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140th Anniversary



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Middlesex County RFU – Election for County Representative to the RFU Council.
County Secretary, Tim Miller, has asked me to remind you all of the importance of considering this very important role as we look to elect a replacement for current holder of the position, Chis Cuthbertson. If any of you are interested in finding more about this important role please contact Chris on 07932 712728 or email chris.cuthbertson@middlesexrugby.com

County Dinner – 29th April 2022, London Welsh RFC

As mentioned in previous newsletters we've finalised negotiations with the team at London Welsh and can confirm that the covid-delayed 140th Anniversary County Dinner will now cost £60 per head- a break-even price point. The decision was taken that the subsidy this event was due to receive pre-covid be allocated to front-line rugby as the sports financial landscape has changed around us.

The evening will still offer drinks on arrival, table wine, a four-course dinner and we still have RFU Chief Executive, Bill Sweeney as a guest speaker, as part of a what we expect to be a fantastic night.

Below are details if you would either like to attend and have not previously confirmed, or previously expressed an interest and the County is holding your previous £50 per head payment.

- 1) If you have not expressed interest before and would like to now attend, please could you respond by email to Beena Chadha at beenie1989@gmail.com

- 2) If you have previously expressed interest in attending and have your initial payment held in the County account, a message will follow in December 2022 from the County Office email address around how to pay the additional £10. It will be assumed you still wish to attend unless you inform Beena on the above email address otherwise.

With a capacity of 120 at London Welsh, we're hoping to get as many Clubs represented at the Dinner as possible to belatedly mark our 140th Anniversary so we are extending this invite to every club to nominate **two** persons to attend.

If however a member of your club serves on the County Management Committee (or a Sub-Committee) is a County Past President, Life Vice-President, Vice President, Group Officer or Group Representative they can be either (or both) of your two nominees, or be exempt from this initial allocation, and one/two additional others can be nominated alongside him/her. So please make sure your Club is part of the celebration and book a place now. If unsure, please contact Mark Coles on: mark.coles@middlesexrugby.com

Further communication will be sent out to those attending with the final arrangements of the dinner

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Yours in Rugby
Mark Coles

President's Message

As we approach the halfway stage to the 2021/22 league season, I can reflect on seeing many games of rugby at many of your Clubs and I'd like to say a big thank you for the kind welcome you've given Sandra and myself and look forward to continuing the visits as we move into 2022. One of the highlights was the top of the table clash in London NW2 between HAC and Old Priorians last Friday night, with HAC coming out on top 33-17. Some great rugby, well supported by both Clubs and brilliantly hosted by Chiswick.

Last Friday I also attended Allan Black's memorial service in Marlow and what a fantastic turn out it was with some wonderful tributes to what was a true rugby man.

On behalf of the County, I'd like to wish you all a fantastic Christmas with your families and a happy and prosperous new year. I also look forward to seeing more great rugby across the Middlesex.

Stay safe

Peter

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Message from Eddie Keal, Chair, Middlesex

We approach the festive season and a short break from rugby with a fresh set of concerns about the latest variant of the virus. Let's hope we can plot a course through our obligations to each other around Omicron and still play plenty of rugby.

As one of your elected Members to the RFU Council I've been appointed to a couple of interesting new positions. I will be on the Oversight Group with two RFU Board Members for the Game Management System (GMS) and Platform for Rugby review. I am very pleased about this, and I am sure many of our clubs will be too. A direct voice at the top will help us all. Secondly, I will be part of the RFU Commission on "Club of the Future". There was a good deal of competition amongst Council to get involved in this and I'm looking forward to getting started on the real in the new year. Feel free to give me your views on either topic, albeit that many of you already have about GMS! I will represent the interests of our clubs to the best of my ability

The County's age-grade representative playing programme has started. I'm very pleased to see we are getting notifications of fixtures out on social media. Come along and support our teams when you can.

I know all the Middlesex Board members have been doing their best to get out to clubs. Alongside my weekly Saturday club visits (Old Priorian next week) I've been following Ruislip Women's team every other Sunday. I've been to some new (to me) places outside the County but have a local trip with them to Belsize Park in the New Year. I'm looking forward to that one.

Enjoy the break, stay safe and well.

Eddie

Update from Lou Latter – Chair of Rugby Development

Where has the year gone. I can't believe we are 10 days away from the festive period.

