away with it.

The players have had to take their medicine and have reacted in a really positive way. Training has been as energetic as ever and I hope today we'll get a complete performance.

## THE COACHING STAFF

Left to right: Ryan Clarke, Cameron Boon, Tom Coleman, Rob Faiers, Jon Skelton, Ben Sheath.



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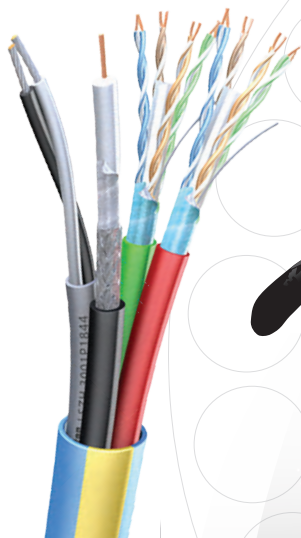
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# INJURED PLAYERS FOUNDATION

## BY COLIN HASLAM



1993 **SPIRE** was the first charity for injured rugby players by the then **RFU** President, Ian Beer, England, Bath and Cambridge Uni to “**Support Paraplegics In Rugby Enterprise**”

In 2008 The **IPF** (Injured Players Foundation) was formed with a board of Trustees from **SPIRE**, The **RFU** and Medical profession with expertise in dealing with Spinal Rehabilitation.

Today, we offer **immediate and lifelong** support to players who sustain a catastrophic spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury **at all levels of the game**, and donate approximately **£1,000,000** per year to improving their independence. The **IPF** still receives the **RFU's** support but now reaches out to **the whole rugby family** to increase the funds and help available to the rugby community.

This is our 4th season where we have invited four of our clients along with their carers for the pre-match lunch and game. Also, once again we welcome The **IPF** Welfare Officer in **John Burgess** and his wife **Katherine** who is a past client and covers the whole of English rugby with a team of **IPF** Volunteers including me.

There are very few sports, if any, that give care and financial assistance **for life**, believe me they do.

Finally, as club members, officials and guests please remember that should a player get injured whilst playing or during training and has to spend more than 24 hours in hospital then **contact to the IPF should be immediate**. They will react both with the hospital medical staff, players family and their club. As one of the team of **IPF Volunteer Liaison Officers (VLO)** throughout the country our involvement only just starts once the player leaves hospital.

Please be as generous as you can to the bucket collection whether in cash or through the card reader. Further information including support or becoming involved in the Foundation can be found at

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**On behalf of Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club, we are delighted to be hosting our 16th Minis Rugby Festival at Silver Leys on 20th October.**

The festival stands to be a very well-attended event for our under 7s to under 12s age groups, where we expect to be hosting circa 700 players as well as their parents, grandparents and siblings from a range of clubs in and around Hertfordshire and Essex. The event is being organised by this years U9s age group, and is entirely run by volunteers so is a truly team effort! Festivals play a key part in nurturing rugby players, enabling them access to an environment in which they can develop their skills and gain vital experience - with the ultimate aim of ensuring everyone has an enjoyable morning of rugby!

As anyone who has organised a festival will know, these do not happen without significant support and we are extremely grateful for the help offered by club stalwarts, festival volunteers, coaches, ground staff and parents to enable this great event to take place. Rugby, especially at grass roots is a very inclusive sport with boys and girls playing together (from U6 to U11) and all coaching, administration and first aid provided by volunteers, of which we are very proud of.

On the day, the under 7's to under 11's will be organised into groups of 5 teams in a round-robin format - the scores are not the focus at these ages but more the development, attitude and enjoyment of each and every player. Under 12's however will be playing on the 1st XV pitch and competing for the Festival Cup with a Plate Final for the teams in 3rd and 4th place.

If you are available on 20th October, it would be great to see as many supporters there as possible. Aside from free-flowing champagne rugby, there will also be cake stalls, a raffle, burgers/hot dogs, hot and cold drinks, and various sweets/confectionary for people to purchase to ensure everyone is suitably fed and watered on the day.

We also have a fantastic raffle prize draw to win x2 tickets for England vs Scotland in the 6 Nations, as they fight it out for the Calcutta Cup! The match will be held at Twickenham on 22nd February 2025. All monies raised will go towards the minis section of Bishops Stortford Rugby Club so what are you waiting for - enter now using the below URL or QR code:

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The present club was founded in 1920 from a merger between

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After thirteen seasons in the Championship 2015 saw them relegated to National One.

