

LSRUR

End of Season Newsletter



What has happened
during the season
and what to look
forward to....

Chairman's Note

What has been a most unusual season is beginning to draw to a close and it is one that none of us expected or have experienced before. I sincerely hope that we are able to resume rugby activities as per normal, when the new season begins in September; fingers crossed. I had a run out at Vipers earlier today (Sunday), under the revised Covid Laws and I must say it felt really good to be out in the middle again. The players (U16's) coped very well and the game was quite fast paced and enjoyed by all concerned. Not quite a return to normal but not far off!

With little or no rugby all season, the Committee have still been working hard in the background, on all sorts of projects and house keeping.

We now have the LSRUR app, where members can look at all their fixtures, details of local Clubs and contacts of other members within the Society.

The new LSRUR online shop for kit and regalia is now live and available for members. Please do feel free to take a look and order away, if you have not already done so. The next issue of refereeing/match observing kit for all qualifying members has arrived and will be distributed at the August members meeting.

New RFU regulations make a valid DBS certificate mandatory for referees officiating all age grade rugby. We have been working hard to process members applications, despite Covid restrictions and we are about half way through all applications.

We continued to hold members meetings throughout the season, via Zoom and, whilst not quite the same as meeting in person, it served as a good medium for everyone to keep in touch. George has been working hard organising training sessions throughout the season. These have included sessions lead by four Premiership referees, which were really well received by all concerned. Evening fitness sessions around the County have now resumed; please do come along to any of the sessions as the Social side of meeting up is proving as useful as the running around!

The new Dinner Sub Committee have been doing amazing work. The dinner for our 125th anniversary season has already been organised with Nigel Owen as the main speaker. Unbelievably, the dinner has already sold out and we also have a reserve list; it promises to be a fantastic evening.

Cliff has a potential of 8 new referees for the start of the new season and has been working hard carrying out safety briefings and observing/supporting at their first games. This bodes really well for our membership numbers moving forward.

All in all, quite a busy time and I must thank all members of the Committee for their continued hard work and support; it is much appreciated. We are hoping to hold an actual AGM, towards the end of June, covid restrictions permitting. Watch this space for further details.

Enjoy the summer months, keep in shape and I look forward to catching up with you all in the near future.

Kind Regards

Mark

Mark Elliott

Chairman

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees



Covid Struck

As covid hit the world we have all had to make sacrifices and rugby was one of them. We have had rugby cancelled, rules changed, laws changed and then dates given and then dates changed. We are now coming to the end of the season and now hopefully coming through the other side. The picture below sums up what we had to view week on week with it forever changing.

The society has made several changes to the way we do things and we are surely leading the way in county refereeing. This newsletter is just to show what we have done this season and what we have to look forward to next season.


**England
Rugby**

RETURN TO RUGBY ROAD MAP: COMMUNITY GAME V1 - 05/03/21

FOR INFORMATION ON USE OF CLUBHOUSES, CHANGING ROOMS AND OFF-FIELD PROTOCOLS, PLEASE SEE ENGLANDRUGBY.COM/CORONAVIRUS

PHASED RETURN

CURRENT STATUS

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING WITH ONE OTHER PERSON

UNTIL 29TH MARCH

READY4 RUGBY & SOME CONTACT TRAINING

FROM 29TH MARCH

ADAPTED LAW MATCHES

FROM 26TH APRIL

FULL CONTACT TRAINING

PROVISIONALLY WHEN STEP 3 OF GOVERNMENT ROADMAP REACHED (NOT BEFORE)

FULL CONTACT MATCHES

2 WEEKS AFTER STAGE E1 REACHED

ALL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

NOT BEFORE STEP 4 OF GOVERNMENT ROADMAP REACHED (COULD BE LATER)

PERMITTED ACTIVITY

CURRENT LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS REMAIN

INDIVIDUALS ALLOWED TO EXERCISE WITH ONE OTHER FROM ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES ABLE TO PLAY TO STAGE D1 INTERNALLY FROM 8TH MARCH

