



SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CLUB**

How do you fancy a guided tour of Farleigh House - Bath Rugby's Training Head Quarters?

See page 2 for full details:



Ahead of the Bath Rugby vs Northampton Saints game Dave, Matt & Lee will be reflecting on the highs and lows of this season, while casting their gaze forward to the prospects of 2025 and beyond!

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**Dave Attwood, Matt Garvey &
Lee Mears**

*Ahead of the Bath Rugby vs Northampton game
A review of this season and looking ahead to 2025*

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Farleigh House Guided Tour - SAVE THE DATE

Bath Rugby and Farleigh House are offering BRSC Members the chance to visit Farleigh House – The Home of Bath Rugby's HQ and Training Facility. This will be a **FREE** event for BRSC Members and will be held on **Wednesday 29th May 2024**. Save the date now!

Plans for the day are yet to be finalised, but it is likely to be held in the early afternoon. We are hoping the event will be hosted by **Bath Legend, John Hall**, President of Bath Rugby and BRSC, who made 278 appearances for Bath Rugby between 1981 - 1995, was Captain of the Club and was Capped 21 times by England. We are also planning on having a **Mystery Player Guest Appearance** – dependent on match commitments.

An email will follow shortly with full details – so watch your inboxes!

Numbers are limited, so please contact:
chairman@allez-bath.co.uk as soon as possible to reserve your place and avoid disappointment. If we are oversubscribed for this event, the lucky Members will be drawn from a hat. Good luck!



Bath RFC Junior Girls

The Junior Girls Section started at Bath RFC in September 2019. They welcome all abilities, and with many girls playing rugby for the first time, their sessions are focused on delivering fun and player development. All new players from the ages of U12-U18 are welcome. There are places available.

Please contact their Team Manger, Kelly Horton on 07743722331 or feel free to turn up at a training session, U12-U16 training sessions every Thursday and introducing a new U18s training session on Tuesday, all sessions run from 6pm-7.30pm at their Lambridge training ground, London Road, Bath.

Excitingly, Bath RFC have signed up with England Rugby to help get more girls involved with rugby over the summer months through their *Love Rugby Campaign*. It is a great opportunity for them as a club to be providing this opportunity for girls.



Bath RFC will be holding a free *Love Rugby Camp* on Sunday 19th May, 11:30 - 13:30 at the Lambridge training ground. The camp is open to all girls aged 11 to 18, regardless of experience. They will then follow up with 4 training sessions during June and July, with the opportunity to also attend their summer touch rugby training sessions. Please find them here: [Bath RFC Girls](#)

More than just rugby... **...discounts to BRSC MEMBERS**

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10% discount on match days.

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Portman Bath UK is an independent fashion boutique specialising in Italian fashion, handbags, jewellery & accessories.

Nickie Portman, founder and designer, was inspired to create Portman after establishing the successful Harding's of Exmoor in Lynmouth. As a sister store, the reputable quality remains throughout each and every one of Portman's newly designed fashion lines. Nickie also designs jewellery collections using semi-precious stones, crystals and freshwater pearls. The individual pieces are hand crafted by skilled makers and collections include high fashion, bridal and prom/occasion wear.

10% discount match days.





Many thanks to Cath Burgess for her continued photographic contribution to the Newsletter – all collections can be found on the BRSC website here: [Photo Gallery - Bath Rugby Supporters' Club](#)



GALLAGHER PREMIERSHIP - ROUND 16

The Rec

TNT SPORTS

Sponsored by **dyson**

FRI 26 APR - 19:45 - FULL TIME

BATH RUGBY



12-15



SARACENS

The Rec hosted a top of the table clash as Bath Rugby battled Saracens for a place in the top four of the Premiership. A tightly contested game with an Owen Farrell penalty the only thing to separate both teams.

From Bath Rugby.



How well do you know Bath Rugby?

Below are the answers to April's trivia questions

1) Who founded Bath Rugby Club (originally known as Bath Football Club) in 1865?

The question of who formed the Club has never been definitely answered. Reports from the time say it was 'formed by a few gentlemen of the city'. Others believe the founders were members of Lansdown Cricket Club, whose colours are blue, black and white, looking for something to do in the winter.

2) Forward Herbert Fuller is believed to be the first Bath player to play in an international, making his debut against which country in 1882?

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3) In what year was the first game played at The Rec?

1894

4) Prior to The Rec., identify one location where games were played around Bath – there are 6 from which to choose!

Matches had been played at North Parade, Claverton Down, Lambridge Meadows, Kensington Meadows, Taylor's Field and Henrietta Park

5) The first home fixture against European opposition took place in 1907, when Racing Club de Bordelais visited The Rec. – but what was the result?