In the last Newsletter we were finalising the details for the RFU President's 150th Walk in aid of the

Injured Players Foundation. Unfortunately, Jeff and Sally both tested positive for Covid so had to march their way into isolation after 13 days and 136 miles so we had to cancel the final leg. Thank you to everyone that was involved in the organisation of the day, but we will be back in the New Year to finish the 150 miles so we will let you know the date and details once confirmed.

The New Year will bring our age grade teams into their new rules for 1st January 2022. Please do remember that the flexibility remains to play anything up to the threshold of the rules of play for your age group. If the players are not ready you do not have to play to the full rules. A reminder of changes can be found [here](#).

The 1st January 2022 also means that the suspension of 17-year-olds is now lifted so 17 year olds who have been assessed and approved in line with Regulation 15.6 can train and play contact rugby with adults. Do remember that clubs and players must be approved by Middlesex before any 17-year old plays out of age grade and that player welfare and safety is critical in this decision.

The [Allianz Inner Warrior](#) campaign in January is now open for [registrations](#).

As you will have seen there are some [exciting changes](#) coming in the girls' game from September 2022. The age bandings will move to a single age band at U12 and dual age bands at U14, U16 and U18, with further flexibility around U11 girls. Further information will follow in the New Year with more detailed guidance to support players, coaches, match officials, parents and volunteers through the transition.

Clubs should be aware that the Safeguarding Audit is due for completion and has a deadline of 7 January 2022. This is mandatory for all clubs who

offer Age Grade activities or who wish to have 17 years olds player up in the adult game (Regulation 21.1.6). The audit consists of 20 questions and can be completed by the Club Safeguarding Office or another officer with level 2 permission or above. Go to 'Organisation Profile' module on GMS and it is located in the Questionnaire tab.

Clubs should have received communications about the independent review of GMS and what is required from a 'Platform for Rugby'. This is your chance to contribute to the review so to find out how to register your interest in joining a focus group sign up [here](#).

As ever, please do get in contact if you want to discuss anything.

Stay safe

Louise

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Message from Andrew Smart, Chair of Competitions

No doubt the most important part of this report concerns the Future Competition Structure, the expressions of interest for Lower xvs to enter the leagues up to level 7 for next season and the opt-out consultation and vote that we will be holding in this the county after the New Year, all of which I will cover in detail at the end of my report

Unfortunately, I have to report that two Middlesex Clubs have decided after weeks of struggle that they can no longer remain in the league structure for the rest of the season and have withdrawn. I am sure I speak for all of us when I wish our friends at London Exiles and OMTs all the best during these dark times for their clubs as they look for the way to protect their future. Apart from that there isn't really

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anything really new to report. Yes, clubs are open, yes rugby is being played but the struggles and issues that we all face and that I have highlighted before remain. Every single week without exception the pressure on our clubs to get out players and teams are there to be seen, both in the one-sided results and the number of walkovers. Once again, I must reiterate that it is not only a problem in Middlesex but across London and indeed the whole country and whilst we can hope that things will change after Christmas or maybe next season, I am no longer sure that will be the case. If this to be the new norm our game is in really serious trouble.

Anyway, as I said rugby is being played and with only one further round of fixtures before the Christmas break here is a round-up of how our clubs are doing. In the Championship, Ealing Trailfinders are now three points clear at the top after ten rounds whilst London Scottish who have now recorded their first win remain bottom, now eight points adrift of Nottingham who have played a game less.

At level 5 in the London and SE Premier League CS Stags 1863 remain winless after thirteen rounds although with a couple of bonus points to partially offset the 10 points in sanctions that they have received for being unable to field sides on two occasions. They are now twenty-two points adrift from the team above

At level 6 in L1N Belsize Park remain in eighth and Old Haberdashers tenth. However, in L1S London Welsh remain top by six points although they are no longer unbeaten, whilst H&F are now up into the promotion places in third whilst London Cornish still battling a long injury list remain bottom but picked up their first win of the season on Saturday at home to Guildford.

