

# ORUFC NEWS



Orrell Rugby Union Football Club

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## THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT—THE FUTURE'S BLACK AND AMBER

There's a lot of news to catch up on since our last newsletter. Things are moving on apace with the development of our new home on the land next door to Winstanley College and we've set up a new Fundraising Group to help raise the funds for the work to be carried out. Rugby wise, we have a new Head of Coaching, our 2XV are through to the next round of the Brooke Edgley Technical Services Shield and our U14/U15 Lions are through to the next round of the Lancashire Cup. Read on for more news, updates, events and our fixtures.

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## Keeping up to date with all things Orrell RUFC



Did you know that you can now download a copy of the Match Day Programme from our website. So, even if you can't get to the match, you don't have to miss out on the latest news, team updates, fixtures and results.

Just go to our website [www.orrellrugbyunion.com](http://www.orrellrugbyunion.com) and click on Information/ Match Day Programmes.

# Presenting **NEIL BACK** our guest speaker for the 2018 Orrell RUFC Annual Sports Dinner on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Regrettably**, Nigel Owens is now unable to speak at the Orrell Sports Dinner on 8th March, due to on-going rugby & filming commitments. We are happy to say that he has agreed to reschedule for 2019 and the Club are currently in discussions with him to find a mutually convenient date.

However, the Club is delighted to announce that the 2003 World Cup winner and member of the legendary England back row, Neil Back MBE has agreed to speak at the dinner instead.

Synonymous with one of the world's most celebrated sports, Rugby legend Neil Back continued to make his mark on the face of international rugby throughout his long career.

Capped 66 Times for England and touring three times with British & Irish Lions, 1997 SA series winners, 2001 Australia, 2005 NZ - winning a total of 5 caps. Deemed too small to become an international player, through dedication and sheer hard work, Neil secured his place in the now famous England back row of Hill, Dallaglio and Back.



Renowned for his passion, dedication and incredible skill on the pitch, Neil Back is a true sportsman. His tenacity and spirit guar-

anteed that he was an instrumental part of England's 2003 world cup winning side and his unwavering dedication to the sport has continually reinforced his position as one of the most recognisable and influential players that the sport has seen in recent times. The Club is absolutely delighted that Neil will be joining us for our Sports Dinner and are really looking forward to listening to him talk about his life and outstanding rugby career.

We still have a few tickets left for this great evening of entertainment. Tickets are priced at £45 a head and can be booked via Dave Hewlett or email enquiries@orrellrugbyunion.com.

Don't miss out on your chance to hear one of England's finest rugby legends and perhaps do a bit of networking (euphemism for having a drink) with friends and guests and a thoroughly enjoyable night courtesy of Orrell RUFC.

Testimonials such as the one below have only added to our excitement for the evening:

*"I picked up Neil from his Hotel and he was waiting for me in reception. He was immaculately dressed and straight away he came across in a friendly manner. In the back of my car was my wife and two of my boys Cameron (13) and Rory (11). Neil introduced himself and immediately started talking to my boys about their rugby. We arrived at the rugby club and Neil continued his conversation with the boys for another five minutes. He then did something very special. He pulled out his World Cup medal and handed it to Rory.*



*Well the look on that little boys face was priceless. As soon as we entered the clubhouse Neil introduced himself to some of the guests. He was relaxed and came across as sincere and genuinely interested in them. Neil's speech was excellent. It was just the right length and had many funny stories as well as giving an insight into Premiership rugby and that 2003 World Cup campaign. Neil was eager to keep things moving along as he wanted to get into the bar so he could mingle with the guests. He wanted to be a part of the event and wanted to make sure that our guests could talk with him in a more relaxed environment. I have had lots of very positive feedback from the conversations our guest had with Neil. At midnight Neil's taxi arrived. I said that we had to go but I could see he was not ready and asked if he would like me to put the taxi back. 'Yes please' was his reply. I think again this showed that Neil was not just there to grab his fee and go. He genuinely wanted to have a good night out with like-minded people.*

*So a great and genuine guy who put his heart and soul into the night. Chairman Whitchurch Rugby Mini & Junior Section*

# Presenting **DR JOHN MORGAN of BUCKET AND SPONGE** as our headline sponsor for the 2018 Orrell Sports Dinner

We are even more delighted to announce that club sponsor & long-time friend of Orrell RUFC, **Dr John Morgan of Bucket & Sponge**, will be our first sponsor of the event.

