

September Newsletter 2024

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President's Corner

The County President, Nigel Orton shares his Middlesex travels and encounters:

31 Aug: My first visit of 2024-25 was to Hurlingham Park, Fulham for a double header Hammers' pre-season friendly. My thanks to Hammersmith & Fulham's long-serving club chair, Terry Alleyne, Bhomdat Mahraj (vice chair), Lyndon Walters (fixture sec) and Laurel Dunne (social sec) for their warm welcome and kind hospitality. It was good to meet club captain Matt Jones and director of women's rugby Sophie Tauchert.



Scrum (Hammers in red tops)

First action: **Hammersmith & Fulham Ladies 1 v Battersea Ironside Ladies 1**. Hammers play in the Championship 2 Southeast League (level 4). Ironside are in Championship 1 South, and this showed as Hammers spent much of their time bravely defending but conceding five tries, 0 – 32 pts. Sirri Ranés (10) was captain and Ben Selway was coach.



A contested line out



H&F defending a ruck

This was followed by the 2 XV match, both teams play in National Challenge (NC) 2 Southeast Central and will face each other in their first level 5 league game. Hammers were able to dominate with evasive attacking lines, good support running and off loads to win 25 – 7 pts. Sophie Meynell-Anderson (10) was captain and Paul Philips was coach. Huw Evans (LSRFUR) refereed both matches.

The men then took to the park, **Hammersmith & Fulham v Belsize Park 1s and 2s**. The 2's game was refereed by Blair Cooper (LSRFUR). With big squads and many inter changes it was played at a fast pace, and it was a good opportunity for so many players to run out; score: 33 – 10 pts.

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Hammers (red shirts) set up a ruck in the 2 XV's match.

The 1s were refereed by Chris Howe (LSRFUR). Hammers play in the London and Southeast (L&SE) Regional 1 South Central League (level 5), Belsize in L&SE Regional 2 Thames (level 6). Hammers captain: Tom Proctor (lock); coach, Alain Van West. For B Pk captain: Tom Lewis (5); coach: Ronan Murphy.

This was an exciting and close game. The final score was 32 - 27. Both Hammers wings and their scrum half, stood out, and especially the 14.



A try saving tackle from Hammers in the 1's match

Belsize Park run five men's XV's, two women's XV's plus vets. Based in Regents Park they proudly trace their history to being one of the RFU's founding clubs! Hammers run four men's XV's, and two women's XV's. They have been at Hurlingham since 1978 when they were formed by teachers from the nearby Henry Compton School.



Hammers scrum, 5 metres out.

This was a busy day, people were socialising and catching up on their summers, creating an incredibly friendly and a relaxed pitch side feel. The day was rounded off by a post-match hog roast. What a pleasant, cool club, thanks Hammers for kicking my season off!

7 Sep: Wasps FC Women 1 v Oxford Harlequins Women 1 as a pre-season friendly at Twyford Avenue, Ealing. Wasps play at level 5 in NC 2 Southeast North League. Oxford are at level 4 in NC 1 Midlands. The referee was Paul Richard (LSRFUR). Wasps' captain was Lydia Hume (8). Leah Horan is Women's Committee Chair.



Jade Betsen scoring her second try. Wasps yellow & black tops.

Wasps' coach was ex-Red Rose, Bryony Cleall. Her twin, Poppy is also a coach but was at Kingsholm Stadium playing for England in their 38-19 win over France. And another Red Rose, Connie Powell completes Wasps impressive coaching trio.



Jade in open play action. Photograph by Ollie Tycer

Wasps created some great play to score 4 good first half tries, Jade Betsen secured the first two, Amanda Burton added another. There were several good performances and good passing. A few times weak marking in defence, allowed Oxford to draw level by half time the score was 22 - 22, when I switched over to watch the men. However, Wasps went on to win 53 - 22 pts with Jade Betsen notching up five tries. Jade is daughter of French International and Wasp, Serge Betsen.

Wasps FC 1 v Saracens Amateurs 1 in L&SE Counties 2 Herts/Middx League, referee Ken Fowlie (LSRFUR). Captain was Patrick Doyle (1), Coach was Dan Shanahan. Thanks to club manager, Kate Hallett, Jok Dunbar and President, Solomon N'Jie for welcoming me. Saracens captain was Abel Leaman, DoR was Jack Goldberg and coach Craig Sweetlove.



