

## Housekeeping

### Coaches Corner

As part of our commitment to deliver coaching excellence we have strengthened the coaching team for the new season. As part of his role as Community Sports Coach First XV hooker Ben Steele will be available every Sunday morning to support the Junior coaches.



Community Sports Coach Ben Steele

We will also be launching a new coaching syllabus in 2008-9 which identifies core skills and best practice training drills appropriate at every age group from U7 to U17's. This will ensure that we get a consistent approach to training up and down the club, and develop rugby players in line with the latest thinking on Long Term Athletic Development, SAQ (Speed Agility and Quickness) and technical skills from around the world.

Welcome new coaches Simon Harrison (left) & Andy Murphy (right)



## Coaching Team 2008-9

Age Group	Head Coach	Contact
U7's	Simon Harrison	07774929749
U8's	Andy Murphy	07770474401
U9's	Tim Brear	07920584901
U10's	Sam Waddington	07816821672
U11's	Andy Cooper	07976354695
U12's	Peter Saddington	07973782470
U13's	Jeremy Harrison	07734066379
U14's	Richard Hall	07866438675
U15's	Gary Walker	07771815429
U16's	Mike Ramsey	07831159237

## Social Side

After running a number of successful events last season our Social Secretary Helen Foggitt has put together another programme for the coming year (see below). Call Helen on 07939 028836 to reserve your place on the Quiz Night or Call My Quaff.

### Dates for Your Diary

Quiz Night	19th September 2008
Xmas Party	7th December 2008
Call My Quaff	6th February 2009
Family BBQ	10th May 2009

## Training Fees 2008-9

Fees will be the same as last year so that's £35 for Social Membership (£20 for single parents) and the training fees for each child is £20 for U7's and U8's, £25 for U9's to U12's and £30 for U13's and over.

In addition you will get a Family Season Ticket which will give you access to all the First XV games on a Saturday, or for an extra £50 (£30 for Volunteers) you can upgrade your Junior Family Membership to become a full member of the club.



## Junior Committee

My thanks to Hywel Matthews, Peter Saddington and Glyn Melville who all stepped down from the Junior Committee at the end of last season, and I'd like to welcome on board new member Mike Blake who will be looking after Equity & Welfare and Membership, and announce Chris Dewhirst as our new Coaching Co-ordinator.

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# ZEBRA!

"every player counts"



## “Active In The Community”

**A warm welcome to this the third edition of 'Zebra!', the pre-season newsletter for the players and parents of the Junior section of Otley Rugby Club.**

**Over the last few years the Zebras have achieved some terrific results as a club and last season was no exception. Our U10's won the District and reached the Gullivers National Final at Twickenham, whilst the U14's won the Yorkshire Cup for the third time in a row.**

This year however I would also like to make special mention of our First XV who had a terrific season finishing champions

of National Division Two and winning promotion back to National Division One.

To celebrate their achievement I am pleased to announce that as part of your Junior membership this year you will get a Family Season Ticket so that you can all watch First XV games for free on a Saturday.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible at our first home game against Esher on 6th September 2008. This day will be a 'family' day, with entertainment for the kids including a bouncy castle, games on the first team pitch and free drinks.

In his role as Community Sports Coach First XV Hooker Ben Steele will continue to support Otley Zebras next season. Ben will be available for coaching every Sunday morning and will run rugby camps in the Easter and Summer as he did last season.

As part of our commitment to delivering coaching excellence a number of our most experienced coaches have been

working on a coaching syllabus this summer. This will ensure a consistent approach to coaching and make sure that we implement best practice across the Junior section.

Lastly can I just remind everyone that registration is a week later this year and will take place at 10am on Sunday 7th September at the clubhouse. As usual you will be able to buy playing kit and equipment on the day, including our new Otley Zebras water bottles, bags, mugs and umbrellas, and remember to bring any old kit you don't want so that we can donate it to SOS Kit Aid!

As ever, good luck and enjoy the new season!

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# Rugby Roundup 2007-8

## "Enjoyment Through Superior Skills"

### Festival Success For U7's, 8's and 9's

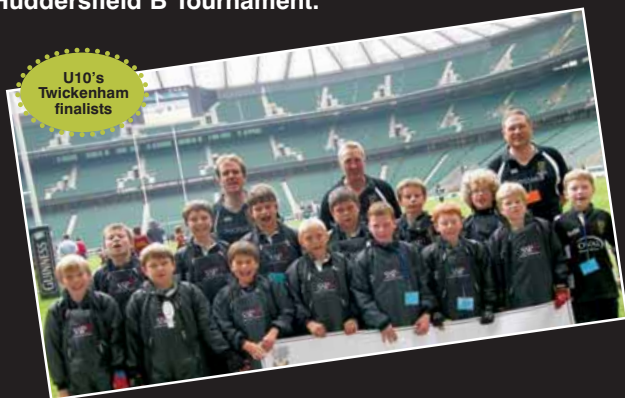
The mini-midi sides all had success at local festivals in 2007-8, and the U7's hosted the Central District Festival. Next year will see coaching changes with Simon Harrison taking over the U7's, and with Sam Waddington moving to the U10's Andy Murphy will taking over the U8's.