So, who is **Dr John Morgan/Bucket and Sponge** and why does he support Orrell RUFC? Some of you will know **Bucket and Sponge** as our medical services/physio provider on a game day; but did you know that Bucket and Sponge Medical Services have been providing medical services to Orrell RUFC for the past 7 seasons – in fact - since the business was established!



Prior to that, since 2001, Dr John Morgan, Clinical Director of Bucket and Sponge Medical Services, has been involved with the Club providing his services as Club Doctor to Orrell through both our amateur and professional eras.

**Dr Morgan said: "It has been an honour and privilege to support such a great club like Orrell RUFC and long may it continue".**

Well known in the world of sport, Dr John has acted as Physician to Lancashire Rugby Union and is the current doctor of Orrell Rugby Union Club, and of the Ireland National rugby team. Dr John is a Fellow of the Faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and The Royal College of Physicians in Ireland. The award was made to mark his outstanding contribution to sports and exercise medicine. Dr John has a interest in the prevention, conditioning and rehabilitation of the injuries of sports people. He loves sports medicine practice because of patients' high expectations of themselves, their strong work ethic, and their persistence in pursuing their goals.

The club is absolutely delighted that Dr John/Bucket & Sponge will be sponsoring our Sports Dinner and, over the coming weeks, we will be telling you more about Bucket and Sponge and their involvement with the Club and our other sponsors.



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The dinner will be held at Houghwood Golf Club on Thursday, 8th March. There are a small number of tickets left, so if you would like to join us on what will be a great evening of entertainment, contact either Dave Hewlett or email [enquires@orrellrugbyunion.com](mailto:enquires@orrellrugbyunion.com).



# MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF COACHING

## PAUL WINGFIELD



Orrell RUFC are delighted to announce the appointment of Paul Wingfield as our new Head Coach for Open Age rugby.

*"I'm delighted to be joining Orrell RUFC as Head of Coaching at such an important time in the club's history.*

*"After the recent announcement of planning permission being granted on our new shared sports facility at Winstanley Road, the committee, coaches and players face some stern but exciting challenges over the next few years. To be part of that journey working alongside an army of volunteers and sponsors was an opportunity that I just couldn't say no to" he continued.*

Paul commenced his new duties at the open age training session on Wednesday, 10th January. Paul is an ex professional Rugby league player and coach and joins us from Waterloo where he was the Assistant Coach. He will join the existing coaching team, who are extremely happy to have Paul on board.

*"We were impressed by his enthusiasm and ambition to play a particular style of rugby which we think will suit our players. We are delighted to welcome him to the Orrell family and look forward to working with him" said Bill Lyons, President of Orrell Rugby Union Club.*

### **2XV are through to the Quarter Final Draw for the Brooke Edgley Specialist Technical Services Shield - 10 February 2018**

Following a great match against Thornton Cleveleys 2XV, (including a Rob Farrar hat trick) our 2XV were drawn away to Knutsford in the quarter final of the Shield. The match will be played on Saturday, 10th February 2018 at Knutsford RUFC.



# SALE SHARKS DEVELOPMENT PLAYER PROGRAMME & ORUFC

The DPP is a joint initiative between Sale Sharks and the RFU. It is designed to provide enhanced development opportunities for the best young players in the North West and 'first opportunity to identify players with the greatest potential to enter the pathway towards the professional game.

The programme engages players aged 13-16 years old and runs from 6 centres across the North West into a schedule of delivery that compliments school, club and county playing programmes.

Our very own **ORUFC Under 14/15's Head Coach and Mini & Junior Chairman Chris Gibson** is involved in the programme as a Merseyside District DPP Coach.

