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AYLESBURY 1st XV
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Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to Ostler's Field for today's fixtures that see our men's 1st XV taking on Beaconsfield and our 3rd XV welcoming Grove twos.

We welcome the teams and supporters of both clubs and hope you have a great day - for the avoidance of doubt you are welcome to watch the game pitch side, in our stand or upstairs from the Rose Bar balcony.

We have well stocked bars, a kitchen that's open all afternoon, hand made pizzas available all day and a fantastic hospitality team to look after you.

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It's great to have Gommo and Leonie with us. Gommo, who spent a good part of his rugby career in the Magenta and Black (before geography led him to Beaconsfield RFC), remains a good friend to many here today and we look forward to catching up with you both over a few beers.

I know the boys will will also want me to thank you for the jugs of beer going into the changing rooms at full time.



Your years of support (in so many ways), of Aylesbury RFC is very much appreciated. Thank you!

We have two long standing friendly rivalries out there on the grass and the rubber today and I look forward to two cracking games of rugby.

Thank you, to the match officials forgiving up their Saturday afternoon so that we can enjoy the feast of rugby, I know it's going to be.

Let's make sure we let them get on with reffing the games unencumbered by our opinions of their every decision.

Be as vocal as you like in support of your team, but please let the ref get on with their job.

Have a great day, and win lose or draw, I look forward to seeing you back in the clubhouse after the final whistle for a few beers and a laugh.

Yours in Aylesbury Rugby

Paul Milham
Chairman ARFC

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Gommo wishes both teams the very best of luck.

Welcome to Ostler's Field

HAC 29-38 AYLESBURY

A really pleasing away performance from Aylesbury as we came away from Chiswick with a well-earned 38-29 victory.

We couldn't have asked for a better start, with Jonty Charlier crossing inside the opening minutes, converted by Will Andrews, before Josh Richardson quickly added a second to put us 12-0 ahead. HAC responded with two converted tries of their own to turn the game around and take a 14-12 lead. With just 15 minutes gone, it was already shaping up to be an entertaining afternoon.

To the boys' credit, we didn't panic and gradually began to settle into the game. Richardson crossed for his second try to put us back in front, and although HAC responded again, Will Andrews got over the line, with Cameron Watkins adding the conversion to give us a 24-19 lead at half-time.



The second half was a much more controlled performance. We made good use of the ball in hand, showed greater composure in attack and began to dictate the tempo. Tries from Evan Wakelam and Matthew O'Sullivan, both converted by Watkins, extended our lead to 38-24 and put us in a strong position.

HAC weren't finished and managed a late score, but I was particularly pleased with how we defended in the closing stages. The boys dug deep, worked hard for each other and showed the determination needed to see out the game.

Evan Davis
Mens 1st XV Coach

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Aylesbury Women – Two Games, Two Big Tests



The women in magenta and black faced two very different challenges, welcoming Datchworth Ferns to Ostler's Field before travelling to ONs for a top-of-the-table clash.

Aylesbury 60–12 Datchworth Ferns

On the back of two strong league wins, the A's welcomed old friends Datchworth Ferns, who have continued to progress up to NC2.

The first half was a cagey affair, with strong tackling from the visitors making it difficult for Aylesbury to find their shape. However, sharp attacks from Leila and Clara saw both cross the line to give the home side a 22–5 half-time lead.

The half-time team talk clearly worked its magic, as the A's came out firing. Finding their shape, carrying hard and exploiting the wide channels, they added to their tally. Prop Beckz crashed over following a well-worked series of pick-and-goes, while hooker Darcey made some fantastic runs, coming up just five metres short on one occasion (and loudly declaring she thought it was the try line!).

A strong second-half display secured a convincing 60–12 win. Full credit to Datchworth, who never stopped playing on the front foot. We look forward to the return fixture.

Forward of the Match: Georgie, for carrying like a freight train and working tirelessly off the ball, always supporting the try scorers.

Back of the Match: Leila, a menace in the wide channels, using her strength and pace to make metres and score a well-deserved try.

Old Northamptions 41–26 Aylesbury Women

Next up was a trip to ONs for a top-of-the-table clash, with everyone knowing this would be the toughest test of the season so far.

