



Northwich
Rugby Union Football Club
- the community rugby club in Mid Cheshire



e-News

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Dear Club Member,

Welcome to the new Northwich Rugby Union Football Club eNewsletter. With an increasing number of our members using email both at home and work we've decided to use this format to keep our members up to date with things happening both at the club but also in the community. This format provides a number of advantages over conventional paper newsletters. For example you can include dynamic links to web sites and email addresses, there's less time to prepare the document but of course it mainly keeps the printing and postage costs down to a minimum. To keep the newsletter from running to several pages, e-News will feature the main headlines with a fuller story on the club web site. Just click on the hyperlink at the end of each story here in e-News to read the fuller version. Hard copies of the e-News will be available at the shop for those of you without internet/email access.

Breaking News! - Northwich Rugby Club is "Cheshire Community Club of the Year" for the 2nd Year running!

Last night at the SportCheshire award evening at the Hanover Hotel in Warrington - Northwich were awarded the Cheshire Community Club award. Well done everyone! What a great accolade for all those coaches and volunteers at the club who put in so much of their own time. More news and pictures on the club site shortly. <http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk>

Mixed fortunes for the Seniors



September has been a bit of a roller coaster month for the senior teams. Lets hope for some more of the determination shown here by our own Chris Dale playing against Broughton Park at Moss Farm on Saturday 25th. For 1st XV match senior scores, reports and photographs visit the senior teams pages.

http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk/Senior_Teams/1st_XV_2004-5/1st_xv_2004-5.html

Photograph courtesy of Broughton Park.

Australian Player Exchange

This season Northwich will be hoping for that little extra edge in the EuroManx league after a novel player exchange. Young Australian Nick Blake has recently arrived from Brisbane and will

be featuring in Northwich's plans this season. Nick is a Chemical Engineering graduate of the University of Melbourne and has played Junior and senior rugby in Melbourne and more recently in Brisbane for the [Brisbane Brothers](http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk/index.html). Story and photo are at <http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk/index.html>

Northwich Festival

Thank you to all of you who supported this year's Festival back at the end of August. The weather hit our profits but despite the rain we made £5000 towards club funds. Most thanks go to Tim Pickering who

literally 'lived down' at Moss Farm for the weekend and who dedicated many hours of his own time to keep the Festival on the road. Photographs of the event will hopefully be on the Festival web site soon try [Northwich Festival](#).

New Shop for Wendy & Lorraine

As some of you have noticed we have taken over Room 1 in the changing room block. This will be open between 10.00-10.30am and between 12.00-12.30pm every Sunday. We have kit of all sizes including shorts, socks, mouth guards and leisure shirts. For seniors down on a Saturday please contact Laraine Dodd or Wendy with questions and requests. Laraine's email is given below. For details of all the latest kit prices please visit:-

http://www.northwichruffc.co.uk/Junior_Teams/Kit/kit.html Laraine is at ldodd@northwichruffc.co.uk

Ladies night at Sale

On Friday 24th Northwich Girls and Ladies took part in a Parade and half time activity to promote girls and Ladies rugby in the North West at the [Sale Sharks game](#) with Worcester Warriors. The event was organised by Rugby Development Officer Caroline Wolfendale and proved to be a great success. Pictured here are the girls and ladies from a number of North West clubs including Heaton Moor, Sandbach and Altrincham Kersal. Details of our Girls & Ladies Rugby teams is at the new dedicated 'Ladies & girls' Site. Don't forget to tell your friends if you know anyone who'd like to join.

<http://www.northwichgirlsrugby.co.uk/>



U14 Girls win first match

Those of the more observant of you will have noticed the articles in last weeks Chronicle and Guardian. Our U14 girls won their very first match against Sandbach in great style. Photos and match report at :-

http://www.northwichgirlsrugby.co.uk/html/girls_match_reports.html#SandbachU14

Ladies beat Manchester

Our new Ladies team played their opening match of the season on Sunday 3rd October and were just too good for Manchester scoring 5 tries. A superb performance, well done Ladies. Here is the squad before the match at Moss Farm.