*"I'm proud to have been involved in the programme for the past two seasons. This area boasts a wealth of young talent and last season five of our Under 13/14s ORUFC players represented their club as successful entrants onto the programme. This season we have increased that number to six players from our talented Under 14/15s squad. I would like to congratulate Dylan Hartley and Gabe Mault who have been selected to enter the Lancashire County Programme. Gabe has also been selected to enter the Sale Sharks Academy Development Group. This is not only a reflection of the commitment and skill of the players but also a reflection on the high level of coaching that we are proud to deliver at ORUFC"*

DPP Under 14/15s Players 2017/18 season

- ♦ Tom Campbell | Dylan Hartley | Kristian Gibson
- ♦ Tom Lee | Gabe Mault | Dasos Papakyriacou



## Orrell 2XV Fixtures and Results

<b>02-Sep-17</b>	<b>Leyland Warriors 1</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>30-10 L</b>
<b>09-Sep-17</b>	Broughton 2	H	0-0 W
<b>16-Sep-17</b>	Leigh 3	A	19-24 W
<b>23-Sep-17</b>	Vale of Lune 4* CUP	H	47-11 W
<b>30-Sep-17</b>	Fylde 4	A	19-19 D
<b>07-Oct-17</b>	Bury 2	H	40-7 W
<b>14-Oct-17</b>	Bury2 (Cup)	A	24-26 W
<b>21-Oct-17</b>	Sedgley Park 4	A	20-22 W
<b>28-Oct-17</b>	Rochdale 3	H	10-17 L
<b>04-Nov-17</b>	Thornton Cleveleys 2	A	12-22 L
<b>11-Nov-17</b>	Clitheroe 2	H	22-12 W
<b>25-Nov-17</b>	Hawcoat Park 2	A	P
<b>02-Dec-17</b>	Blackburn 3	H	P
<b>09-Dec-17</b>			
<b>16-Dec-17</b>	Tyldesley	A	3-2
<b>23-Dec-17</b>	Hawcoat Park 2	A	P
<b>06-Jan-18</b>	Leigh 3	H	18-10 W
<b>13-Jan-18</b>	Vale of Lune 4	A	27-49 W
<b>20-Jan-18</b>	Fylde 4	H	22-13 W
<b>27-Jan-18</b>	Bury 2	A	24:26 W
<b>03-Feb-18</b>	Sedgley Park 4	H	36-0 W
<b>17-Feb-18</b>	Rochdale 3	A	0-0
<b>03-Mar-18</b>	Thornton Cleveleys 2	H	0-0
<b>10-Mar-18</b>	Clitheroe 2	A	0-0
<b>24-Mar-18</b>	Hawcoat Park 2	H	0-0
<b>07-Apr-18</b>	Blackburn 3	A	0-0
<b>14-Apr-18</b>			
<b>21-Apr-18</b>	Leyland Warriors 1		0-0

### Orrell U9s Vs Liverpool St Helens U9s—Sunday, 28 January 2018

This return fixture was a test of how far Orrell U9s had progressed this season, after a total walloping early on in the season, Orrell knew that only a gritty and spirited display would bring the confidence and maturity to these young players that has been long overdue. Even though the end result was in favour of the visitors, it was Orrell who gained more from this match proving to themselves that self believe and working together can bring success in the remaining games this season.



Orrell scored many tries, held the opposition back in their own half on numerous occasions and had long periods of play, all very different from the game early October. Orrell refused to be bullied around and produced moments of skill, power and determination to give encouragement to all involved. The team are now relishing the physical encounters— being involved in many areas of play and making good progress in the union code, and the squad are now looking much more confident.



# Presenting Orrell RUFC's very own Inner Warriors

The England RFU tag line is #this girl can and these girls certainly can!



Since Christmas our girls team have really put their heart and souls into their training and their game culminating in a fantastic pitch up and play day at Sedgely Park. Week 1 started with a team building exercise, improving their hand eye co-ordination with some ten-pin bowling. Week 2 was very different with training being moved to Winstanley to ensure the frost didn't get the better of us but instead the

Arctic blast came in and left 7 very brave yet cold warriors training in the snowy conditions. Photographs would have been taken but everyone's hands were just too cold. Week 3 was game week!! After a training session our u13's travelled to Sedgely Park to take part in RFU's pitch up and play event and had a great time representing the club. Very well done to everyone who took part especially Ellen, Angel and Toni.



Saturday, 3rd Feb saw all of our girls, both U13s and U15s, travel to Preston Grasshoppers for some game time. Another great turn out from our girls on a wet and muddy field but great fun and an absolutely fantastic day was had by all. These girls were excellent ambassadors and representatives of Orrell RUFC.



# OUR FIELD OF DREAMS ... IS NOW THE HARD YARDS

By Tony Havlin, Chairman ORUFC



I would like to take this opportunity to update you on where we stand with the fund raising for our new ground, and to appeal for more help. Last year was a busy year particularly on the land project, but we can't stand still, the pace and pressure will increase even more this year.