Wasps (black and yellow) maul. Photograph by Ollie Tycer

It was a hard fought battle, played at pace with good handling and solid defences by both XV's and an entertaining game to watch. The Wasps pack dominated and that gave them a better platform to build attacks. Wasps won 36 - 29 pts. Wasps fielded several fresh faces, but their 'Hall of Fame' legend Matt Cosgrove also made the scoreboard.



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14 Sep: St Benedict's School, Ealing 1 v St George's School, Weybridge 1. The referee was Blair Cooper (LSRFUR). My host, Zoran Higgins (Director of Sport) reminded me back in the day he played in a Middlesex U16 XV I managed! It was good to meet Richard Hicks pitch side too. Bennies had 13 teams in action along with other sports being played at their modern pavilion and fields in Perivale.

Bennies were captained by Oliver Boas. Their 'man of the match' was Daniel Lake (12) who played exceptionally well. Callum MacGregor (9), David Shenan (11) and Jared Bruce (13) also stood out.



St George's line out



St Benedict's green tops

This was a cracking game played at a fast pace with both teams putting on a fine exhibition of individual and unit skills producing exciting rugby to watch. The final ten minutes were tense as Bennies, reduced to fourteen, calmly defended their lead against several attacks, to secure a 31 – 29 pt win.

Plenty of supporters cheered on Bennies. They have a proud rugby history over several decades and have always sought out challenging fixtures rather than rely solely on traditional blocks. They have produced pro players and internationals including Jonah Holmes for Wales.

Northolt 1 v West London 2 Middx Merit Table Division 3. Score 5 – 36 pts. Referee Charles Kenny (LSRFUR). My thanks to club chair, Geoff Payne, Phil, Dennis and Brad for their hospitality. I was introduced to several volunteers who undertake a variety of roles to make this club tick along, some were playing. I was given a guided tour of the refurbished clubhouse. The co-captains were Scott Lewis (12) and Reece Williamson-White (15), they with Adrian McConney (19) and Angus Memis had good games. Their 'man of the match' was Dom Ashford.

West London (WL) 2s were playing their first merit game having relaunched over the summer. Asad Gattab (1) only took up rugby 7 weeks ago but comfortably held his own at loose head. Making their debut and playing well: Garret O'Keeffe, Nick Brewster (13) and Marko Rigacci (11). Backs Nick and Marko both scoring. Andy Flavin was coach; Tom Norton was captain. Jacob Carias (12) was 'man of the match'.



Northolt's (Blue tops) scrum

It was a good contest, WL providing better support for their attackers and quickly moving the ball wide, giving fluency in their backs. Northolt had long periods camped in WL's 22 without adding points, they worked hard and were unlucky not to narrow the scores. Both teams were fielding new recruits – they all looked to have enjoyed their match.



Other news to share:

Saracens and Middlesex's **Niamh Gallagher** had a successful 6 Nation U20 summer series tournament at the Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi in Parma, Italy this summer playing for Ireland at 15. She has since been signed for Ealing Trailfinders Women. Niamh started her playing at Enfield Ignatians. We wish her well as her professional career unfolds.

The 2023-24 recipient of the Middlesex President's Medal is **Steve Partridge** of Actonians RFC, many congratulations to Steve.

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Message from Vice Chair, Bob Lawless

It was great to see a large turnout at the AGM this past Monday. The evening went very well with 3 new board members being elected from our Middlesex member clubs. Best wishes to Mark Coles (Uxbridge RFC), Director of Team Middlesex, Fred Cracknell (CS STAGS 1863) Director of Rugby Development and Andrew Walker (HAC) Director of Club Development. Thanks to our outgoing Directors Lou Latter, who for many years has developed our member clubs, the Age Grade Game, volunteers & the female game in Middlesex. We wish Lou well in driving the female game forward and her new work in Women's Rugby World Cup 2025. A big thank you also to Jok Dunbar, for steering the representative sides for the past 5 years and especially the challenging times through the Covid years. Jok is still involved in the Middlesex Girls game and the Boys U17s & U18s development programme.

Conor O'Shea our keynote speaker brought updates to us on the new Community Game Partnership, the emphases on player development through our schools, clubs & academies and gave reference to the young England talent progressing through the England U20s; many are already in the full England squad. The Q & As through the members, allowed Conor to update all on the challenges in recruitment in the Senior male Community game, plans for the women's game up to the World Cup in 2025 and how well the numbers are looking in the Age Grade Game. Conor also brought to the attention of the meeting, the many different opportunities that people have in all other sports and the need for our clubs to adapt to meet the challenges; by being diverse in all other health related sports & activities. He did however gingerly sidestep his way on his thoughts on who should captain the British Lions in Australia in 2025.