Albion were a major force in English Rugby Union in the 1920s having five internationals on their books at one time. Around then they attracted a crowd of 18,000 to a midweek game against Oxford University which established a record crowd for a club match in England which was not exceeded until the 1980s.

Albion experienced financial problems avoiding entering administration early in 2015 following a cash injection of £250,000 by local businesses although it did not save them from formally entering administration in April 2016 at which point two former players, Bruce Priday and Dave Venables came to their rescue. Unfortunately going into administration, they incurred an RFU penalty of a thirty-point deduction which was applied to the standings of the 15/16 season and moved them to 8th position instead of 4th.

Since then, Bruce Priday has moved to on, but Dave Venables is still the Club's Managing Director.

In 2016/17 they again showed their class by finishing Runners up to Hartpury and one place above now promoted Ampthill.

In 2017/18 they finished 3rd, 2018/19 - 5th and in the aborted 19/20 season after the final standings were announced they were placed 6th although we did famously record a first win against them in the first game of that season, at the Brickfields stadium when we came back from 21-0 down after the first 15 minutes to win 40-42.

In 2021/22 Plymouth finished 11th in National One but only just two points behind us in ninth position. They beat us

31-17 at Plymouth and we won 32-19 at home.

In 2022/23 they had finished 5th with 78 points, one position above Stortford but we had done the double on them with Stortford winning 31-19 at home and ending their home winning run 24-12 in Plymouth.

Last season Plymouth finished 4th in National One with 77 points, Stortford finished 11th well below Plymouth. Plymouth did the double on Stortford when they won 24-21 at Stortford with the game being arguably not as close as the scoreline suggested, then winning 39-23 at Plymouth, this time with the game closer than the final scoreline indicated.

Albion also have a successful women's team and recently formed a Under 18s Academy. They have started Project 150 in the build up to their 150th Anniversary which will be in 2026.

Jack Oulton  
(captain)







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# MATCH REPORT:

## AYLESBURY WOMEN v BSRFC WOMEN

By Yasmin Knott, Vice-Captain

### Aylesbury Women 10 | 40 BSRFC Women

A cracking start to the 24/25 season with a women's friendly against prior year rival's, Aylesbury.

The teams made hard work of the first 30 minutes, back and forth between both 22s. Whilst the score for the majority of the first half was 0-0 it was clear that Stortford had come in all guns blazing.

After a couple of close calls with Aylesbury within the 5m, loosehead and BSRFC debutant, Kim Welsh, scored the first try of the game for Stortford at 35 mins, which was converted by fly-half Rebekah Coppen. Aylesbury picked up a team yellow before the half-time whistle for several consecutive penalties.

The second half proved to be a lot more exciting as the host team began to tire. Finisher scrum-half, Donna McDonald, utilised an opportunity to snatch the ball from the opposition and score second try of the game in her debut game. Again, Coppen slotted it through the posts to convert.

Soon after, replacement back-row and BSRFC debutant, India Prince ran the length of the pitch to stick another 5 points on the scoreboard. With Coppen converting again, the score was 0-19 to the Women in Blue. Shortly afterwards, another try came for BSRFC Women from fullback, Harriet Creasy, after a few of her famous handoffs.

It was then Aylesbury's turn to have a go at putting points on the scoreboard after working through multiple phases of a strong BSRFC defence. However, they were unable to convert, and the score remained 5-19.

Following some chaos on the BSRFC try line, another yellow card was handed to Aylesbury and the women in blue were awarded a well-deserved penalty try.

The oppo came back fighting with another try, leaving BSRFC Women hungry for more. Replacement back-row and debutant, Sarah Rotbart, scored a phenomenal try to finish off the first game of 24/25.

The final conversion meant a 10-40 win for BSRFC Women on Sunday 22 September.

Notable mentions to:

- Forward of the match: Loosehead, Kim Welsh, for annihilating in contact and putting first points on the board.
- Back of the match: Outside centre, Rhiannon Dougherty, for an immense performance constantly being in the right place and dominating some quick play.

Thank you to our coaches, first aid and supporters. We're very much looking forward to a strong 24/25 season.