Following a minute's silence, the game kicked off with ONs taking advantage of a slow Aylesbury start to score early. The A's soon responded, but ONs dominated the scrums and rucks in a fiercely contested first half. Repeated infringements at the breakdown resulted in a penalty try for the home side, but Aylesbury continued to fight back and keep the scoreboard ticking over.

The A's came out strongly after the break, with slick handling and probing attacks through the wide channels keeping ONs working hard in defence. Despite their efforts, ONs proved worthy winners, taking the game 41–26 after a fantastic contest between two strong sides.

Forward of the Match: Darcey, for another outstanding and solid performance in the front row.

Back of the Match: Baylie, for her slick link play and excellent handling.

Opposition Player: Lou, after another outstanding performance from the menace in the back row!

Two tough but very different challenges, with a convincing home win followed by a hard-fought battle against the league leaders. Plenty of positives, plenty of hard work and lots to build on as the women in magenta and black continue their season.

Toni Addison

Club Womens Captain, ARFC

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Club Events

NOVEMBER

SPONSORS LUNCH
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SATURDAY 28th

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 13th
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LADIES DAY
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SATURDAY 6th

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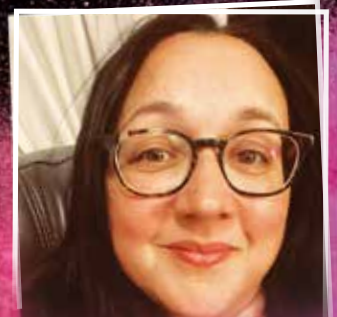
SATURDAY 10th
PRESIDENT'S LUNCH
meet 12 noon - details to follow

All subject to change without prior notification. See also fixture list and club social calendar. NB. Food served before all fixtures.

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ARFC Mens League Tables

1ST XV

REGIONAL 2 THAMES OF LONDON & SE DIVISION

	TEAM	W	D	L	PTS
1	Amersham & Chiltern	6	0	0	30
2	Ealing Trailfinders 1871	5	0	1	26
3	Belsize Park	5	0	1	25
4	Marlow	4	0	2	23
5	**Aylesbury Men I**	**4**	**0**	**2**	22
6	Harpenden	4	0	2	21
6	London Irish Wild Geese	2	0	4	14
8	Beaconsfield	2	0	4	14
9	Old Priorians	2	0	4	14
10	Teddington	1	0	5	8
11	HAC	1	0	5	7
12	Grasshoppers	0	0	6	3

3RD XV

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	TEAM	W	D	L	PTS
1	Bicester II	4	0	0	20
2	Grove II	2	0	1	10
3	Bletchley II	2	0	1	10
6	**Aylesbury Men III**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
5	Chipping Norton	0	0	3	-5
5	Abingdon II	0	0	2	-10

HOME MATCH

AYLESBURY 1st XV

VS

BEACONSFIELD 1st XV

FORWARDS

1. Dayle **COLLINGS** *
2. Ben **AMOS** *
3. Ben **KNIGHT**
4. Jack **WUIDART**
5. James **ATKINSON** *
6. Gareth **ELFORD**
7. James **PHILLIPS** *
8. Jack **TOMINEY** (VC) *

BACKS

9. Will **ANDREWS** *
10. Alex **SHEARER** (C) *
11. Josh **RICHARDSON** *
12. Evan **WAKELAM** *
13. Jonty **CHARLIER** *
14. Matthew **HAWES**
15. Matt **O'SULLIVAN** *

REPLACEMENTS

16. Archie **UMPLEBY-TURNER** *
17. Tommy **BRINDLE** *
18. Cameron **WATKINS**

* *Denotes graduate from Aylesbury RFC Youth Section*

FORWARDS

1. L **GRAHAM**
2. I **GREENE**
3. R **SADLEIR**
4. H **BERRYMAN**
5. B **GUCKLHORN**
6. **J** Findlay
7. L **DAVIS**
8. T **RENDELL**

BACKS

9. S **RIDOUT**
10. O **GRIFFITHS**
11. H **HEWSON**
12. H **REVILL** (c)
13. W **HOWELLS**
14. T **EVANS-PETERS**
15. J **HENDERSON**