We have recorded all donations of which we have been notified. If your name is not on the list and you think it should be please let us know. If your name is not on the list and you would like it to be please make your donation intention known to us now.

We have had a very encouraging start to the fundraising, so a big thank you to all donors. There are some very generous donations amongst those 96 with 20 members pledging over the £1,000 they received from Dave Whelan. Every penny counts so if you intend to make a donation of whatever size please let us know now.

Grants are available to help fund our development but in order to qualify for them we need to demonstrate a financial commitment from the clubs and their members.

This means that we need to raise £200,000 ourselves towards the cost of phase 1 of the project to level, drain and sow the pitches. The lead time for the pitches to mature is up to 2 years.

I know that players and members are eager for us to start using our own ground as soon as possible so we need more of you to help now.

## Founding Members

We have a total of 96 individual donors from ORUFC and WPCC which includes those members who have added a small donation onto their ORUFC membership payment.

A list of all donors is set out on Page 10. The list will be carried forward into a more permanent recognition once we occupy our new ground.

We are open to suggestions on what type of recognition you think would be appropriate and are happy to honour donors individual wishes attached to their donation.

## Would you like to be a Founding Member?

So, what about the rest of you? Would you like to be a Founding Member of something great? A number of members have pledged in the past or said that they will be donating - but have not yet done so. Now is the time for action, so please let us know now what you are going to do to help. At last count we had some 270 adult members so there are many more members that haven't donated than have.

There is a core of hard working members who commit significant amounts of time to the cause. They are dedicated to moving us towards our goals on the playing side and in the administration of the clubs affairs, in attracting new sponsors and in fundraising. If you can't donate money, then would you please consider donating some time to help in some of those activities?

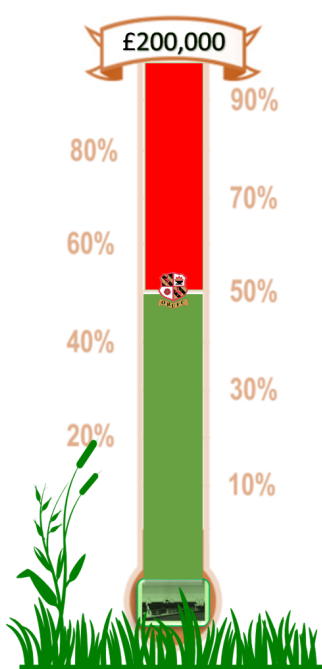
We are in the process of applying for Charitable status for O&WCSC, the application has been submitted to the charity commission so will hopefully be in place in the next 2 months which should allow donations to qualify for gift aid.



# FUNDRAISING

In the 4 months since we sent appeal letters to all members and former members we have received donations and pledges totalling £56,000, if we add to that the potential gift aid associated with the pledges that takes the amount up to between £67,000 and £70,000.

When we then add in the proceeds from the Dinner Dance that takes the total to nearly £75,000. The club also has a separate fund built up over recent years largely from the proceeds of the 200 club and some one-off donations which could add to that. We still need about a further £110,000 to hit our target for the first phase of the project. However, if we take into account possible associated gift aid,



our target comes down £90,000. So we are around half way to our total. But we cannot get complacent or rely on a relatively few generous members we need all members to help in whatever way they can.



## EVEN OUR SPONSORS ARE GETTING INVOLVED!

At the FOPs dinner the club was presented with a very generous cheque by one of our main sponsors Colin Ratcliffe of Brookhouse Construction which takes us to the half way total. Many thanks from all of the executive to Colin and his wife Michelle for their continuing support.

A big thank you also goes to John Morgan whose sponsorship and support of the Sports Dinner enables us to raise more money and to channel more of it towards the development fund.





## PRESENTING OUR FIELD OF DREAMS FOUNDING MEMBERS

Huge thanks to the following members and supporters who have made a donation to our Field of Dreams Project. For now we are only able to say thank you in print but, as and when the project is complete, they will become honoured on our Founding Members wall in the new clubhouse.

