

# Drybrook Junior Section Newsletter

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Welcome to this seasonal newsletter for the Junior Section at Drybrook RFC. We hope that we can give you an indication of why Drybrook is such a special club and what we have to offer. If you or your child plays in the junior section, then "Welcome – you're part of the family!"

### What is the Junior Section?

The Junior section includes Boys and Girls teams up to the under 18 level. Currently we are running Boys teams at under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 13s/14s, 16s and 17s. We also run Girls teams at under 13s, 15s, and 18s. Younger players start with tag rugby and then progress to contact rugby at under 9 level and then move on to 15-a-side on a full size pitch at under 13 level.

The Boys' section has a proud record of appearing in County finals and supplying players for Drybrook's first XV; some of the current team started their time in the junior section.

The Girls' section continues to thrive and we now have over 20 girls in the U13s team and full squads of U15s and U18s - the girls are from various schools around the County and it is fantastic to see them all getting along and becoming great friends on and off the pitch. Training is on Weds 6-7.30pm and we welcome new girls to come along and give rugby a try!

You can find more on the Junior section of the website at: [drybrookrfc.com](http://drybrookrfc.com). There are even photos of the coaches, for those who are feeling brave!

### County and District success

The Junior Section has once again had players selected to represent Gloucestershire County and the District. The U18 Girls selected were Robyn Hancock, Maizie Morgan Charlotte Pye and Chanise Beard.



The U15s selected were Shauna Bennet, Saska Bowdler, Ellie Garside, Katie Jeffery, Jade Kibble, and Georgia Wintle.

For the Boys, U17s Will Greenway and Alex Iles were selected for the county; U16s selected for County and District are Joe Watts, Dewi Wilcox, Mac Dale, Billy Bowdler, Ollie Peacey and Mitch Giles. Also, Harry Rushworth, Billy Bowdler, Jake Porter, Frazer Montague, Nicky Butler and



Connor Parry were selected for the District team.

Congratulations to all on their County and District selection and representation!

### Girls' Tournament News

The U18 and U15 squads took part in a South West Tournament at Frome RFC playing against teams from Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Berkshire, Oxfordshire. The U18s won every match and were the tournament winners. The U15s came runners up. The next game is Gordon League RFC V North Midlands on Sunday 3rd November.

### Clubhouse facilities

We are lucky to have great facilities at Drybrook – and the great news is that the club has recently won a grant that will enable us to put a new roof on the changing rooms. The building work will include space for a multi-purpose room above the changing rooms, which should offer indoor training facilities.

We are currently running a trial of opening the bar in the function room on Sunday lunchtimes to allow parents to enjoy a drink as players enjoy a hot dog after training or after their game. It seems to have been a success, providing an enjoyable atmosphere to reflect on all those tries scored in the morning.

Being a winter sport, we are in a constant battle against the mud, so could we politely remind you that muddy boots should not be worn in the clubhouse at all

and that kit should not be worn in the main bar.

### And for the very young players... Drybrook Squirrels!

If you have seen a scrum of toddlers taking their first steps on the road to rugby heaven then you have been watching the Drybrook Squirrels! One of Drybrook's most experienced senior players, Chris Rawlings, has been showing a group of 2, 3 and 4 year-olds the fun you can have with an oval-shaped ball, although when the newsletter watched the action, it seemed that it was the Mums that were putting in most of the effort! Hopefully, a love of the great game was being kindled and the youngsters will join the Junior section and, who knows, the Seniors in years to come. If you know any toddlers with energy to burn, then spread the word that there is fun to be had at the Mannings.

### And finally....

Drybrook RFC functions thanks to the help of volunteers who provide their time in all sorts of ways. By spreading the load on to many shoulders, it makes light work for all. If you can offer help in even the smallest way, then please email the Vice-Chair of the Junior Section:

[justin.cook@niche.org.uk](mailto:justin.cook@niche.org.uk) or contact anyone else on the Junior Section Committee. You may find you enjoy it ☺!

We will keep you up-to-date with news and results in further newsletters during the season.