REPLACEMENTS

16. J **WALLER**
17. F **TAYLOR**
18. A **LEWIS**

COACHES: LEE IRVINE / EVAN DAVIES / BEN TOMINEY

Thanks to Gamma for being this weekends Match Day Sponsor

HOME MATCH

AYLESBURY 3rd XV VS GROVE 2nd XV

KO: 2pm

FORWARDS

1. Kieron **MOORE**
2. Brandon **SMITH**
3. Nile **WEIR**
4. Thomas **WILTSHIRE**
5. Ewan **BEATTIE**
6. Mike **FORBES**
7. Rob **WARD**
8. Danny **CHOWNS**

BACKS

9. Chris **LEE**
10. Ellis **HAMMOND**
11. Steve **CHURCHILL**
12. Tom **ATES**
13. James **CRONIN**
14. Joao **NOGUEIRA**
15. Nick **HOLDEN**

REPLACEMENTS

16. Connor **WALTER**
17. Ben **NYANZI**
18. Alex **JACKSON**
19. Isaac **GREENWOOD**
20. Leon **SARIKOVAS**

ARFC Women's League Tables

WOMEN'S NC 2 MIDLANDS (SOUTH)

	TEAM	W	D	L	PTS
1	Old Northamptonians Ladies	4	0	0	4
2	Bletchley Women	3	0	2	4
3	**Aylesbury Women I**	**3**	**0**	**1**	4
4	St Neots Ladies	2	0	2	2
5	Stockwood Park Women	2	0	1	1
6	Milton Keynes Women	1	0	2	2
7	Datchworth RFC Ferns	0	0	4	4
8	Olney Ladies	0	0	3	0

1ST XV

Youth Chairman Match Day Report



Another busy few weeks for the Youth Section, with plenty of rugby being played and fantastic numbers continuing across Minis, Junior Boys and Girls.

Minis continue to enjoy great numbers at Wednesday and Sunday sessions, with a brilliant set of fixtures against Chinnor last weekend. Even more encouraging is the number of new players joining the club, particularly at U5/U6 level. It's fantastic to see the next generation starting their rugby journey at Aylesbury!

Our Junior Boys are right in the heart of their competitive season, with all four age groups playing most weekends. The U13s and U14s are regularly fielding two teams, demonstrating the strength and depth we're building. The U14s have progressed through the opening rounds of both the Oxford and Bucks Cups, while the U15s, after coming up against a strong Buckingham side, now continue their Bucks campaign in the Plate. The U16s have also made a strong start to their OBB League season, with two wins from three leaving them second in the table.

There's plenty to celebrate in our Girls Section too. The U12s and U14s now have more than 60 players between them, with matches home and away most weekends.

Our U16 Girls produced another superb performance in the RFU National Cup, securing a convincing second-round victory away at Gosford All Blacks. They are now just one game away from progressing to the next stage!

The U18 Girls are back in action at home this Sunday, taking on Southampton Trojans at 1.30pm, so please come down and give them your support. We're also delighted to welcome Kelvin Nickton back to the U18 coaching team after a few years away on manoeuvres!

Sunday is always one of the busiest days at Aylesbury Rugby Football Club. Come down, grab a drink, enjoy some rugby and see the fantastic energy around our Youth Section.

See you around the club!