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There were other important matters discussed at the AGM and these discussions will continue in Middlesex Management Board monthly meetings

I thank the membership for supporting my nomination to Vice Chair, where I can assist our Chair, Eddie, and the management group in the day-to-day events of a busy rugby environment. My role also covers working closely with our 3 newly appointed Directors in delivering for our member clubs. My other roles of coach & referee development will continue where I have worked closely with many of the clubs around age grade and senior coach development, while developing referees and ensuring our coaches & managers have opportunities in upskilling all volunteers in obtaining the RFU Emergency First Aid Training, while working closely with our Rugby Safe Lead. More information on this area will be found below in the Coaches Corner. It is always thought provoking when you must mention so many excellent volunteers making Middlesex a great rugby county, so I will take this opportunity to thank you all for the voluntary work you do and offer my best wishes to all our member clubs in the new season, and I look forward to seeing you on one of my visits.

On a final note, I thank our Middlesex Chair and RFU Council Rep Eddie Keal, for the tireless time he gives to ensuring Middlesex is at the forefront of Rugby, club, and people development. It has been a very tough time for Eddie and I wish him well on behalf of us all, as he spends time dealing with his family challenges.

Bob Lawless
Middlesex Vice Chair

[Update from Fred Cracknell – Chair of Rugby Development \(on the field\)](#)

Month one has flown by, capped with the AGM this week which was a great opportunity to hear some of the challenges faced by clubs and to meet the great and good of Middlesex rugby.

One of the blindingly obvious challenges faced by the county and the game is representation. There was one woman at the AGM outside of those who work with the county / RFU which even then brings the grand total to 3. So, what are we looking to do in Rugby Development to help drive change?

One of the strong legacies left by Lou was the fantastic work she did in growing the W&G game in the county. To keep up that momentum I am looking to build a team of volunteers to coordinate and drive junior girls' competitions, ensuring that the clubs have an opportunity to play rugby at the right level with consistency. Part of this will be to continue to grow and support the Emerald Cup. If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, please do reach out, we're always looking for willing volunteers!

We're at an exciting point in time in the women's game with a Home World Cup next year. It's important that the girls' game in Middlesex has the right structure and support network around it to capitalize on the increased interest and likely influx of players following what we all hope is an England win. The next twelve months are about refining what we have and ensuring this is the case. If we can nail the grassroots girls' game and create the right pathways through the sport, this will inevitably feed through to the women's game in the county and ultimately, to the aims of Conor O'Shea our keynote speaker at the AGM, to the professional game and create the next generation of Red Roses in time. As always any suggestions or requirements from the Middlesex rugby community are more than welcome.

As I start my rounds of the clubs in Middlesex, the first two on my list are Haringey Rhinos and Hampstead, both of which happen to be chaired by women. I'm looking forward to talking to Helen and Debbie firstly about the fantastic work they're doing to grow the game (both boys/men and girls/women) at their clubs and how/where we can replicate what they're doing around the county, but also, how we make rugby administration more appealing to women and grow women's representation at the decision-making tables.

I recently read a book by a well-known political commentator, about how individuals can get involved in and make a difference in the political world with the underlying message being, to start local, get involved, drive the change you want to see in your area and grow from there. I think the same is true in rugby; volunteer at your club, help the county, sit on RFU sub-committees focused on what matters to you, and grow from there. Rugby needs fresh faces and new voices to keep driving change and growing into the future. If you're someone who wants to get more involved but doesn't know how to reach out, I'll be more than happy to help.

I'm looking forward to getting around the clubs this month and reporting back in October. As always, I'm here for any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Please reach out if you have any ideas, wants, challenges, or to simply introduce yourself – Fred.Cracknell@middlesexrugby.com

Fred

Message from Andrew Walker - Rugby Development (off the field)

It was great to see so many of you at the AGM on Monday and I look forward to helping to develop the new Rugby Development (off the Field) Committee. Much of the committee's work was part of the massive role that Louise Latter fulfilled so I'd like to start with a big thank you to her for all her hard work. I held an initial meeting with the new group on 12th September at Grasshoppers and we felt that we had most of off the field bases covered. There are, however, still a couple of vacancies, as evident from the committee structure below. If you would like to learn more about either of these, please get in touch.