<i>AJ Ackers</i>	<i>GF Davies</i>	<i>Kevin Statter</i>	<i>Peter Phillips</i>
<i>Alan Budworth</i>	<i>Godfrey Caunce</i>	<i>L.T. Hunt</i>	<i>R Smith</i>
<i>Alan Price</i>	<i>Graham Winstanley</i>	<i>Leonard Webster</i>	<i>R. Barrass</i>
<i>Andrew Jack</i>	<i>Hugh Anderton</i>	<i>Liam Aspen</i>	<i>R. Higgins</i>
<i>Andrew T Foggan</i>	<i>Ian Hollis</i>	<i>Lynn Everett</i>	<i>Red Triangle</i>
<i>Angela Howath</i>	<i>J E Sharples</i>	<i>M Beattie</i>	<i>Cricket</i>
<i>Barbara Williams</i>	<i>J Maurice Roby</i>	<i>M Hardman</i>	<i>Robert Mavir</i>
<i>Bill Hutchings</i>	<i>J Stott</i>	<i>M Wilson</i>	<i>Robert Riley</i>
<i>Bill Woodcock</i>	<i>James &amp; Jean</i>	<i>Marcus Hardman</i>	<i>Robin McLaughlin</i>
<i>Bob Short</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Martin Strett</i>	<i>Roy Sharples</i>
<i>C.Shaw</i>	<i>James Thompson</i>	<i>Mich Dearman</i>	<i>Roy Smith</i>
<i>Christopher Brown</i>	<i>Jim Lloyd</i>	<i>Mick Hadlin</i>	<i>S Parr</i>
<i>Colin Shaw</i>	<i>J &amp; A Jackson</i>	<i>Mike Almond</i>	<i>S.Robinson-Todd</i>
<i>D Santus</i>	<i>John Buchan</i>	<i>Mike Farrimond</i>	<i>Stanley Fillingham</i>
<i>Dave Hewlett</i>	<i>John Hilton</i>	<i>Mike Lockwood</i>	<i>Stephen Fisher</i>
<i>David Howarth</i>	<i>John Mosley</i>	<i>Mike Shore</i>	<i>Stephen Rigby</i>
<i>David Robinson</i>	<i>John Randall</i>	<i>MJE Hampson</i>	<i>Tony Havlin</i>
<i>David Santus</i>	<i>John Richardson</i>	<i>Moss Industrial</i>	<i>W. Thomas</i>
<i>Derek Bradley</i>	<i>John Stott</i>	<i>Estate</i>	<i>W.Brown</i>
<i>Dewi Morris</i>	<i>John Woods</i>	<i>Mr B &amp; Mrs GM</i>	<i>WA Danson</i>
<i>Dorothy Wright</i>	<i>Jonathan Seabrook</i>	<i>Small</i>	<i>William Fielding</i>
<i>Fred McDowell</i>	<i>K Lawless</i>	<i>N Hodgkinson</i>	<i>William Lyon</i>
<i>G F Davies</i>	<i>K Thompson</i>	<i>Nigel Green</i>	
<i>G.Robinson-Todd</i>	<i>Karl Lee</i>	<i>Norman Lowe</i>	
<i>Geoff Hilton</i>	<i>Keith Myers</i>	<i>P Mather</i>	
<i>Geoff Mosley</i>	<i>Kevin Fyles</i>	<i>Peter Bayman</i>	



## CAN WE INSPIRE YOU TO GET INVOLVED?

### Our New Fundraising Group

In response to this challenge a new Fundraising Group has been set with the express aim to meet the fundraising challenge and smash that target. There are many club members who are involved and other members who have expressed a desire to help. If you want to help in any way please do not hesitate to contact any of the others Group members.

The aim of the Group to coordinate all fund raising, sponsorship, membership drives and events to coordinate dates and diaries to avoid duplication and overload on members and supporters—so any support or assistance you want/can offer, then please get in touch. You can give as much or as little time as you want. More hands, less work for our existing hard working volunteers.

The core Group will hold regular monthly meetings and report to the Exec each month on the status of all fundraising activities with a full group meeting will be held bi-monthly to prevent burdening volunteers with too many meetings—so again, just a couple of hours every other month.

Perhaps sitting on a committee isn't your thing? Perhaps you could organise an event of your own in support of our Club; you could, just be an Ambassador for the Club, and just talk about dreams and ambitions to anyone you know—or don't know if they will listen! Several members have indicated that they have contacts that are interested in supporting our development now is the time to activate those contacts, we have donor packs providing more information. If you would like to take up some sponsorship yourself or you have contacts that you think might be willing to provide some sponsorship please let us know now.