At level 7 after eleven rounds in L2NW, HAC, remain unbeaten and top by seven points after they dispatched second placed Old Priorians under lights convincingly at Chiswick on Friday night. Old Streetonians back up to fourth, Ruislip sixth, Grasshoppers seventh, Enfield Ignatians ninth. Hackney eleventh with Hampstead bottom although they have also recently recorded their first win of the season. In L2SW Chiswick having played a game less than everyone else are now fourth whilst Twickenham drop to tenth. This started as a twelve-team league but the withdrawal of both Tonbridgians and London Exiles have has turned this into a ten.

At level 8 in L3 Essex Epping Upper Clapton drop to tenth whilst in L3NW, Hendon are now top, two points ahead of Finchley in second, Finsbury Park seventh and Harrow eighth. Again, this is now a ten-team league with the withdrawal of Stevenage and now OMTs.

In Surrey One, Teddington are currently fourth whilst in Surrey Four Old Paulines are second, Harlequin Amateurs third with a game in hand and Old Hamptonians fourth with a couple of games in hand.

In the Herts and Middx County leagues at level 9, after nine rounds London Scottish Lions are now top by five points, Wasps FC second, Ealing Traifinders 1871 fourth, Saracens Amateurs fifth Actonians sixth, Bank of England, eighth, Kilburn Cosmos ninth with Thamesians tenth and bottom. In H/M2 Brunel University are top and undefeated with Old Millhillians third also undefeated but having played a game less, Uxbridge fourth, UCS are fifth with Staines sixth, West London ninth, London French tenth and Mill Hill eleventh and bottom

In the Allianz Premier XVs after eight rounds Saracens Women remain second, Harlequins Women third and Wasps FC Ladies fourth

I have been engaged over the last few weeks in a thorough review of and consultation with all the teams in our merit tables and it is clear that three of the MTs are for all intents and purposes working pretty well whilst two less so. We are now in a break until the 15th January and I am going to take this opportunity to see what help I can provide to support the two that are faring less well whilst being conscious that in helping them I don't damage the others.

The draw for the Vets Cup has now been circulated and I am delighted to report that of the eight sides that have entered the competition four (Hendon, Finchley Old Priorians and Hampstead) are brand new to Vets competitive rugby in Middlesex which is great news and really exciting for this competition.

On the 29th November the RFU wrote to clubs to announce the process, criteria and timetable for the entry of lower xvs into the leagues for the 2022/23

I don't intend to cover off on all of this as it is comprehensively covered via the following link

[Future Competition Structure \(englandrugby.com\)](https://www.englandrugby.com)

However, it is important that I make you aware of the timetable so that nobody who wishes to express an interest, of entering a lower xv into the leagues from next season misses the deadline. I also need to let you know that the County have committed to holding a vote on whether or not to exclude lower xvs at level 7 and below in the leagues that it operates

The RFU timetable is as follows

29th November Lower xvs expression of interest form and entry criteria emailed to clubs

17th January deadline for expressions of interest to be received by the RFU

18th February CBs to inform the RFU whether following a vote they wish to exclude Lower xvs in the leagues that it operates

28th February to 28th March if applicable clubs to submit Lower xv entry request

The CB timetable subject to agreement at the Management Meeting on Tuesday will be as follows

Monday 31st January All Clubs Meeting to help clubs fully understand the issues before they are asked to vote

Eligible Clubs to vote from Tuesday 1st to Friday 11th February

Middlesex to report their position to exclude or not exclude the entry to the Clubs and RFU by Friday 18th February

Eligible clubs Those with full RFU voting rights playing in the English Club Champions (i.e. the leagues) A 66% majority of all those club who voted is required to exclude Lower xvs

Any questions please come back to. As I said in the Group Officers report this will be an agenda point and covered extensively at all the group meetings in January and February and of course at the All-Groups Meeting on Zoom on Monday 31st January

Have a great Christmas, all the best for 2022 and keep safe

[Andrew Smart](#)

Report from Chair of Groups, Andrew Smart

A really pleasing round of November of Group meetings with good attendance at all and in particular for the South Group who have been struggling recently. There was some good discussion around the topic of defibrillators but perhaps most importantly about the issues that are facing each any everyone of us across this most difficult of seasons for our players and teams. Across every group and pretty much every club the same story. Off the field clubs overall in a pretty good place. On the field a completely story with almost everyone commenting on how difficult it is to get out teams and players consistently. Whether it be injury or other commitments players are simply not making themselves available regularly enough. Most clubs reporting that they have the players on paper and indeed they know that they are there because they have played this season but far more often than not, they are not getting out enough so clubs can get out sides every weekend. This is a consistent story across the county, the Division and indeed the country and we have no idea when and if this is going to change or whether this is now the new normal. There are some hopes that things might change in the New Year but with this new variant who knows what the beginning of 2022 will look like for our game and our clubs.