Chair - Andrew Walker
Coaching & Refereeing – Bob Lawless
Financial Support Fund - Vacancy
Funding & Facilities - Graham Lee
Groups - Andrew Smart

Leadership Rugby Network - Vacancy

RFU Rep - Sam Clapham
Rugby Safe – Mary Impey
Volunteer Recognition - Andy Brooks
Without portfolio - Peter Baveystock

I look forward to working with the committee to ensure that our clubs are as strong as possible but do please get in touch if you have any suggestions or questions for the new group.

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Message from Andrew Smart, Chair of Competitions

Whilst there is lots to talk about competitions now the season has started, it is the Future Competition Structure Vote that will dominate this report and the All-Clubs Zoom meeting that will be held on Monday 30th September.

To cover off on some of the background, Middlesex along with eight other CBs who voted in 2022 not to allow Lower XV's into their leagues, following a FCS review this season will be asked to vote again. The nine people who made up the current review team, included me and Paul Astbury so Middlesex was very well represented. At the last vote Middlesex clubs who were eligible to vote, did so by nearly 92%, not to include lower XV's into our leagues. Surrey, where some of our club's play voted last time by 89% also not to include lower XV's whilst Essex where Epping Upper Clapton play their rugby voted by 73%. Now the vote can be triggered by either at least 10% of the Middlesex voting clubs asking for the vote or four clubs, depending on what is the greater or, indeed if the CB decide that it would be appropriate for a vote to be held. In this case it would have to be the 10% figure. However, I believe that it would be appropriate for us to conduct another vote to see if the position of Middlesex clubs has indeed changed and I also believe we have a responsibility to acknowledge the views of those four clubs who voted in favour in 2022 and allow them to make their case again to the other clubs at the September meeting. I therefore on

behalf of Middlesex will trigger that vote and there will be no requirement for our clubs to make any application to the County

Simply Lower XVs in a CB will not be allowed to play in leagues operated by that CB in the RFU leagues, if clubs vote a two-thirds majority (of those clubs voting) against the national policy

I will just go through the timetable before going on to raise some of the issues

Circulation to the Nine CBs of the Lower XV Entry process, the entry criteria for the 2025/26 season and some FAQs on Wednesday 18th September

Middlesex All-Clubs Meeting on Zoom Monday 30th September 7pm until 9pm

Middlesex to inform the FCS Implementation Group of our intention to hold a vote by the 3rd October

Voting opens online on Wednesday 9th October

Voting closes at Midday on Friday 25th October

CBs that conduct their own vote to notify the Competition Development Team at the RFU by 5pm on Friday 25th October

Entry Application Window for lower XVs wishing to join the RFU leagues will open on Wednesday 6th November and closes on Friday 22nd November

CBs or ROCs will assess Lower XV applications against the entry criteria immediately after the deadline closes

The FCS Implementation Group (which Paul and I would expect to be a part of) will decide the positioning of successful lower XV applicants at Counties 1 and below against the finalised entry criteria and applications from CBs/ROCs

Clubs will be informed of the of the outcome of their application early in December.

That deals with the timetable. I expect as we did last time, Middlesex will run its own on-line process.

The question that clubs will be asked to vote is likely to remain the same as 2022...

“Do you support Lower XV teams from your CB playing in the English Clubs Championship (ECC) Yes/No”

To confirm that whilst this is a simple yes/no vote at least two thirds of those voting clubs who then take part in the vote must vote against the proposal for Lower XV to be disqualified from playing in our leagues

One of the issues we agreed during the review was that even if we stopped Lower XVs playing in our counties leagues it wouldn't stop clubs looking to enter teams in CBs leagues who did allow lower XVs to enter. That was a change from 2022 but seems at odds with the potential question above. I will seek clarity on that in good time for the 30th September meeting

Two full years after the implementation that allowed Lower XVs to enter those CBs leagues who hadn't voted out, (interestingly not one CB in 2022, actually voted to allow Lower XVs into their leagues; they just didn't reach the threshold required to keep them out) there is some data that the RFU believes support the success of the implementation. Now whether two seasons date is sufficient to draw any definitive conclusions is open to question. However, what is certain is the Rugby landscape has indeed changed with their inclusion and supports the desire for a new vote.