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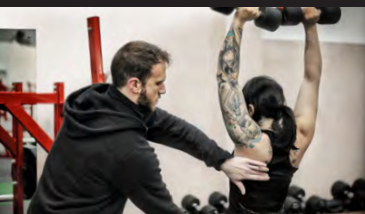
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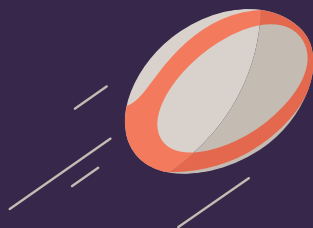
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HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Esher	vs	Richmond
Darlington Mowden Park	vs	Rosslyn Park
<b>Bishop's Stortford</b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>Plymouth Albion</b>
Leicester Lions	vs	Sedgley Park
Esher	vs	Rams
Ding Crusaders	vs	Rams
Sale FC	vs	Rotherham

## Results from 21st September 2024

HOME TEAM		AWAY TEAM
Blackheath	32 - 24	Rosslyn Park
Richmond	48 - 7	Darlington Mowden Park
Rotherham	48 - 19	Esher
Rams	33 - 0	Sale FC
Sedgley Park	11 - 20	Dings Crusaders
Plymouth Albion	27 - 22	Leicester Lions
Birmingham Moseley	28 - 14	<b>Bishop's Stortford</b>

NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 TABLE											
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TBP	LBP	Points	Adj.
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Rotherham	3	3	0	0	124	68	56	2	0	14	0
Birmingham Moseley	3	3	0	0	89	41	48	2	0	14	0
Richmond	3	3	0	0	100	46	54	1	0	13	0
Blackheath	3	2	0	1	91	65	26	2	0	10	0
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**10** Harry Legg

**11** Morgan Stone

**12** Archie Hill

**13** Seta Raumakita

**14** Shea Cornish

**15** Tom Putt

## REPLACEMENTS

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**17** Joel Broadhurst

**18** George Montgomery

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# MATCH REPORT: JOHN ALLINSON



## Bishop's Stortford 1st XV 14 Birmingham Moseley 28

The home side got off to a flying start with a try to Aguile Smith with barely a minute gone, after slick handling in Moseley's midfield from a lineout offflanked Stortford's rush defence. Jack Jolly added a good conversion. The visitors bounced back onto the attack, creating room for Josh Stannard out wide but his kick ahead was touched down by the covering fullback. Within 10 minutes, though, fellow winger, Chris Smith touched down a well-judged kick ahead by Dan Powell, after the fullback had cut a decisive line in midfield. Mike Cooke added a good conversion to level the scores. Moseley generally enjoyed a slight edge in subsequent exchanges, but Stortford looked threatening on the occasional counterattack. It was the home side, though, that broke the deadlock with 24 minutes gone, with Freddie Painter creating room for Smith to run clear and dummy his way past his opposite number for his second try - followed by an excellent conversion by Jolly. The visitors were by no means done and were unlucky to be penalised for "ripping an opponent's headguard off", as a maul drove remorselessly towards the home try line. Worse was to come for Stortford, though, with Smith being yellow-carded on 36 minutes for killing the ball, after hauling his namesake down just short of the try line. Despite the resultant 5m Moseley lineout and the one-man deficit, Stortford managed to resist further concerted pressure and saw the first half out 7 points behind.

The visitors started the second period like a train, but a certain try went begging, when Tom Mills set Stannard clear and the winger, having beaten the first-up tackle was heading for the try line from inside his own half, when his hamstring went. He did manage to offload, but an immediate second golden chance was lost with the second pass being knocked on. This, unfortunately set something of a pattern for the whole half, with Stortford dominating both possession and territory for most of the period, but unable to make the crucial breakthrough.

It was very much against the run of play, therefore, when the home side broke out of defence, won a penalty and, once again clinical handling from the lineout saw Smith in for his hat trick try. Despite still losing the territorial battle, Moseley's big pack came increasingly into its own, dominating the scrums and countering numerous 5m lineouts, resulting from a slew of defensive penalties, which, rather belatedly brought a yellow card for a Moseley forward after 30 minutes. Within 2 minutes Stortford finally made the breakthrough, with Smith adding to his eventful day with his second try out wide, after the ball was moved quickly from yet another attacking lineout and Will Rogers punched a hole in midfield. Cooke again added the extras. Stortford showed ambition, trying to run the ball in their own 22 from the restart, but a long pass was smartly intercepted, leading to a period of Moseley pressure. It looked as if Stortford had weathered the storm, as they broke out to give Smith (again!) room on the wing, but Moseley recovered to such good effect that they put pressure on the ruck, were able to rip the ball free and one pass was enough to see centre Tom Taylor running at the line. A desperate cover-tackle was high, as the player plunged for the line and a penalty try was awarded, at once rewarding Moseley with a bonus point and depriving Stortford of theirs - a bitter final pill for the latter to swallow. The scoreline certainly did not reflect the overall balance of the game, but shows the difference which more clinical finishing can make.