CONTACT TRAINING (EXCLUDING SCRUM & MAUL)

READY4RUGBY, O2 TOUCH & TAG MATCHES AGAINST OTHER CLUBS

CONTACT TRAINING (STILL EXCLUDING SCRUM & MAUL)

ADULT & AGE GRADE MATCHES, WITH ADAPTED LAWS (NO SCRUM & MAUL)

FULL CONTACT TRAINING (INCLUDING SCRUM & MAUL)

ADULT FULL CONTACT MATCHES *

SOME OFF FIELD RESTRICTIONS LIKELY TO STILL APPLY

ALL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

PLEASE NOTE

*Age Grade out of season activity (after 31st May) permitted in line with revised RFU training and playing guidance to follow

- Progression to the next set of Age Grade rules, along with any dispensations for 17 year olds to play adult rugby, are suspended until 1st January 2022
- All adult and age grade competitions anticipated to start in September as normal, under full laws
- References to contact rugby includes 15s, 10s and 7s
- Stages B & C in previous roadmaps are no longer currently relevant due to changes in Government restrictions



Training from Premiership Referees

We have been lucky enough to have four members from the PGMOT run training session for us this year.

Massive thanks to;

Christophe Ridley for his presentation on management

George Selwood for his presentation on Fitness, nutrition and body management

Craig Maxwell-Keys for his presentation on Lineout-maul

Jack Makepeace for his presentation on the new protocols and directives seen in the premiership.

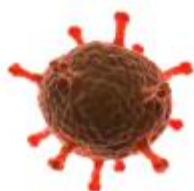




Zoom AGM & Training sessions

My first year of training officer and it wasn't completely as expected.

No live sessions meant that it was to be done online. The society signed up to zoom so we could deliver all our sessions for our members from the safety of their homes. We also recorded all of these sessions and posted to our new YouTube Chanel so that members could view the training at a later date.

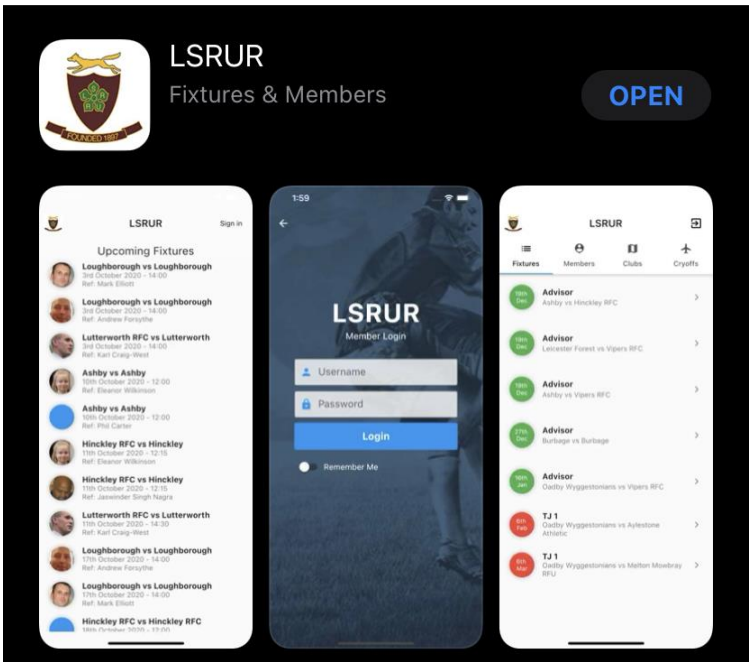


Equipment, Apps & Partnerships

We have purchased filming equipment so that we may film some of our referees to aid with their training and development. This will also help us find clips to use in training sessions that are more relevant for our level of refereeing.

We now have an LSRUR app that gives each member lists of fixtures, contact details of referee and clubs as well as directions to the club they may be refereeing at. We are the first society in the country to do this and it has been a real success.

We have also collaborated with university to help their referees improve and help the society gain young, fit and willing referees.



