



JUNIOR SECTION BLANDFORD RFC SPRING NEWSLETTER 2009

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Welcome to the BRFC Junior Section Spring Newsletter. Christmas now seems long ago and the end of the season is equally far off. Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us and we will not lose any more training or matches to water logged pitches.

There are several items of news since our last letter. Please remember to check the Junior website for details of forthcoming fixtures and other items of interest. H4H International Dorset 09 will take place at Oakmedians ground (Meyrick Park) over Easter weekend. Details and a link to the H4H website can be found on our website (www.brfcjuniors.org).

Work is well underway in confirming the sections fixtures for the 2009/10 season and we are confident that there will be a full set of fixtures for all age groups. As a result of some clubs not attending the January Fixtures meeting; we decided at the meeting to arrange additional fixtures with those clubs present. This decision was taken on the belief that the children would rather play matches than train so we will be visiting a number of clubs in the region more than once during the 2009/10 season. The fixtures list once completed will be published on our website.

We will again be hosting a Rugby School during the Summer Holidays (10 – 14 Aug). Details of this can be found on our website, under the Announcements page. Details of how to apply are available by visiting the Sociouss website at www.socioussports.co.uk. Or you may be interested in hosting a coach; full details are on their website; this would mean your child would attend for free. There are pictures of last year's event on our website. If you are in any doubt if those attending last year had a good time or not just ask them and I am sure you will find that all those who attended had a good time.

Looking even further ahead we will again be taking part in the Blandford Carnival in September. This event has previously always assisted in the recruitment of players to all age groups. To do this we will need the assistance of a number of parents to develop a theme and build any required items for our entry. And of course plenty of the children across all age groups on the evening. This is a great evening which is fun for everyone involved.

We are intending to run a recruitment campaign prior to the start of the season and are looking for volunteers to place posters at work, in local schools or around the area they live in. If you would be able to help in this please let me know. We will provide you with the posters.

Under the club constitution we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting of the section each year; where the committee will provide you with reports on a number of subjects which have been dealt with over the past season. Currently it is proposed to hold this meeting on the last Sunday of the season – **Sunday 26 April**. The venue for this meeting will be at the Clubhouse in town after the fun day. Currently there are vacancies for some committee positions and I am confident that we will have parents who will volunteer to take up these positions. If you would like details of the vacancies please speak to either myself, Joy or your age group coach who will advise you of what is involved. As the section continues to grow we are also looking for additional coaches in all age groups. I am looking to develop the role of "Team Managers" for each age group in the 2009/10 season to relieve some of the workload from the coaches which will allow them to spend more of the sessions conducting coaching. If you think you could undertake this role again speak to Joy or myself.

Those of you who are old parents, (please excuse my turn of phrase) you will already know the format of the end of season/fun day. For new parents this is a morning of fun and rugby related games for all of the children and parents are encouraged to join in as well so remember to bring along your trainers. The children all enjoy this part of the day. At the end of the session all registered children will receive a medal and within each age group the coaches will have selected players who will receive an award. I know that the coaches are already looking at their age groups to decide who will be the recipients this season. After the presentations we will adjourn to the Clubhouse for the AGM and refreshments.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sundays.
Regards

Helen Oliver

Chairperson BRFC Junior Section