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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT: RICHARD EVANS

## New Player Signings 2024-2025 Season.

The higher standards of playing abilities required in National Division One and the recent retirements of the last of the Stortford players from the vintage years of the 2010's crop of locally grown players means that Stortford now needs to recruit new players from a greatly increased area. However, with our talented coaches and grass root players there will still be local players making it through to regular appearances in the First XV in the future.

The number of good young players that join Premiership side junior academies and where the competition is so fierce that they cannot all make it to a full professional contract in a Premiership side now means it is the Premiership Academies that become a source of new players for Stortford.

A further complication is the specialist nature of the playing positions in rugby which means it is essential to recruit to replace in the specialist positions where experienced players have retired or left the club.

This means a successful National One rugby season will greatly hinge on the summer recruitment work by the coaching group to select the best players available and the players that will happily fit into the Stortford club ethos.

Of course, available money is a factor, Stortford need to keep within a strict affordable budget but there is a lot more to building a strong winning side than just having the cash for new players as Chelsea FC demonstrated last season in the Football Premiership.

This season the new signings are:-

**Hookers: Isaac Bell** – Previously played for Loughborough, Northampton Saints Academy and Bristol Bears Academy. (sponsored by Nockolds Solicitors).

**Ollie Moffit** – Previously played for Rams, Reading University and a summer at Linwood, Canterbury, NZ. (sponsored by Winged Boots)

**Props: Tristian Smith** – Previously played for Stortford 2022/23 season on loan from Saracens Academy (sponsored by Hammond Developments)

**Josh Cilia** – Previously played for Bath University and Rosslyn Park (sponsored by Uplands Groundworks and Landscaping)

**Second Row: Hamish Ferguson** – Previously played for Stirling County and the Waringah Rats in Sydney, Australia. (sponsored by Russell Partnership)

**Back Row: Sam Johnson** – Previously played for Silverdale and North Harbour, New Zealand (sponsored by PRH Engineering)

**Scrum Half: Charlie Briers** – Previously played for Loughborough Colleges, Leicester Tigers Academy and England Students. (sponsored by JGL Developments). Charlie is already famous for scoring the match winning try in the pre-season Cambridge game.

**Outside Halves: Michael Cooke** – Previously played for London Irish Academy, Newcastle Academy, Shannon in Ireland and Brunel University/Ealing Trailfinders. (sponsored by Hanbury Wealth)

**David Hayes** – Previously played for University of Cape Town (sponsored by Circadian FX)

**Wing Threequarters: Tom Mills** – Previously played 11 times for Stortford last season on load from Richmond and was a Saracens Academy player. (sponsored by Mortgage & Money Management)

**Charlie Reynolds-West** – Previously played for Harlow, Kowloon RFC (Hong Kong) and Saracens Academy, playing along side Francis Moore and Manu Vunipola. (sponsored by HD Print)

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our 13th season, it's hard to believe we started as a small working party to support the squad after our promotion to National League Rugby in 2013/14. It was the brainchild of Charlie Dunsford, Russell Cattell and others from the club. Many members have worked tirelessly both at the forefront and behind the scenes throughout the last 13 years and we want that to continue. At our recent AGM **Charlie Dunsford** and **Jamie Baker** were duly elected to take up the ongoing challenge as the New President and New Secretary.



Club Stortford works closely with the 1st XV coaching team to provide funding for expenditure beyond the resources of the main club and our Mission Statement remains a simple one;

- **To ensure BSRFC continues our journey in National 1s League Rugby – this includes the 1st & Blues as one squad**
- **To cultivate new homegrown talent throughout the club drawing from the - minis - youth - colts - development squad.**

We continue to be on the hunt for new members who can help us to broaden the extent of our support for the squad. Both individual and corporate membership options are available, and come with exclusive Club Stortford ties, 2 x Club Stortford pre-match lunches, match reports after each league game and other perks like access to Six Nations and Autumn Internationals tickets. There will also be regular updates for Club Stortford Members from Tom Coleman, our new head coach. Alongside this, you'll get discounts to local restaurants like Zara. Get in touch with our secretary **Jamie Baker** on **07922 422 489** for more information or to join.

