



OLD COVENTRIANS JUNIOR SECTION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Following the meeting of the Junior Committee Meeting on 2 November 2011, the Committee would like to update coaches and volunteers about the following items:

Junior Whistler Scheme

Following the very successful Junior Whistler course over half term at the club, from January we can have access to junior referees for matches for U16s and below. Please contact Steve Davies and he will do all he can to arrange a referee for you (email davies@9roman.freeserve.co.uk, telephone number 02476 416709).

Confirmation of Training Times

Junior training can only be facilitated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Any other arrangements would be on an exception basis by prior agreement with the junior committee (Jane Waterhouse, Nigel Clews and John Lapworth).

Times are as follows:

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| Tuesdays | U14s – 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm | Wednesdays | U13s and below – 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm |
| | Colts and U16s – from 7.00 pm | Thursdays | U15s – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm |
| | | | Colts – from 7.00 pm |

RFU Raffle Tickets – Fund Raising

Emma Over will be liaising with all age groups to make the tickets available (a set number for each age group) and if there are any 'unclaimed' tickets, they would be available on a first come first served basis. 90% of sales are available for each age group to use for fund raising, tours etc. Coaches will be contacted in the next few days.

Training

Volunteers are sought to undertake SPYP (Safeguarding and Protecting Young People) and First Aid training. Ideally there will be a safeguarding trained and first aid trained coach/volunteer available for each age group.

There will be a Rugby Ready training course at the OCs on 11 Decemebr 2011 from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

Please let Emma Over know if you are interested in any training identified above.

Festivals in April 2012

April is the month for festivals! Dates are as follows:

22 April 2012 – Broadstreet Junior 10s and Leamington Festival and Broadstreet Festival

28 April 2012 – Kenilworth Junior 10s

29 April 2012 – Old Coventrians Junior 10s

29 April 2012 – Kenilworth Mini Festival.

More details to follow nearer the time so that coaches can decide which festivals to attend. Any juniors with large squads may want to do both Kenilworth 10s and OCs 10s?

Volunteers for Car Park Marshalling on 13 and 27 November 2011

The club could do with one volunteer/parent per age group to help out with car park marshalling on 13 and 27 November. It would be for about an hour from 10.00 am. Please let Emma Over know if you're interested.

Events

Dates for your diary:

- **New Year's Eve Party** – 31 December at the club – for the whole club (children welcome) – more details to follow
- **Quiz Night** – 24 February 2012 – for the whole club – details to follow.

Fixture Secretary

How would you like to become the junior fixture secretary? Full training and mentoring available from Jane Waterhouse. Please let Jane know if you would like more details.

Pilot Scheme

Please can a representative from each of the Under 6 to Under 9 age groups attend the next Pilot Scheme meeting at 2pm on Sunday 13 November at Leamington RUFC. Further details available from Jeff Dyson.

Congratulations!

Congratulations, from the Junior Section, to Mike Owen who won the Unsung Hero Award at the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sports Awards dinner on 3 November. Really well done and richly deserved. One of the hardest to keep secrets in the club over the last few months! Thanks also to Mike for his continued support of the Junior Section.

***Finally and most importantly
Thank you for all your on-going support and commitment to the club.***