There are so many ways in which you could help so just have chat to any member of the Group or contact them by email or phone and let's see what we can do to work together to rebuild our new home. We have a proud history - now is the time to build a bright, sustainable and successful future for the generations to come.

### Did you know you can contribute by Standing Order?

Please don't think that you cannot contribute because you cannot make a lump sum (or the promise of a lump sum), you could set up a regular giving standing order to the Club. We have a couple of other members who have already done this.—any amount big or small will be gratefully received. For bank details to set up your Standing Order please contact either Tony Havlin, Chair or Karl Lee, Treasurer.



# Well done to our Mini and Junior Section



Over the Christmas period (that seems such a long time ago now), our Mini and Junior Section had a great time, not just playing rugby, but raising funds for the Club too. The Minis took part in the Santa Dash in Mesnes Park on 10th December and, not only did they promote the Club by wearing their kit and their Santa costumes but they also raised £580! Well done you guys.



Although it would appear that our current fun run Minis were not the first to take part in a charity race. Pictured above are runners from the 1981 Orrell RUFC 10 Mile Charity Run. Do you recognise anyone ..... Did you actually take part.

## Our U12s had a great win away at Waterloo on 28 January.

They played as a complete team with some fabulous flowing rugby. Our defence came under scrutiny but we were more than capable of withstanding the onslaught from a well drilled Waterloo. The ref chose our man of the match and it went to Nic Joice for respectful communication with the ref, clever pick and go runs and 2 tries.

The young man pictured made his debut on Sunday for the under 12s. He was given a 10/10 for his performance. Top work!







## OUR U15 LIONS ONCE AGAIN ROAR THROUGH TO THE NEXT ROUND OF THE LANCASHIRE CUP

The overnight frost saw off many a local fixture but we're made of stern stuff in Orrell. The morning sun did its job with minutes to spare turning a frozen pitch into a playable, yet still frosty pitch by kick off time. This was the first junior game played on our new rugby union pitch following a continued successful partnership with Winstanley College.

The first game of the year after the Christmas holiday has historically proved a challenge as the lads struggle to find their form and this year followed suit. The half time break gave Orrell an opportunity to regroup and make some substitutions to energise a sluggish pack. Orrell started the second half playing up the slope. Following a number of textbook tackles Didsbury unfortunately lost two players who were winded in the tackle. The Home team defence had finally woken up! Orrell were happy to drop two players

to ensure that the numbers were even but following a later yellow card for a borderline high tackle found themselves a player down with only 12 lads on the pitch. With a player down and lots of ground to cover Orrell battled hard to maintain their lead. Two further try's from Zac Houghton were matched by two try's by the away team who capitalised on having an extra player for 10 minutes. With a player down Orrell dominated the second half and protected their lead finishing the game 24 points to 19.

Credit to our opposition today who ensured that this was a memorable Cup fixture. The Didsbury lads played some fantastic rugby and were a credit to their club.

**The Lions are now through to the next round of the Cup to be played on 11 February vs Garstang.**





# Orrell RUFC

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**The 8th Annual Golf Day at  
Houghwood Golf Club  
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**Friday, 8th June 2018**

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION AND ORRELL RUFC

The GDPR (formerly known as Data Protection Act) comes into force in May 2018 and affects anyone who holds an individual's personal data—which includes Orrell RUFC—as we hold your names and addresses on file as members of the Club.

We will be writing to you shortly to confirm what data we hold, how we use this data and how we protect your information.

We would ask for your help in letting us know if we have any of your data wrong or whether you would like us to delete any information. Perhaps you are not a member any more but would still like to know what's going on at the Club; perhaps you would like to re-join, - we need to know and make sure you are happy with the data we hold on file. Keep an eye out for your letters, asking you to confirm your acceptance, which will be sent out to you shortly.



# ORRELL CARNIVAL



We are organising a collection of Club Memorabilia for the end of the season and are looking for any photographs or any memories anyone has of the Orrell Carnival. We know the first carnival (fete) was held on Whit Bank Holiday Monday on 10 June 1961. Typical British weather, meant that it rained the whole afternoon but this did not dampen the spirits of members and attendees, a profit of over £100 was made (for anyone born after 1980—this was a lot of money). The idea of the carnival was extended and a dance was organised for the Friday night for the 1964 carnival (organised by one John Hilton). Even a fire in the marquee on the Sunday night, did not stop the event happening!

