



It doesn't seem possible that the 23/24 rugby season is now drawing to a close- where does the time go?! It's been another good year for the club, and I'm sure, after a few weekends away from the Tomlin Ground, we will all be willing September to arrive!

Following a brilliant win over Crowborough (27-0) in the last match of the season, in front of a great home lunch crowd, the 1XV finished the season in 10th place in the Counties 1 Kent league. What a great way to finish the season and cement their place in the same league for the 24/25 season! The Nomads also finished the season in style with a very impressive win at home against Gillingham Anchorians and are looking forward to playing their rugby in the Kent A Rural league in September. The senior men now take a well-earned break for a few weeks before starting Summer Touch. If you'd like to get your boots on, then do drop Chris Catt a message on 07715 670341.



The Ladies have been enjoying training and playing both league and friendly games with the joint Cranbrook/Maidstone ladies' team, giving all the ladies at both clubs plenty of quality training and match time. A very impressive home win (29-7) against Gravesend Ladies was a great way to finish the season, before re- entering the RFU leagues in September. The ladies have now started fitness sessions every Thursday evening at 7pm (all welcome), before summer touch (open to all young ladies over 12 years of age) and preseason training starts in June. Now is a great time for any ladies to give rugby a try so please do get in touch with Lyndsey on 07850 388491.

The Falcons (Colts) finished off a great season with a brilliant win (36-24) against Crowborough. The older members of the squad are now invited to join the senior men, while the U17's are looking forward to next season, actively recruiting to build numbers in the squad at both U17 and U18 so please do get in touch with Fran on 07646 643243 if you'd like to be part of this great team. Good luck to all those Falcons taking A Levels this summer, and don't forget you are always welcome to play for Cranbrook in Uni/college/work breaks!





The juniors have now finished competing in the Kent Waterfall and League competitions, with some great results across the section. The U12's have certainly been enjoying playing their rugby as juniors this season culminating in a tight win 15-10 over TJ's (a team that beat them at the beginning of the season). The U13's, having won 8-0 in their last Kent waterfall match against Beccehamians, finished top of their pool, and then came runners up in the Kent 7's plate final. The U14's have had a mixed season following moving up in the Kent pool system but valuable

experiences learnt as they look towards the step into U15's next season. They had a very successful tour to Leicester a few weeks' ago- lots of fun and memories made! The U15's have also had a mixed league run with good results and some hard defeats, but competed well in a tournament at Hastings last week and are now looking forward to their tour to Great Yarmouth next weekend.

The junior girls have continued with great success in their training and matches, in their joint teams with Tonbridge Juddians and Tunbridge Wells girls. We have had a couple of girls also competing for Kent U16's in County matches- well done girls! Any girls that would like to give rugby a try or get back to the game can contact Lyndsey on 07850 388491. Ladies summer touch is open to all over 12-year-olds so a great opportunity to come and meet other rugby mad girls and ladies at the club!



The mini section entered and had great fun at the Minis Kent Festivals a few weeks ago, but the highlight of their season has to be the very successful Fergy Gask inter- age group touch tournament held last weekend. In memory of Fergy, the minis players and coaches all competed for the trophy but the mighty U7's were the victors (I believe for the 2nd year running?!) They also raised just under £1000 on the day for The Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity in a raffle to win a Harlequins signed shirt. It was great to have the support of a Quins Community Coach on the day, who presented the club with an affiliation to Harlequins plaque- that will certainly be up in the clubhouse soon! The mini's

end of season tour to Leicester heads off this weekend- I'm sure lots of fun will be had by the young and slightly older tourists!



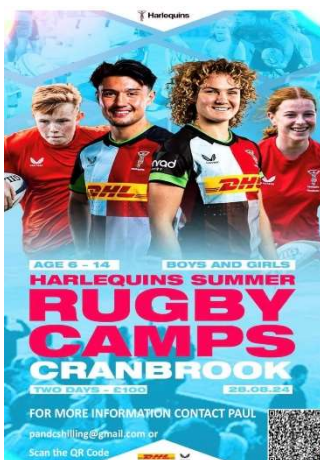
Last weekend saw the Tom Chantler Memorial Game, where Cranbrook Vets competed against Maidstone Vets for the TC cup. Following a draw in last year's match, the Cranbrook team, most of whom hadn't played since the match last April (or even longer in some cases!) really did pull out all the stops and secured the win against the Maidstone Vets team. To hold with tradition, Port was drunk at half time, and post-match, everyone raised a glass to Tom and enjoyed delicious paella- TC certainly would have enjoyed the day! Thanks to

Chris Hambridge, Andy Clarke and Tom Brooks for ensuring the day was a fitting tribute to Tom.

Cricket- The cricket season starts this weekend, and thanks must go to Lucy Grigson for all her work on continuing to ensure Cricket at Cranbrook continues. Lucy really does need a few extra pairs of hands to make sure the age groups run smoothly so please do get on touch with Lucy on grigsonlucy@gmail.com if you are able to help out over the cricket season this summer. Remember, if you have a paid 23/24 rugby season membership, then cricket for your little players is included!