It is also important to understand exactly where Hertfordshire, who's clubs play in our combined CB leagues stand, as we go into vote. In 2022, their clubs voted by 64% to exclude Lower XVs but it didn't reach the 66% threshold required. Across Middlesex and Hertfordshire, the clubs voted by 81.4% to exclude Lower XVs but it was the individual CBs votes that counted and not the combined and it leaves us the mess we are still in today. I have had frequent conversation with Hertfordshire as we prepare for the vote, and they

have made it very clear that should Middlesex Clubs vote again to exclude Lower XVs from our combined leagues, they will go out on their own and set up their own leagues which, will include Lower XVs. It is important that we understand where they are on this but if that does happen, we will have to deal with it. It will allow those Middlesex clubs that wish to enter the Lower XVs into leagues, the opportunity to do so in a Hertfordshire League and should allow those Hertfordshire Clubs who wish to remain playing against 1st XV Middlesex Clubs, the opportunity to continue to do so. It is very important that we are absolutely transparent with our partners and friends from Hertfordshire, and I will share this document with them and they will be invited to attend our All-Clubs meeting so that they gauge the mood of the meeting and of course take the opportunity to explain their position to our clubs

I should also point out that should our position on Lower XVs entering our leagues changes after the vote, clubs must understand that there will have to be a re-organisation of our leagues from Counties 1 downwards that without doubt, would see enforced relegations to accommodate the inclusion of Lower XVs at that level and below on top of the normal number of clubs to be relegated at the end of next season. Simply Lower XVs will be allowed to enter the leagues up to Counties 1 Level dependant on the levels that ROCs and CBs decide is appropriate to their strength. Every Lower XV entered at level 7 will see an additional relegation from that league which will cascade downwards. Each Lower XVs entered at Counties 2 will see a further relegation from that league plus the extra relegations coming down from Counties 1 and so on. Allowing Lower XVs into our combined leagues will almost definitely see at least one new Counties League across Middlesex and Herts which would be great news. At the same time clubs must understand all the issues when they come to vote and the potential repercussions whichever way they go

Any changes will be effective for the 2025/26.

I appreciate that this is not at all straight forward and if anyone has any questions before we get to the

30th September then please by all means come back to me andrew-smart@ntlworld.com or to Paul paulastbury51@gmail.com

All the best

Andrew Smart
Chairman Competitions
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Group Officers Report

The September round of Group meetings have now started with the South Group meeting on Tuesday 17th September at London Cornish RFC. At each of the remaining three Group meetings there will be agenda points on Adult Registration and on the FCS Vote that we will be conducting in early October. For those who are looking for more information on this please see my competitions report in this newsletter

Following the four Group meetings, we will holding an All-Clubs meeting on Zoom on Monday 30th September which will deal with any questions or issues that clubs might have around the issues and indeed the protocols around the vote itself.

I can now confirm that Simon Hardcastle, the Group Secretary, conducted the election for the Group Chair in the last week with the newly elected Group Officers and I am pleased to say that I have been re-elected into post for the 2024/25 season. Thank you once again to our Group Officers for their faith and support. I look forward to supporting their efforts and those of their clubs over the next year

Last year as you might be aware each Group hosted a very successful "Pick UP The Whistle Course" and we will be doing the same this year. Thank you once again to the London Society, their trainers and Bob Ockenden in particular, for his leadership and support of the training and to Bob Lawless who is very much our lead on behalf of the County.

The West Group course will be held at Grasshoppers RFC on Monday 7th and 14th October 2024

The North Group course will be held at Old Grammarians RFC on Monday 7 and 21 November 2024

The North-West Course will be held at Harrow RFC on Monday 13 and 20 January 2025.

The South Group Course will be held at Twickenham RFC at a date still to be confirmed

Enrolling details for the West and North Group courses have already been circulated. If anyone is still interested in attending, please contact me andrew-smart@ntlworld.com and I will provide the relevant link. Once again, the county will support financially, those who apply and take part in the course by covering the course fees.

In the meantime, I very much hope to catch up with many of you across the season either at Group meetings, but if not, on touchlines watching the game we so love and support.

Any questions or issues please feel free to come back to me at any time.

Keep safe and all the best.

Andrew Smart

[Update from Chair of Team Middlesex – Mark Coles](#)

I hope this finds you all well and your respective club seasons have started positively and you're enjoying the buzz of being back playing/coaching/supporting one of our clubs.

As I continue getting up to speed on my role, I really want Team Middlesex to centre around one phrase: "Giving our best players and coaches the best experience".

Representative Rugby is something unique and I feel bringing these three together will allow us to offer an experience to players and coaches that will

serve them well wherever they may go onto in the future.