Professional acts such as Humphrey Lyttleton and his band, the Bay City Rollers (ask your mum), Amen Corner (a famous 60s band) have all played at the Carnival.

Do you have any photographs or any memories (good or bad) of the Carnival you can share with us? We'd love to hear your stories, read your memories or see your photographs. Get in touch via our email [enquiries@orrellrugbyunion.com](mailto:enquiries@orrellrugbyunion.com).

## Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on 30 May 2018 . Meeting will be held in St Luke's Church Hall.

All members, supporters, sponsors and friends of Orrell RUFC are welcome to attend; more details will follow in due course.

The agenda will include Nomination of Officers and the Annual Reports.

## ONE LUCKY ORRELL RUFC PLAYER IS TWICKENHAM BOUND (AND ONE LUCKY GRANDFATHER TOO)

The Lloyd/Joice family will be watching the rugby this Saturday (10<sup>th</sup> February) for more reasons than England is playing Wales! Our very own Nic Joice will be waving the flag (as part of the CBRE All Schools Celebration Event) prior to the start of the game.

Nic (with a very proud Grandfather in tow) was chosen after he and his two sisters, Toni and Angel, representing Upholland High School, were invited by Canterbury and the RFU to Bury Rugby Club (along with other clubs) to design a rugby shirt for their school. All three play rugby for Orrell RUFC; Toni and Angel for the Girls Team and Nic for our U11s.

Helped by Canterbury, the team of Toni, Angel and Nic, produced a design for the school; from which Canterbury will now produce a full set of shirts for the school. As a follow up, the RFU contacted the school and asked if one of their students would like to attend the **CBRE All Schools Celebration Event**, together with a member of staff of the school and a relative, to attend the England v Wales Six Nations match at Twickenham. Nic Joice was the lucky student to be asked.

There will be preparation, rehearsals and photographs with RFU officials prior to the event and then transport to the stadium for the waving flag ceremony before the start of the game. All the students involved can choose whether they wear a school shirt and tie or a club kit and Nic has chosen to wear his Orrell RUFC kit. What an opportunity for Nic, as an 11-year-old, to be on the pitch at Twickenham, representing his school and his Club; alongside the highest level of players of our game, while a proud grandfather "Pops" will be sat in the stadium keeping an eye on him. We're one very proud club too!

### OUR NEW CROWDFUNDING INITIATIVE

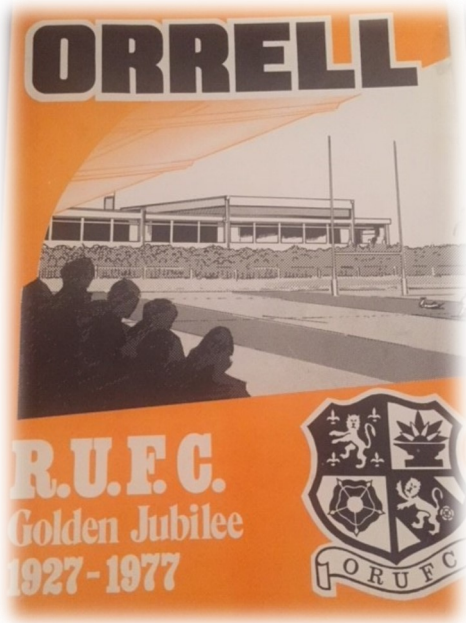
Always looking for new ways to raise money for the Club, we will be launching our latest initiative, the Orrell RUFC Crowdfunding site, during February.



As many of you are probably aware, Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or venture by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically via the Internet and this is where we need your help. We will be launching the crowdfunding site via our web and social media channels, but in the hope of reaching as many people as we can (and raising as many pennies as we can), we need your help to promote the fundraiser. Would you forward the link to as many people as you know

and/or like our page on Facebook and Twitter, so that your friends and family and their friends and family and their friends and family get to know about the fundraising initiative and maybe donate just a £1. If you donate £1, your friends donate £1 and their friends donate £1—that's tripled the original donation! Imagine how far it could go!