Club Lunches- The last club lunch of the season, The Sponsors & Volunteers Lunch, took place at the beginning of April and gave the club an opportunity to thank our Sponsors and Volunteers that give go generously of their time and support across the season. Thanks must go to Chris, Julie and Jess Hambridge, as well as all those roped in to help and make the day such a success. When we have the league fixtures for next season, we will publish the lunch dates for your diaries but as a "heads up", the first lunch will be the Presidents Lunch on the 28th September. If you would like to attend, then please do reserve your place with Chris at chris@mcveighparker.co.uk As a reminder, club lunches are open to all members, sponsors and guests.

The opportunity for anyone to take charge and organise one, two or all of these lunches is always open. Should anyone wish to utilise their own children and friends as staff and arrange the whole lunch from bookings to chef to serving please register your interest Chris who would be only too helpful to discuss!



SAVE THE DATE

Harlequins Summer Camp at CRFC- Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th August 2024- see poster or contact Paul Shilling pandcshilling@gmail.com for more details
AND
 CRFC Cricket Skills 29th- 31st May- see poster for booking or go to Skillz website



Clubhouse Development- At the lunch at the beginning of April, and a few times since, the Clubhouse Development team have been able to show the whole club the proposed plans and CGI's for the new clubhouse, with very enthusiastic support received in return. The team hope to submit the planning application in the next few weeks. This development is obviously going to come at a cost, but hopefully if we all pull together as a club, we can reach our goal to have a clubhouse that is practical to be used by the members and the whole local community, which is environmentally sustainable and can take us through another 50 plus years of Cranbrook Sports Club. If you'd like to chat further, would like to be part of the fundraising team or indeed, can help the club either with build services or help financially, or if you have any questions, then please do get in touch as the development team would be happy to discuss further clubhouse@cranbrookrugby.com

Autumn International Tickets- The club has received its allocation of tickets for the 2024 Autumn Internationals at Twickenham. If you would like to purchase tickets for England v New Zealand, England v Australia, England v South Africa or England v Japan then please contact Adrian on foulkes330@btinternet.com Ticket numbers available are limited (other than for Japan game) and will be sold on a first come, first served basis so please contact Adrian asap.

500 Club- The club has for many years run a "500 Club", with monthly draws made and prizes won. We would like to "relaunch" this and invite new members and supporters to sign up to the monthly cash draws. For £5 per month, you could be in with a chance of winning a share of the monthly "pot". Please contact Lyndsey Posey on cranbrook_ladies_team@outlook.com to be part of this monthly club fundraising draw. The monthly winners will be contacted directly and announced on our social media pages.

Walking Rugby- The Ladies Walking Rugby sessions that started at the club in March are very popular with everyone getting to grips with passing backwards and not running! Held in partnership with Highgate Hawkhurst WI, with no mud or tackling involved, and taking place every other Friday at 2pm, we invite ladies of any age from the club or the local community to come and join the fun- tea, coffee and cake will also be on offer! Contact Rachel on 07786 222637



**Cranbrook Sports Club
are hosting a...**

SCHOOLS OUT DISCO 2024!

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

**Summer
Party**

Cranbrook Sports Club is pleased to welcome all children to their
SCHOOLS OUT SUMMER DISCO 2024!

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 19th, 2024 from 5pm

School-aged children from Reception to Year 6
Enjoy Hot Food, Drinks & Fun!

Exciting plans are underway for an amazing disco. Stay tuned for details

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult, and the
bar will be open for everyone to enjoy!

For more information get in touch on 07510569709

Schools Out Disco 19th July 2024 from 5pm-

Exciting new event for the youngest members of the community- open to all school aged children from Reception to Year 6

Please share and invite along friends (no need to be a Cranbrook Sports Club member) OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN

Hot food, drinks and fun for the children, and the adults as the bar will be open!

For more information please contact Charlotte on 07510 569709

Become a Referee? - As you may know, we currently have two club members that are refereeing for the Kent Society of Referee's. Both Steen and Isaac are thoroughly enjoying the experience that being a county ref brings (as well as putting their hands up to ref club junior matches when they can). The support that they both receive from the Society in the form of ongoing training, match day assessors and thus, the assistance with their progression through the Refereeing Levels means that they would really recommend that if anyone else is considering a role as a referee, to pick up the whistle and go for it! The Kent Society of Referee's are running an "Introduction to Refereeing" course at Aylesford Bulls RFC on Sunday 12th May (9-4pm). If you are interested in attending or learning more then please contact admin@kentrefs.co.uk



Last Sunday, Isaac (one of last year's CRFC Colts) was one of 9 Kent refs selected by The Kent Society of Rugby Football Union Referees to referee at Twickenham for the Community Take Over Day. The refs all had a fantastic time refereeing (and being assistant refs) for the 12 matches across the day- how could they not....Refereeing at the home of English Rugby?!

Volunteers- As we all know, the club is run by volunteers for its members, but for it to continue to thrive, develop and grow, we are looking for a few more people to help out with a few tasks please! A few roles that we need help with asap are:

- * Marketing (including website, internal marketing & social media presence)
- * Fundraising
- * Cricket Team Managers (for matches and tournaments so not necessarily every week)
- * Rugby Safe Lead (First Aid Lead)
- * Risk Assessments

If you can help at all, then please do get in touch with Michelle at michelleforknallcrfc@gmail.com

Pitch Improvement Works- Following our successful bid for some Section 106 monies from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, drainage and improvement works will commence in the next few weeks on Fitz. These works will have a positive impact on pitch availability throughout the whole rugby season moving forward- we just need the weather to play ball now so that the works can be completed and the grass re-established in the best conditions!