With the above mantra in mind, we have now kicked off activity in the Age Grade sections with the first U16 Foundation (formerly the Girls ERDPP) taster session held at Grasshoppers on the 8th of September with over 70 girls nominated this year - both new and returning faces with the coaching team lead by Nash Cohen, impressed with the skills on display. This is a broad programme that covers training and off field personal development and something the RFU have adapted in other areas. Similarly, the U18G girls and U17B programme assessment days are coming up in October and we have already received a healthy number of nominations from clubs.

As a County we'll be looking to strengthen our links with Harlequins and Saracens over the season now the map has been redrawn on what localities line into where, and we can keep building out these pathways.

One team we are looking to bring back is the U20's men which is now (subject to RFU Council ratification next week) subject to simpler eligibility criteria and further details will be shared on with clubs as we get them.

To close and as a call to action, whilst we have an established coaching roster in two teams, we will be looking for coaches will be in heading up the U20's and Women's programme. Role descriptions will be created shortly and shared and any relevant applicants are encouraged to apply. If you would be interested or know someone who may, please do let me know, or flag to them, that more details will be circulated. Bringing new blood and ideas is no bad thing so I am keen to foster an open process and find coaches who support the ethos of what we are doing.

Thanks as ever for reading and for your support
Mark

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Coaching & Referee Development

Plans are put in place for the following Coach Education Sessions up to Xmas. More information on dates, times, venues & tutors will be in the October newsletter and via the Middlesex social media platforms.

- Confidence in the Contact Areas
- Back Play Workshop
- Coaching 7 aside Rugby

Referee Development

Middlesex will be running four Club take up the whistle courses this season in each of the Middlesex Groups. The first two courses are on -

- Grasshoppers RFC Mondays 7th & 14th October 24 (4 Places left)
- Old Grammarians RFC on Mondays the 7th & 21st November. (8 Places left)

In addition, Middlesex will be running 2 Young Match Official Courses. If your club would like to run a YMO course, please do get in touch

Referee Education

Middlesex will be running four Referee education sessions tutored by our local referee society. More information on these sessions will be in in the October Newsletter.

Coach Mentoring

Any Middlesex coach interested in Coach Mentoring up to England Rugby Coaching Award (ERCA), please do get in touch. I have a group which is about to commence.

Age Grade Update

To all Youth Coaches, Managers and Volunteers,

Mark Saltmarsh Head of Education & Age Grade Rugby will be delivering his Annual Update on a

Zoom Call on Monday 14th October 2024, from 19.00hrs – 20.00hrs. The Theme will be centre on –

- (1) Current State of Play in Age Grade & Future Developments
- (2) Support & Resources
- (3) Q&A.

To book a place on this Zoom Call or any other questions on coach or referee development, please contact me on WhatsApp 07803 196 409

Bob Lawless, Chair of Coach & Referee Development on (e) robilaws@aol.com or on Whatsapp (m) 07803 196409

What's On

Upcoming Take up The Whistle Courses

Grasshoppers RFC on 7th. & 14th. October 2024 – 7.00pm to 9.30pm

Click on <https://buytickets.at/lrurfur/1335766> to enroll

Next Course :-
Old Grammarians RFC on 7th. & 21st. November 2024 – 7.00pm to 9.30pm

Click on <https://buytickets.at/lrurfur/1335772> to enroll

Middlesex Schools Cup and Plate

Festivals	Date	Venue
<i>(please note these are in age order and NOT date order)</i>		
U12 Boys Festival November 2024	29.11.24	Grasshoppers
U12 Girls Festival November 2024	27.11.24	Grasshoppers
U13 Boys Festival November 2024	25.11.24	St James'
U14 Boys Festival October 2024	01.10.24	Grasshoppers
U14 Girls Festival November 2024	20.11.24	Grasshoppers
U15 Boys Festival October 2024	10.10.24	Grasshoppers
U16 Boys Festival October 2024	08.10.24	Grasshoppers
U16 Girls Festival October 2024	23.10.24	Grasshoppers
U18 Girls Cup Festival December 2024	04.12.24	Grasshoppers
U18 Boys Festival October 2024	16.10.24	Grasshoppers

These festivals generally start at 11am and run through to 2.30pm approx. so please try to get down and support them.

Save the Dates in 2025:

County Clubs 7's Saturday 10th May, Grasshoppers RFC

Entry details to follow from Organisers, Steve Partridge & Mark Coles

County Clubs Dinner - Friday 16th May at Ealing Trailfinders – Booking information to follow from event organizer Alice Urquhart.