

BLANDFORD MINI & YOUTH OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Hello all! October is here (only 79 sleeps until Christmas!). Lots of info to impart, so grab a drink and have a good read. All teams are at home this Sunday, Bulldogs to U13's are training and U14's are home to Lychett, good luck boys!

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER—RFU TRAINING

This Sunday Neville from the RFU will be coming to the club to run a free coaching course, giving coaches ideas on how to plan sessions with progressive ideas, keeping the kids engaged and having fun. This is open to everyone in the club, not just coaches. It would be great to have as many as possible taking part. Bacon or Sausage roll for £1 and a free cuppa if you do!!

MEMBERSHIP

If you still haven't paid your subs or handed in your forms, please can you see me on Sunday—all children need to be registered and paid, or on a payment plan by the end of October to ensure that they are insured.

TUCKSHOP/BACON ROLL ROTA

Thanks to all those that have volunteered—there are still a few gaps on the sheet, so if you could have a look at the notice board and sign up that would be great. If there is no volunteer for a particular week then I am afraid there will be no tuck shop or bacon rolls. Remember, if you can offer some time, then you will get a discount off the end of season tour!

BATH V EXETER CHIEFS SUPER SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER

We have the opportunity to take our children to Exeter Chiefs for a morning of training, a tour of the changing rooms etc and then lining the tunnel when the players run out, as well as being able to watch the match!

Tickets are £30 per person—can you let me know by Sunday 9th October if you would like tickets and I will get us all booked on. It should be a great day and a lovely opportunity for the kids!

WE NEED YOU

We are still struggling for committee members and coaches. We will be losing a lot of our committee and coaches next year which means the club may struggle to keep going as it is....we really need people to get involved and help out, come and see any coach or volunteer who will give you more info.

FREE FIRST AID TRAINING

We will be holding a first aid course for anyone who would like to take it, it would be great to have as many of you as possible to take it. It would be handy to have lots of first aid trained people at training and match days, but also great for your CV, or just to know what to do in an emergency.

Monday 31st October—18.30-21.30

Monday 7th November—18.30—21.30

You will have to attend both. Please let me know by 26th October whether you would like to be on it.

FUND RAISING

In order to be able to offer things like subsidised places on the tour, a Christmas party and end of season presentation, we need to fundraise lots! We don't get funding for things like that. So please keep buying your bacon and sausage rolls and paying £1 (or more) for the scratchcard every weekend.

We have a few fundraising ideas that we are putting into action at the moment but if you have any ideas please do let us know, if you want to do a bake sale at the club one Sunday OR run one at work or school for us that would be marvellous. If you volunteer for anything that helps us raise funds (including tuck shop and bacon rolls) then you will be offered a discount on your already subsidised place on the tour!

TOUR NEWS

We have now booked our tour! Saturday April 22nd and Sunday April 23rd. We are going to Skern Lodge in north Devon. As it currently stands it is £90 per person and this includes, food, accommodation and activities. I can promise you it will not cost you that as the club will subsidise it through all our fundraising activities (see other box re fundraising!)

PS. Parents, drinking will be allowed with the fear of being shouted at...