U7's and U9's 2007-8

### U10's Reach Twickenham Final

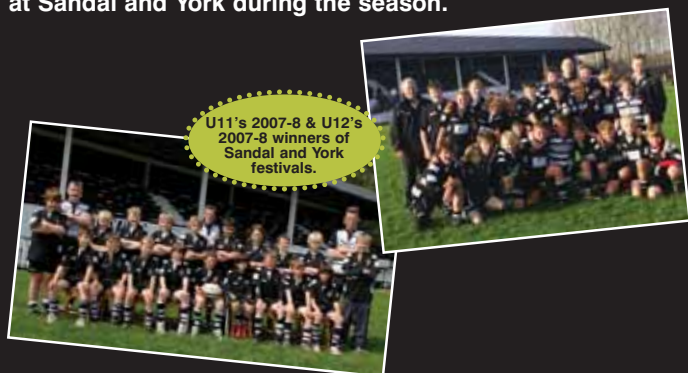
The U10's had a terrific year winning their District and reaching the Gullivers National Final at Twickenham, where they beat Walsingham 1-0 in the Semi-Final but lost 1-0 to Macclesfield in the Final. This team has great strength in depth with their second team winning the Huddersfield B Tournament.



U10's Twickenham finalists

### Over The Border

The U11's toured the Far East (Whitby and Scarborough) last season whilst the U12's went over the Border to play two of the top sides in Scotland. The U12's won festivals at Sandal and York during the season.



U11's 2007-8 & U12's 2007-8 winners of Sandal and York festivals.



U13's at Benevento Tournament

### Italian Job for U13's

Upholding a longstanding tradition the U13's sent two teams to the prestigious Benevento Rugby Tournament in Naples, one of which was knocked out in the semi-final because of the quirky rule that in the event of a draw the team with the lowest average age goes through!



U14's Yorkshire Cup Winners 2007-8

### Hat-Trick of Yorkshire Cup Wins for U14's

Congratulations go to the U14's who completed a hat-trick of Yorkshire Cup wins by beating Harrogate 15-5 in the Final. This team also got six lads into the Yorkshire School of Rugby and 19 out of their squad of 22 into the Central District team.



U15's 2007-8

### U14's and U15's In Dublin's Fair City

U14's and U15's were both on tour in Dublin this year, enjoying some traditional Irish hospitality. The U14's played Blackrock College going down to their only defeat in the last three years, whilst the U15's performed well in a Gullivers festival against Irish and touring sides.

Fun and games at the Easter Camp



### Training Camps

Once again Ben Steele ran training camps in the Easter holiday, and at time of writing will run another camp from 26th to the 29th August for last years U7's to U12's. Contact Ben Steele on 07779 275478 to book a place.

## Viscounts versus Coaches

At the Summer BBQ the Viscounts and Junior Coaches faced-off in an 'exhibition' game that thrilled the watching crowd. The Viscounts eventually won a hotly contested match, which we are hoping to repeat at the end of season BBQ next year.



## Healthy Eating

From the start of the new season Jo Carter our Catering Manager is replacing the old sausage and chips players' meal with a new healthy pasta dish. So please make an effort to come back to the clubhouse after training, and don't worry, mums and dads you will still be able to buy the usual coffee, tea and bacon butties!

## Zebras Gift Shop

Having launched her 'I Love Otley Zebras' T-Shirt last year Social Secretary Helen Foggitt has added new items to the range of Zebras products available including mugs, water bottles, bags, tea towels and an umbrella!

These things make great gifts, presents or stocking-fillers, and will be available on registration day, through our website or call Helen on 07939 028836 to order. All the proceeds go towards refurbishing the kitchen.



## New this season

"Meeting the evolving needs of rugby players, and maximising their potential"

Community Sports Coach Ben Steele and Coach Andy Murphy's son Sam model this year's kit.



## New Shirts

This year the older players (U13's and above) are switching to the same shirt as the First XV. The shirt still retains the black and white stripes of the Zebras, but is part of the Kooga Teamwear Match Shirts range and is made of EVAPOREX fabric.

The younger kids (U7's to U12's) will continue to wear the distinctive Zebra kit introduced a couple of years ago, and we will make a decision about whether to switch to the Kooga shirts at the end of the season. All our playing kit is available from our preferred supplier JR Sports in Otley.

## Zebras Online

We have a brand new website at

[www.otleyzebras.co.uk](http://www.otleyzebras.co.uk)

The new site includes the latest news from the Zebras, contact information, links to local clubs, team results, photos, a shop and even a weather forecast for the Otley area!



## U17's to Join Colts Squad

Last years U17's are moving up to join with our highly successful Colts squad who got through to the semi-finals of the Aire-Wharfe Cup last season. Ian Farrer and Richard Costello will link up with Carlton Cooke to coach the team next season.

## Where Are They Now?

We all know that former Zebra Danny Care went on to represent the England First XV in New Zealand this summer, but a number of the class of '07 are also beginning to make their way in the Senior game.

Jason Moss and James Morton were regulars in Otley Second XV last season with Sam Pickering and Charlie Middleton featuring at the end of the year. All four players have started pre-season training with the First XV this summer.

Former Zebras left to right Sam Pickering, Jason Moss, Charlie Middleton and James Morton]