Still there is plenty going off the field that I need to make sure that you are all aware of

First after nearly two decades out outstanding service both the county and to the game Chris Cuthbertson steps down as the CB's Council Rep and with it his place on the RFU Board as the Chair of Governance. Huge and distinguished boots to fill, but filled they must be and the process has begun with a circulation to all club secretaries on the 22nd November from Dr Tim Miller the county secretary. With all the turmoil in our game at the moment it is very important for our clubs and our county that we identify and elect the right person Ultimately provided yours is a voting club of the RFU you will have a vote and therefor a voice in the process. Please make sure that you use it. I am sure that it is being promoted elsewhere in this newsletter but I

would like to emphasise some of the key points especially if you are interested in standing

“In accordance with the RFU regulations referred to above, if any individual wishes to stand for the RFU Council Representative position, they may do so by following the procedure below.

1. Be proposed and seconded by two *different* Middlesex clubs who are both themselves full voting members of the RFU.
2. Provide a written statement stating the candidate's credentials and experience to stand for the position. (This should be no longer than 500 words in font size 11)
3. Submit the Nomination to the County Secretary, tim.miller@middlesexrugby.com by **5pm on Friday, 7th January 2022**.

If there is more than one nomination for the post, the Management Board will organise a vote for that post as per Regulation 18.8, which will be overseen by the President and an independent scrutineer.”

We have a new set of Group meetings in the New Year where I am sure the election of the new council rep and perhaps dearer to my heart the Lower XV opt out consultation will no doubt be the main topics. Whilst I cover this in far more detail in my competitions report I can confirm that the county will be holding a consultation with the clubs who are eligible to vote about the opt out. That as part of the process we will be organising an All-club's meeting provisionally on Monday 31st January via Zoom to discuss the issues in real detail before going to vote by Friday 11th February. The timetable will be agreed at the management meeting this Tuesday will with the County having to report back to the RFU if they do intend to opt out by Friday 18th February

So just to confirm the next round of Group meetings

Wednesday 12th January - North West Group via Zoom

Monday 24th January - South Group Via Zoom

Wednesday 26th January - West Group at Feltham

Monday 7th February - North Group via Zoom

In the meantime, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2022.

Andrew Smart

Representative Rugby Report

U16's Boys

London Irish DPP ran a hugely successful and enjoyable inter DPP game day at Hazelwood comprising of 'County' teams playing against each other. Over 150 boys across the three counties of Berkshire, Hampshire and Middlesex took part. Its purpose was for the London Irish coaches to see how the boys were playing positionally after a number of weeks of skill development. We have three more U16 games planned on the following dates. I will continue to act as Team manager for this age group and Chris Hitchcock is lead coach.

Sunday 13th February - Inter DPP game @ Hazelwood

Sunday 6th March - U16 DPP game vs Surrey @ Grasshoppers

Sunday 27th March - U16 DPP game vs Buckinghamshire @ Grasshoppers

U17's Boys

Programme starts in April with an assessment day followed by training and games in May. We are sharing the coaches across the 17's and 18's boys this season in a view to help the transition as the boys develop. Lead Coach for the 17's is Jerry Hedigan and Richard Wilmot is Team admin.

Sunday 15th May - U17 Game vs TBC

Sunday 22nd May - U17 Game vs TBC

Sunday 29th May - U17 Game vs TBC

U18's Boys

The season has started well for the U18's with over 90 boys taking part in two assessments and a final squad of 32 being chosen. We took 22 players to

Thurrock for a game vs Eastern counties that was assessed by Divisional coaches. A tight fought game in cold and windy conditions we lost 15 - 12. However we did win the assessors over and eight of the Middlesex boys were selected for their 'shadow' 15 from the two teams with two others on a split decision.

What was really beneficial was the culture and ethos promoted by both county sides meant that the whole day was positive for all involved, the boys fought hard but socialised well, the coaches from both teams shared conversations and challenges and the assessors were really impressed with the open conversations we were all engaging in which ensured a good day of rugby for the boys. The lead coach for the U18's is Mark Gardiner and Richard Wilmot as team Manager.