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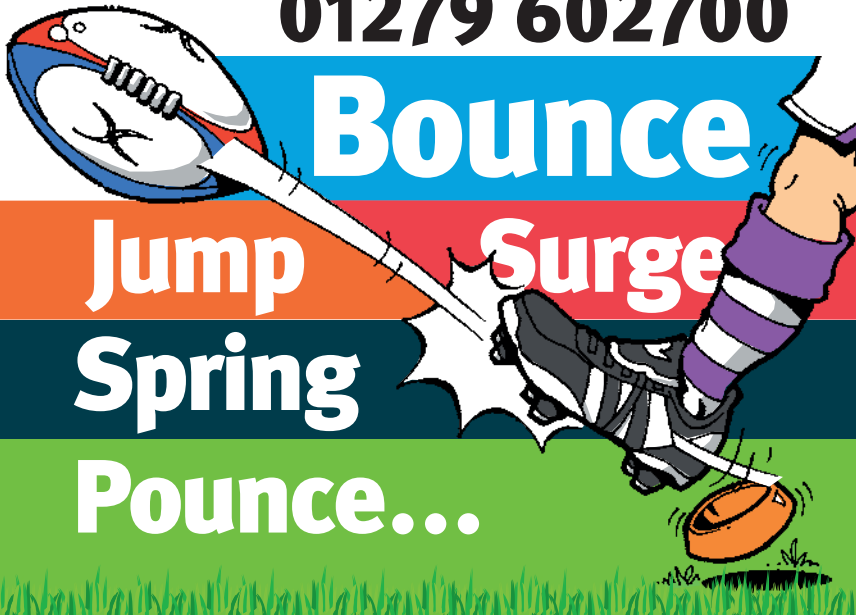
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## **'To contribute towards promoting the highest possible standard of rugby throughout Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club'**

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 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,
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- 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

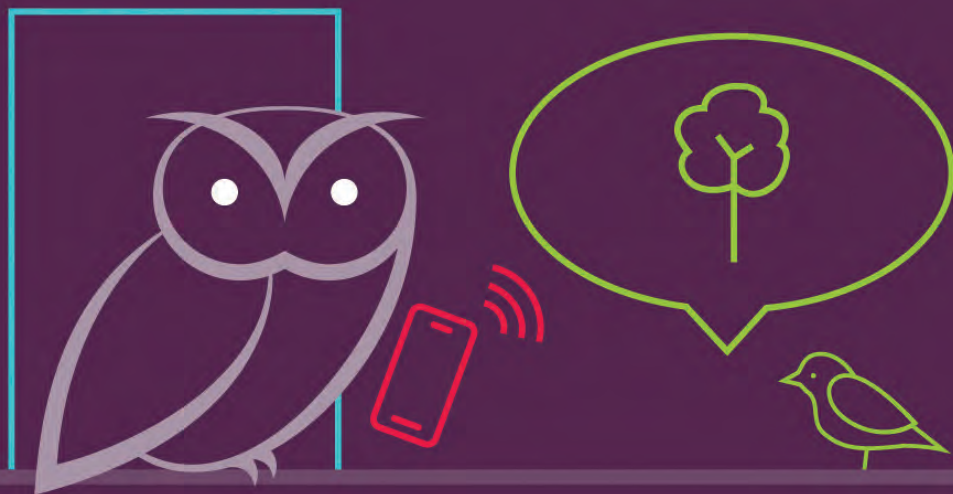
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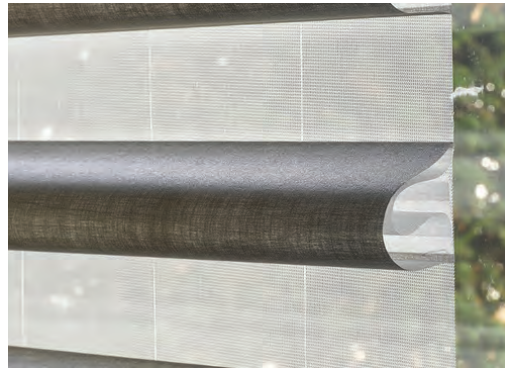


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### Jaya died after falling ill playing the sport that was his religion

#### Wife's tribute to the father of their three children who suffered heart attack while batting for Stortford

**Hollie Ryder**  
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The wife of cricket fanatic Jaya Fernando has paid tribute to her husband, who died after suffering a heart attack while batting for Bishop's Stortford.

The 56-year-old father of three was playing his first match this summer at the club's Crickfield Lane ground on Sunday September 1 when he was taken ill at the crease during an invitation-only game against Farnham.