Social Events

We are in the process of organising a number of social events for young and old alike. Here are the details so far. As we add more things we let you know and post details on the web site under Events

<http://www.northwichruffc.co.uk/Events/events.html>

- Saturday 30th October **Halloween Party** 7pm Moss Farm.

Fancy dress competition, treacle toffee, food, games and disco. Tickets Family of 4 £7.50, Children £2.50. See Simon for tickets.

- Sunday 24th October **Sale Sharks vs Catania in European competition** KO 3pm

http://www.salesharks.com/opponent_profile.php?team=20

- Friday **5th November** *Trip to Sale Sharks match vs Newcastle Falcons*

http://www.salesharks.com/opponent_profile.php?team=8

Whilst a number of us attend Sale games on a regular basis, we are trying to arrange a club trip to the above match. This is a chance to see Jonny Wilkinson play against his main rival for the England No. 10 shirt - Charlie Hodgson. If there is enough interest we will look to hire a coach, cost will be calculated once we know the numbers wanting to come. Please indicate if you would like coach transport. Sale have reduced tickets prices and now have family tickets available starting at £30 (2 adults+2 Children), individual tickets start at £12 adult, £4 child. We also get credit from their Kit Back scheme if you book through the club. So please Email Ken Houghton khoughton@northwichrufc.co.uk asap, tickets are going fast.

- Saturday **11th December** *Chairmans Day*

Join your chairman in his annual special afternoon at the club after the Warrington Home match.

- Sunday **19th December** *Junior Bowling*

Bowling for all Junior teams at Winnington Bowl - more details to follow soon

- Sunday **19th December** *Minis Xmas Party*

Junior Xmas party at Moss Farm

- Tuesday **28th December** *Xmas Party*

Seniors Xmas part at Winnington 'Rec'

- Saturday **5th March 2005** *Spring Ball*

Annual Spring Ball with 5 course meal, dance and live band at Portland Golf Club. £30 per head 7pm till late. Tickets on sale now from Ken Houghton or email springball@northwichrufc.co.uk.

Junior Registration Day

Thank you for helping with registration Day. We now have over 180 signed Junior registration forms completed with the bulk of players paying their subscription. If you have still not filled in a form please do so immediately as matches start in earnest. Spare forms are available from your coach or from the shop. We must have your details to ensure we keep our club accreditation and ensure that everyone is correctly insured. If you are having difficulty finding the club fees please speak to your coach.

U10's get their 'The Coachman' shirts

The U10's team now are proud owners of shirts sponsored by 'The Coachman' pub & hotel in Hartford. Sponsorship is important to help with the costs of running the club and we are very grateful to the support of 'The Coachman' and all the other sponsors this season. Details of all our sponsors is on the web sites' sponsors page

<http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk/Sponsors/sponsors.html> .

Please support the sponsors by recommending them or using them yourselves. If you know someone who'd like to help the club, the community and get extra publicity in the area please ask them to contact Simon Bridle at

sbridle@northwichrufc.co.uk .



Training

As the summer training has been very successful, sometimes over 30 players (and parents) have been coming along, sessions will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 to 8pm for the time being. Girls and Ladies training is on Tuesdays, see the girls web site for details. <http://www.northwichgirlsrugby.co.uk/>

Club Web site

As fixtures have emerged for all the teams, the web site has seen some updating. You should find up to date fixtures on each team page, downloaded fixture lists, directions to all Junior away fixtures (no need to go to opposition web site) as well as links to leagues, sponsors, the new electronic version of Touchline and much more. As always please let us know if there is anything you'd like to add.

<http://www.northwichrufc.co.uk/>

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e-News has been sent to about 200 club members who have given us their email address. Of course there are many other club members who I'm sure would be interested in receiving e-News. They can go to the club e-News web page and subscribe, giving their email address and details. If you do not wish to receive e-News, you can also unsubscribe there. See the [e-News page](#) or email enews@northwichrufc.co.uk. It doesn't take long to type in new material, but we need inspiration and facts from you, our club members. Don't worry if you think it's trivial stuff, but match reports, photographs, anything is useful to help keep Northwich a growing and energetic club and let the community know what we are doing.