We have shared the game video with the players and will be carrying out a half hour analysis with them prior to training this Friday. Our next game is this Sunday at Wasps FC at 2.30pm on the AGP against Hertfordshire, all are welcome to attend for our only 'home' game.

Sunday 19th December - U18 Game vs Hertfordshire @ Wasps FC

Sunday 9th January - U17 Game vs Essex @ Cheshunt RFC

U20's Mens

This section is providing the biggest challenge this season. I took the decision to reduce the contact and not start too early with warm up games as previously they men originally selected do not always remain committed for the whole programme. However our call out to universities and clubs for nominations has given us slim picking of only 10 players so far. Thankfully John Peter Griffiths, Nic Evans (both U20's) and Mark Jackson (senior mens coach) have rallied we have drawn in more players from St Marys college and Brunel University. We are now hopeful we will have something to select from and continue with the programme and games.

Sunday 23rd January - U20's Men vs Essex

Sunday 6th February - U20's Men vs Surrey

Sunday 20th March - U20's Men QTR Final

U15's Girls

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Programme doesn't start until April this year led by Leroy as lead coach, we have recruited some new faces to the coaching roster. I will give more detail on opposition once I receive it.

Sunday 15th May - U15's Girls Game vs TBC

Sunday 22nd May - U15's Girls Game vs TBC

Sunday 29th May - U15's Girls Game vs TBC

U18's Girls

Letter will be going out next week inviting nominations for the U18 programme with its first assessment on January 31st. Again Leroy will be leading this section as he will know many of the girls from previous years involvement and we felt it was better for transition. We are looking to attract a few new female qualified coaches from some of the premiership clubs to ensure a quality programme. Selection criteria will be a little tougher than previous to ensure that the programme is truly representational and not seen as a development opportunity.

Sunday 20th March - U18's Girls Game vs TBC

Sunday 3rd April - U18's Girls Game vs TBC

Sunday 17th April - U18's Girls Game vs TBC

Senior Women's

Letters are going out this week for invitation to the Senior women with our first Assessment taking place on January 7th. The programme is being led by Laurisa 'Gert' Robson who is currently recruiting a team of coaches. It is likely I will be her team admin, partly so i can familiarise myself with the programme and it frees her previous team manager, Penny Carr, to focus on her own playing and coaching, huge thanks to Penny for her previous commitment in the role.

Friday 7th January - Assessment

Sunday 20th February - Senior Women Game vs TBC

Sunday 13th March - Senior Women Game vs TBC

Sunday 27th March - Senior Women Game vs TBC

Senior Mens

I am glad to say we have retained the strong coaching team in the senior mens section led by Mark Jackson. Again the programme does not start

until April for the assessments day with games throughout May and June, I will keep you informed of these dates and fixtures as they are confirmed.

Monday 18th April - Assessment

Saturday 7th May - Senior Men Game vs TBC

Sunday 14th May - Senior Men Game vs TBC

Sunday 21st May - Senior Men Game vs TBC

Sat 4th June - Senior Men Game vs TBC

A huge thanks as ever to Nicky Fielder for her back up and support as ever.

[Jok Dunbar Chair of Representative Playing](#)

Coaching & Refereeing Update

RFU mentoring programme – This is a year's long course and Middlesex have 5 RFU trained Mentors looking after the coaching development of 16 mentees from Middlesex member clubs. As a mentoring group we have monthly webinars with the RFU and meet with our mentees on a regular basis. Grant Hathaway the England Rugby Coach Developer oversee the programme and guides the mentors through the mentoring pathway. The RFU mentoring course completes in 2022 and the idea is the Middlesex mentoring programme can consistently give guidance to new coaches coming through the pathway up to the Advanced Coaching Award. The Middlesex mentoring programme is open to all coaches who would like to become coach mentors and to all coaches who would like support in their coaching pathway.

Referee Development

Referee development falls into 2 categories, (1) the development of referees at U18 and (2) senior referee development

1. RFU Young Match Officials Award

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Middlesex in Partnership with the RFU, Surrey and the Regional Academies held a Young Match Officials award course at London Welsh on Saturday 30th October 2021.