He died in hospital 12 days later - three days after his 21st wedding anniversary.

Known as 'Mr Bollywood' for his flamboyant turnout in his Rayban sunglasses and with an "irresistible enthusiasm" for the game, Jaya's passing has shocked the cricketing communities in Stortford, Stansted and Sawbridgeworth.

He played predominantly for Stortford, where he also coached youngsters, and occasionally for Stansted Hill & Eversham and for the Indoor Herts & Essex Cricket Centre (HCCC) in High Wycombe.

His wife, Maria, 44, said she and their children - Krishan, 14, Amaya, 11, and Sachin, 7 - who live in Cavell Drive, near Herts and Essex Hospital, had been flooded with messages from family and friends that Jaya knew through the sport.

His last contact with his elder son was a thumbs up while in A&E at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital on the day he became ill after Krishan had messaged him to say he had scored a half-century. It was the last time he was to see his dad before Jaya was transferred to a specialist cardiac unit at Basildon University Hospital, where he died on Friday September 12.

Maria said: "Cricket is what he was most known for. He'd played it his whole life - being Sri Lankan, cricket is their religion."

He'd coached and played at Stortford for about 10 years and coached at HCCC as well. If ever I needed to find him on 'find my phone' it was at one of those two places!"

He would be absolutely amazed by the response, and it's nice to know that so many people thought so much of him.

"We had people put postcards through the door and send me messages, sharing stories about him. He was a good cricketer who loved the game and the biggest thing he

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Jaya Fernando in his happy place at Bishop's Stortford Cricket Club. Inset: pictured a few years ago with his children, from left, Amaya, Krishan and Sachin

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9:30am - 3pm

## PLACE

Bishops Stortford  
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## OFF THE PITCH: DENNIS WHIFFEN



It is not every volunteer at the club who gets nominated to be an Honorary Life Member but over the years Dennis has made a very large number

of major practical contributions to the upkeep of the club and its grounds. It is probably true to say that every rugby club should be able to call on somebody with farming experience who lives locally, can supply the expertise and equipment to carry out the numerous odd jobs that are required at a rugby ground.

Dennis was not exactly press-ganged into this type of volunteering work by Tubby and Mick Coleman but they both recognised how Dennis could help at the club and encouraged him to get involved. Dennis' contribution over a number of years was rightly appreciated, Tubby and Mick proposed to Colin Tilley the then Club Chairman that he should be awarded the status of an Honorary Life Member. Dennis was not so sure what this entailed at first but when Colin explained it meant he no longer had to pay membership fees to the club it was an offer he could not refuse.

In the Club Guide pocket handbook, you will find Dennis listed last alphabetically among the other leading well known honorary life members. Dennis also got a mention in the Shelford away game match report in March 2014, he had along with others, helped complete the work on the foundations for our new marquee, that season the club's second ever Ladies Day event went ahead with Stortford registering a big win over Redruth on the day. The club marquee was notorious for causing a few stability issues, Dennis had been involved with a lot of maintenance until the new replacement marquee began functioning in a much more reliable and stable fashion.

Back in the early 1980s Dennis and his brother had also helped the clearing and levelling up of the land purchased by the club for the back pitches. This land purchase is referenced in Chapter 5 of the Club's Centenary Book, Dennis' connection with the club goes back a long way.

Dennis has never played rugby himself but his three sons playing in junior levels got him

involved with the club, his youngest son, Sam, turned out for Stortford at scrum half in the last seasons before promotion to the National League 2 South. Unfortunately, Sam's rugby career ended prematurely by concussion injuries, Dennis continued with his volunteering work at the club despite none of the family now playing for Stortford.

Dennis has stepped back these days from the regular "transporting" of beer barrels from the clubhouse to Banksy's Bar however, Tubby still has his mobile number on hand for emergencies. Bishop's Stortford is now very much a modern commuter town and no longer a farming market town but at least Dennis, his farming roots and being involved with the rugby club provides one ongoing link with the area's rural past.





# FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2024

GATES OPEN AT 5PM FIREWORKS AT 7PM

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS £8

FAMILY TICKETS (2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN) £21

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# MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE

## 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 Head Coach **Tom Coleman** along with Club captain **Will Rodgers** 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 Q&A in the 1st XV changing room, followed by training, games and warm-up sessions with the minis coaches and injured 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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# CLUB SHOP

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Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm

Saturdays  
(when there is a 1st XV home match)  
12pm - 3pm

Sundays 9am - 1pm

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