# MEMORY LANE



Memory Lane comes from the 1927-1977 Golden Jubilee Brochure. Reading through the brochure, how lovely to see some of the sponsors advertising in the brochure are still with us today! Times Engineering; Banks Funeral Services, Robin Hood pub to name a few. There's the story of Orrell RUFC, photographs and lots of memories that start with "Do You Remember". We thought we'd reprint some of those memories here:

- ◆ Stan Winnard whistling through a polo and who's yell of "hide your women" was heard when driving through the township of the opposition.
- ◆ Playing for a pig's head at Hightown, which was finally donated to Orrell after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams had scored a total of 100 points against them
- ◆ Leaving John Hilton at Sheffield—anyone know why?
- ◆ Kevin Dooney's New Year's Eve Donkey and the fear put in the local constabulary who having found a door open at the club in the early hours of the morning, entered and were confronted by the beast.
- ◆ Bill Liptrot teaching Jackie Litherland to tackle and breaking his collar bone
- ◆ Arthur Yarwood refereeing at the YMCA and putting his bald head in the tunnel of the scum as protection against a raging storm of hailstones.
- ◆ John Mather scoring with the wrong ball at Kendal
- ◆ Drinking pasteurised milk at Holme Wanderers as they had lost their licence.
- ◆ Jimmy Johnston's bottle of whiskey .... Which Bill Huxley drank
- ◆ Leaving Geoff Hilton near Kendal (what is with these Hilton's and leaving them behind?)
- ◆ Joe Horrocks being sent off at Caldby and the referee didn't know.
- ◆ The first carnival?

There are no dates on any of these memories, so, do you remember and if so any idea when? If you have any memories of "do you remember when ..." let us know and we will add them to our memorabilia collection.



# Orrell 1XV Fixtures and Results

<b>02-Sep-17</b>	<b>Wigan</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>41-27 W</b>
<b>09-Sep-17</b>	Liverpool Collegiate	A	38-0 L
<b>16-Sep-17</b>	Oldershaw	H	85-5 W
<b>23-Sep-17</b>	Oswestry	A	20-24 W
<b>30-Sep-17</b>	Aspull	H	25-31 L
<b>07-Oct-17</b>	Winnington Park	A	28-0 L
<b>14-Oct-17</b>	Heaton Moor (Cup)	H	19-20 L
<b>21-Oct-17</b>	Port Sunlight	H	22-7 W
<b>28-Oct-17</b>	Vagabonds (IoM)	A	0-74 W
<b>04-Nov-17</b>	Congleton	H	18-27 L
<b>11-Nov-17</b>	Dukinfield	A	25-20 L
<b>25-Nov-17</b>	Heaton Moor	H	5-15 L
<b>02-Dec-17</b>	Didsbury Toc H	A	5-7 W
<b>09-Dec-17</b>	Marple	H	P
<b>16-Dec-17</b>	Liverpool Collegiate	H	7-27 L
<b>06-Jan-18</b>	Oldershaw	A	0-31 W
<b>13-Jan-18</b>	Oswestry	H	48-7 W
<b>20-Jan-18</b>	Aspull	A	P
<b>27-Jan-18</b>	Winnington Park	H	10-19 L
<b>03-Feb-18</b>	Port Sunlight	A	0-29 W
<b>17-Feb-18</b>	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)	A	0-0
<b>24 Feb -18</b>	Marple RUFC	H	0-0
<b>03-Mar-18</b>	Congleton	A	0-0
<b>10-Mar-18</b>	Dukinfield	H	0-0
<b>24-Mar-18</b>	Heaton Moor	A	0-0
<b>07-Apr-18</b>	Didsbury Toc H	H	0-0
<b>14-Apr-18</b>	Marple	A	0-0
<b>21-Apr-18</b>	Wigan	A	0-0

If you have any comments or suggestions as to how we can improve how we keep in touch with you, then please let us know. Contact us via our website [www.orrellrugbyunion.com](http://www.orrellrugbyunion.com) or via email to [orrellrugbyunion@gmail.com](mailto:orrellrugbyunion@gmail.com). You can also contact us via our Club Secretary at 18 Church Street, Orrell, WN5 8TG. To contact the Mini and Junior Section, please email us at [orrellminiandjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:orrellminiandjuniors@gmail.com) or via the website [www.orrellrugbyunion.com](http://www.orrellrugbyunion.com)



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