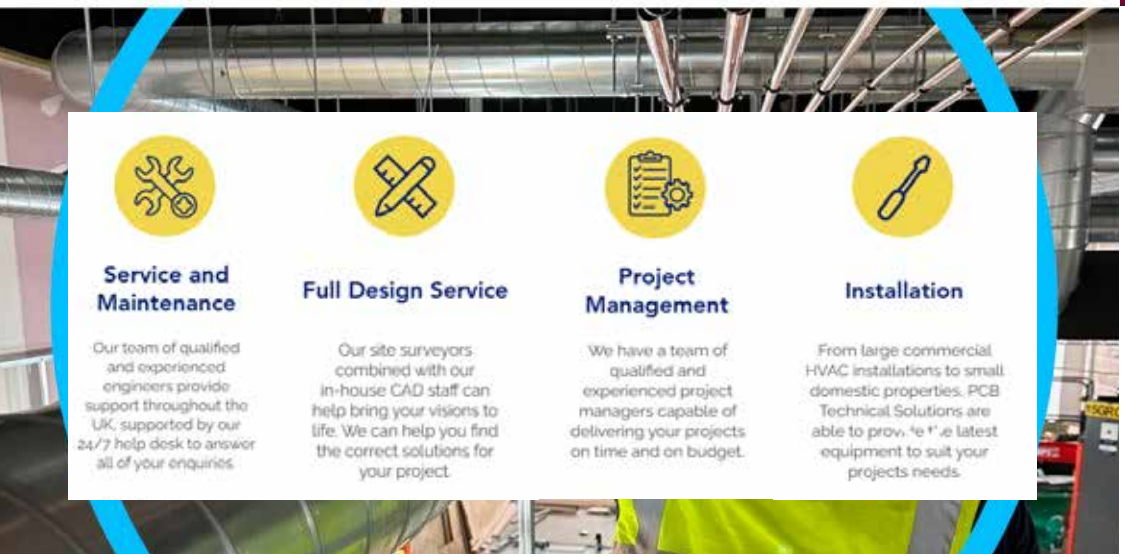
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Paul Andrews

Youth Chairman

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Aylesbury Rugby Club History

From Oak to Icon: The Story of the ARFC Wooden Carved Crest

Welcome to the Club History page, on this match occasion we will look at the carved wooden Aylesbury Rugby Club Badge/Crest.

Among the many treasures that speak to the proud heritage of Aylesbury Rugby Club, few are held with greater affection than the carved wooden ARFC Club Badge, which continues to occupy a place of honour within the Clubhouse. Fashioned in 1981 to commemorate the Club's Jubilee Year, the badge is not merely an object of fine craftsmanship, but a lasting emblem of the devotion, generosity and fellowship that have long distinguished the life of the Club.



The ARFC badge in the process of being carved

The badge owes its existence in no small measure to Bernard James, one of the Club Captains of the 1960s, who, having admired a similar carving at another rugby club, encouraged that such a piece should be commissioned for Aylesbury Rugby Club. The work was entrusted to Mr. John Newton, a retired H.M. District Inspector of Factories from the Salford District Office, who had practiced the art of wood carving since the age of seventeen. When he undertook the task, Mr. Newton was seventy-five years of age and living in retirement in Didsbury, Manchester; yet, despite being wheelchair-bound, he devoted some three months to the work, bringing to it patience, care and excellent skills.

The oak from which the shield was carved came from a cut-off supplied by West & Co.,

The completed carving of the Aylesbury Rugby Football Club Badge



a timber yard in Sussex, and the finished badge requires only occasional waxing and polishing to preserve its appearance.

Most touching of all, however, is the spirit in which the work was given. Mr. Newton sought no payment for either the timber or his labour, asking only that a donation of approximately £20 to be made to a charity of his choosing. A photograph of the presentation appeared in the Bucks Herald, and to this day the badge remains proudly displayed in the Clubhouse as an enduring reminder of Aylesbury Rugby Club's history, its traditions, and the generosity of those whose quiet service has helped sustain the club throughout the years.

Peter Bauuard

Club Historian

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#COYA's Column

The Grounds Team - The Toughest Match: Battling the Elements

When you look out at the pitch today, it might look like a standard field of green. However, over the last two seasons, keeping our grass safe and playable has become one of the toughest challenges on our club's calendar.

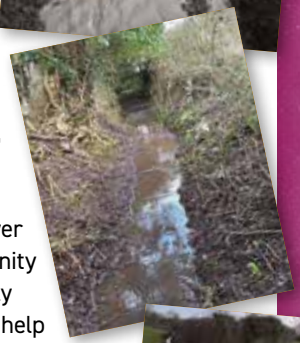
Across the UK, grassroots rugby is facing a critical grounds maintenance crisis, and our dedicated volunteer grounds team are working overtime to keep our fixtures on schedule.

Our primary opponent hasn't been a rival team; it has been the increasingly extreme British weather. We have found ourselves trapped in a difficult cycle, shifting rapidly from historic winter flooding to record-breaking summer droughts.