Online kit shop

We now have an online Kit shop to purchase stash from to represent the society. As usual our committed referees will get Shirt, Shorts, Socks and underlayer to referee in. However, referees will now build up points for every game they do to spend in the shop on things they would like. There is an incredible range of items including padded jackets, assessor jackets and Gilets.



SemiFit Playing Shirt (Mens)

£40.00



SemiFit Alternative Playing Kit (Mens)

£40.00



Pro Quilted Padded Jacket

£50.00



Assessor Jacket

£65.00



Fitness Training over the summer

We are looking to hold fitness training 3 times a week over the summer in different locations around the county.



Wednesday
Intervals
Burbage rugby club
6pm
Contact – Andrew Forsythe

Thursday
Cycling
Melton
6pm
Contact – George Richardson



Tuesday
Intervals
Loughborough
6pm
Contact – Mark Elliott



Touch rugby sessions:
Monday: Aylestone Athletic
Thursday: Birstall
Saturday: Coalville



Anniversary Dinner – 22nd April 2022

We are looking to hold our 125th Anniversary dinner on 22nd April 2022 at 7pm. This event has now completely sold out but we do have individual tickets for members to purchase or a couple of corporate tables to sponsor.



22nd April 2022
7.00pm
Mattioli Woods Welford Road Stadium
4 course meal
125th year memento
After Dinner Speaker: Nigel Owens
& After Dinner Comedian

125th Anniversary Dinner

with after dinner speaker: Nigel Owens



£60 per person or £500 for table of 10. Please contact;
Johnhaggart64@sky.com



Presidents Lunch 125 years – 26th September 2021

We are looking to hold our Presidents lunch on Sunday 26th September at 1pm meet for 1.30pm sit down. Tickets always sell out very quickly so please get in touch with kerrel as soon as possible.

Lunch menu and prices are on the next page with contact details. It is always fantastic value for money and an exceptional day out.

This is however subject to change based on government guidelines but I am confident this will go ahead. We will keep you updated with the latest information.





President’s Lunch MENU

Longcliffe Golf Club – Sunday 26th September 2021

Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan, Loughborough, LE11 3YA **13:00 for 13:30**

Select from

Starters

- 1 Fan of Melon and Berries
- 2 Traditional Prawn Cocktail with Brown Bread
- 3 Duck Liver and Orange Pate served with Melba Toast
- 4 Deep Fried Brie Wedges with a chilli dipping sauce

Mains

- 5 Roast Leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce
- 6 Roast Pork with Stuffing and Apple Sauce
- 7 Poached Salmon Fillet, served with Watercress Sauce
- 8 Wexford Cheese Tart with Tomato Salsa

All served with a selection of fresh seasonal vegetables, roast and new potatoes.

Desserts

- 9 Summer Fruit Eton Mess
- 10 Apple Crumble with Custard
- 11 Lemon and Lime Cheesecake
- 12 Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee/Tea and Chocolates

First Name	Surname	Starter Number	Main Number	Dessert Number	Contact Number	Any dietary comments

Cost is £20.00 per person – Payments to be transferred by the 31st August 2021

The Society puts a bottle of red and white wine on each table

Bank Transfer LSRUR 12-20-26 01875248

Please send your completed form to Kerrel Wills, 10 Brook House Close, Rearsby, LE7 4YG or email kerrel.wills@kewtiger.co.uk



AGM – 28th June 2021

We are looking to hold our annual general meeting in person on Monday 28th June at 7pm. This is however subject to change based on government guidelines. We will keep you updated with the latest information.



LSRUR Officers & Committee members

Mark Elliot



Chairman and Appointments Secretary

Kerrel Wills



President and re-appointments Secretary

Jenny Renton



Honorary Treasurer

John Hill



Honorary Secretary

Cliff Hawkins



Recruitment Officer

Andrew Forsythe



Data Officer

Peter Bower



Grading Officer

Duncan Chandler



Sunday Appointments

Louis Maserella



Mid-week Appointments

George Richardson



Promotions and Training Officer

Geoff Blackburn



Match Observer Development Officer

Rob Knapp



Exchange Appointments



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See you next season
for hopefully a season
filled of rugby.