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LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT QUIZ IN JUNE'S NEWSLETTER

BRSC 100 Charity Lottery SOLD OUT!

With the proceeds going to Bath Rugby Foundation, this years' winners are in for a treat!

January: Hospitality for two in "The Presidents Lounge" during the 2023-24 season

February: Signed Bath Rugby shirt from the 2022-2023 season

March: Framed and signed Bath Rugby shirt from the 2011-12 season

April: Signed Bath Rugby shirt from the 2023-2024 season

May: A pair of tickets to the BRSC Annual Awards Supper 2024

The BRSC 100 Charity Lottery April 2024 prize draw, was drawn in Trowbridge, and was won by Vic Hogg (BRSC Membership Number 6510).

The prize of the signed Bath Rugby Shirt from the 2023-2024 season will shortly be presented to Vic.



The three coaches, carrying our Members to Exeter, for the Investec Champions Cup Round of 16 game (6th April 2024), raised a staggering £950 for charity on the away game raffle!

Thank you to the 150 Members who kindly contributed to this huge sum. The raffle was in aid of BRF and the cancer charity Myeloma UK.



Winner of the bottles of wine, signed by Tom Dunn:
Grant Pyle

Winner of BR signed shirt:
Tom Whitcombe



Matchday Notes for Bath Rugby vs Saracens – 26th April 2024.

"A warm welcome to supporters from Saracens from all at BRSC. What other club better provides a template on how to emerge from a frustrating period of countless false dawns to an impressive period of sustained success?"

Like many clubs we looked over at their shrewd blend of overseas players whilst they built a core of English youngsters. As well as delivering trophies for their club they have served the Red Rose with dedication and distinction.

Given this is the last time we will see Owen Farrell in a Sarries shirt at The Rec, BRSC would like to recognise his commitment to his club and thank him for his contribution to England and the Lions over many years. Good luck in France, Owen.

What about us since the last home game? A Quins game which if we had played another 5 minutes, we could well have won! A double bill with Exeter Chiefs that started with a frustrating European tie played in a wind tunnel and ended with us ruefully thinking what could have been.

Thankfully, the second act at Sandy Park provided much more cheer with a savvy and commanding performance. Maybe exactly the kind of performance we've come to expect from tonight's visitors?

Well done JvG and the boys. Never in doubt! Allez Bath!"

Andy Warren, BRSC

Members Area

Share your match day photos and supporter news stories with us and you could be featured in our June Newsletter. Send your photos, messages and Bath Rugby stories to:
news@allez-bath.co.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY at the BRSC AGM

The 2024 Bath Rugby Supporters' Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th June 2024 in the Clubhouse at the Recreation Ground. Please note: this is a MEMBERS ONLY MEETING. (Please bring your Membership Card).

The AGM will be preceded with an address by Bath Rugby Chief Executive, Tarquin McDonald. Tarquin's session will commence at 7.30pm. Doors and bar will be open from 7.00pm.

There are six Committee vacancies for which nominations are invited.

In accordance with the Constitution, the "Officer" positions of Secretary and Treasurer and three "Ordinary" Committee Members are subject to election this year, serving for a term of two years. One "Ordinary" Committee Member is also standing down at the 2024 BRSC AGM.

Nominations are therefore invited to fill these vacancies. Members of the current Committee have indicated their willingness to stand again for the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and all three "Ordinary" Members and one "Expression of Interest" has been received relating to the position of the Committee Member standing down. Nominations should be forwarded to the Secretary by no later than close of business on 21st May 2024 by using the form, which can be downloaded from the original Calling Notice, or accessed from the "allez-bath" website: www.allez-bath.co.uk.

There is also the position of President and six positions which the BRSC Committee has co-opted during the year which require ratification at the AGM, including John Hall as President, who has agreed to stand again for a term of two years, Membership Secretary for a term of one year, three "Ordinary" Members for a term of two years and two "co-opted, ex-officio, non-voting" Members on an on-going basis.

The three Reports by the BRSC Chair, Treasurer and Membership Secretary have been submitted and BRSC Members are invited to view all three Reports which can be accessed via the original Calling Notice. Any comments/questions on any of these three Reports, to be raised at the AGM, must be submitted in writing to and received by the BRSC Secretary, no later than the close of business on 21st May 2024. See original Calling Notice for the Secretary's email and postal address.

As required, the AGM has been advertised through the BRSC website and will appear in our social media outlets. Any Agenda items for consideration at the Meeting should be notified, in writing, to the Secretary, to arrive by no later than close of business on 21st May 2024.