During the winter months, unrelenting rainfall routinely tests our drainage to its absolute limits. When the ground becomes saturated, a single heavy scrum can tear up the turf and destroy the root system for months. To combat this, our grounds crew recently undertook a massive clearing project. The team spent weekends hacking back years of heavy overgrowth in our boundary ditches by hand and brought in a digger to excavate a brand-new drainage channel. Thanks to this, water is finally flowing efficiently off the site rather and hopefully not pooling on the playing surfaces.

As if the weather wasn't enough, the team is also managing a growing problem with rabbits digging holes across our second and fourth team pitches. This has added a critical safety task to Saturday and Sunday mornings, requiring the team to arrive at dawn to find and fill these craters before players take the field.







Every line painted, every ditch cleared, and every single rabbit hole filled is done to ensure player safety. As a community club, we rely entirely on our members to help protect and look after our home turf.

How you can help:

- Please stay off and out of areas that are cordoned off—it is done for a reason.
- Spread out your warm-ups across the whole pitch, rather than using the same sections nearest the entrance to the pitches.
- Report any ground hazards.

Enjoy the match and thank you for supporting Aylesbury!

The Grounds Team

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CLUB LEGENDS

CLUB LEGEND: Gary Pearce
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Position: Prop



England Career

Gary made his England debut against Scotland in 1979, playing in all of the Five Nations matches that year alongside fellow greats of the game including Bill Beaumont and Roger Uttley. In the newspapers just before his debut, Gary was quoted as saying, *"I owe a great deal to my old club Aylesbury."*

His international career spanned 12 years until his final match in 1991, making him a mainstay of the England pack throughout the 1980s. In total, he collected 36 caps—at the time making him England's most-capped prop. He represented England in 27 Five Nations matches, 4 matches across two World Cups (1987 and 1991), and 5 standalone tests against New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, and Argentina. And, in true old-school front-row fashion, he finished his international career without ever scoring a point for England.

Northampton Saints

Gary Pearce joined Northampton Saints in 1978 on a four-match trial from Aylesbury and stayed until 1996. He became one of only six players in club history to reach the 400-appearance milestone, finishing with 411 first-team games. As a technically skilled tighthead prop, he anchored the scrum throughout the amateur era. Appointed club captain in 1989, Pearce led the Saints to promotion back to the top flight and captained them in the 1991 Pilkington Cup Final at Twickenham. His performances earned him consecutive Supporters' Player of the Year awards in 1990 and 1991, cementing his place in the club's Hall of Fame.

Coming Home

Gary returned to our Club as a player and 1st XV Coach following his time at the Saints. To quote one well-known member: *"It was one of the greatest privileges of my life to have played alongside him."* Gary remains a proud supporter of Aylesbury Rugby Football Club—if you get a chance to meet him at the club, make sure to say hello.

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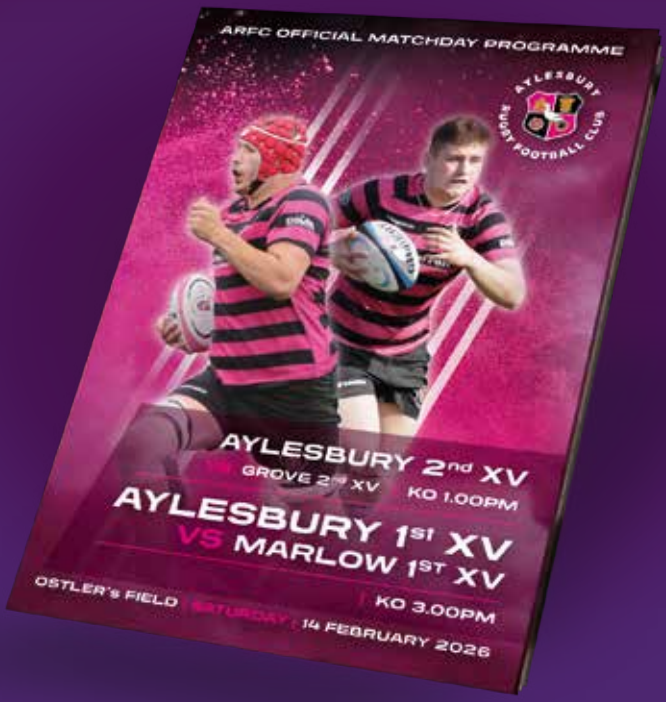
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