24 Youth between the ages of (U16s – U18s) (12) from our Middlesex Clubs and (12) from Surrey Clubs enrolled on the yearlong course.

The course was open to all Middlesex youth both male & female. After this first, face2 face day, the young referees will have access to monthly webinars and gain experience at refereeing with Middlesex St Georges day festival and assisting with London Irish academy training & games. The next F2F day is next May when all will gain the RFU Match Official Certificate.

Thanks to Simon Hardcastle for the referee development work, he is doing with these young match officials.

(2) Senior Referee Development

Take up The Whistle, is a short course introducing interested persons to attend a 2 evenings course tutored by local London Society Referees. The course content is both theoretical and practical work and will upskill those attending with the tools to referee local Senior games and youth rugby. Middlesex have run 2 of these events this season, with 2 further events taking place in 2022.

Thanks to Andrew Smart, Paul Carroll, Rob Park and Steve Byles for making these courses available to all Middlesex interested referees

There is also an England Rugby Referees Award (ERRA), which is 2 days attendance, monthly webinars and online community of practice. This is the entry point for those refereeing U12s and above. As progression on from this award is the England Rugby Advanced Match Officials Award, which is a 12-month programme 4 face to face days, webinars, practical observation and community of practice events. This is for the more ambitious panel

referees operating in high performance environments.

It is hoped that Middlesex will host a ERRA in 2022, more information will be made when the RFU confirms a date.

Middlesex Coach Education

Coach education will be offered to all Middlesex Coaches throughout the season, it is intended to run both on - line and outside practical sessions. To date the following Coach education sessions have taken place.

September 2021 – 3 Courses were run on the New Law Variations, introducing coaches to the new laws being applied this season. Simon Hardcastle delivered on these on-line sessions and they were well attended by both female & male coaches a total of 173 coaches attended

During October 2021 - there were 2 CPD sessions run for both Women and Youth Coaches with a Theme of Developing a Coaching Philosophy, 48 coaches attended the on-line interactive sessions.

November 2021 – There was an online Coaching 7s Webinar which invited all Middlesex L3 & L4 coaches to attend.

December Wednesday 15th 2021 – The last Coach Education session this year. This is suitable for all Middlesex Youth, Female & Male Coaches. Log in details below and this will be sent out to all via the Middlesex Social Media Platforms. The Theme of the session is **Creating Individual Development Plans to goal set and measure over the season.** The tutor for the evening is Gary Street former England women's rugby world cup winning coach and coach in the England Academies

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R-Up - Gunnersbury A

Plate

Winners - St Benedict's A

R-Up - Halliford

Shield

Winners - Orleans Park

R-Up - Richmond Upon Thames

Bowl

Winners - Latymer Upper A

R-Up - St Benedict's B

Development Leagues

First

Winners - UCS

Ru-Up - Enfield Grammar

Second

Winners - Twyford

Ru-Up - Latymer Upper B

Third

Winners - Isleworth and Syon A

R-Up - Holland Park

Fourth

Winners - Gunnersbury B

R-Up - Isleworth and Syon B

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:-

- **Kevin Moran** for leading a fantastic U12 Festival at Grasshoppers RFC
- **Ben Wassell** for hosting an excellent U13 rugby festival at St James Boys' School
- **Connall Devlin** (Middlesex Secretary) for his hard work and organisation with the festivals
- **Joshua Chasney** (Middlesex Treasurer) who enabled the smooth logistics and sourcing of the necessary equipment
- **Nicky Fielder** for her help and assistance liaising with the London Society referees
- **Matt Gillmore** for the fantastic contribution and hosting of the competitions at Grasshoppers RFC
- **Peter Baveystock** and his team of blazers (**Bob Lawless, Jerry Rogers, Michael Searls, David Hiles, Tim Cunis, Brian**

East, Charles Portsmouth, Jok Dunbar) who warmly welcomed all teams.

I am delighted that we were able to deliver another fantastic season of Middlesex Schools rugby and look forward to the eagerly awaited Middlesex Schools sevens competitions. Details of which will be published shortly.

I wish you all and your families a very merry Christmas.

David Jones - Chairman Middlesex Schools Rugby

What's on:

Group Meetings

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Middlesex Under 18's

- **Sunder 19th December - Wasps RFC**
- **Sunday 9th January - Cheshunt RFC**

County Dinner 29th April 2022

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