

## COVID-19 UPDATE FROM OLD COVENTRIANS RFC COMMITTEE

The last few months have been somewhat troubling and are unprecedented. We have all made massive sacrifices either work wise or personally to support others around us and to minimise the spread of COVID-19. As we approach what would have been our end of season dinner, and following a superb season at all levels, we begin to look forward to next season and are trying to plan for a smooth transition back to watching, playing and socialising.

As we are sure you are aware the club has been closed. All bar and catering activities have been stopped and our income streams, including club hire, have all but dried up during the pandemic. This will stay in place until the government lock down is relaxed and restrictions on bars, clubs and public meetings are lifted. It may well be a few months before we approach anywhere near where we were before this started. The management committee continue to hold online meetings and the situation will be continually monitored and communicated to you all as soon as we know what we are permitted to do.

The 2019/2020 season was cut short by the RFU and following a number of calculations we topped M3WS league and will be playing in M2WS next season. This is a well deserved promotion based on the performances on and off the pitch by all involved in our senior sides.

Before any training or playing for the new season is allowed we, as a committee, have thought about what, and how, we can support our members. The club exists because of, and for, our members and you are all key to the ongoing success of our club. It had been planned to increase our annual subscriptions, however, we have taken the decision to keep them at the same level. We are well aware that some members may still find it more difficult than others to pay their subscriptions due to financial hardship caused either by redundancy or being furloughed. Old Coventrians rugby club exists to support sport, play rugby and provide social opportunities and friendship to all our members and families. It is, therefore, important that we retain and look to grow our membership. If anybody has, or could have in the coming months, issues with any amount of their subscriptions then please contact a member of the committee, in confidence, and we will look at what arrangements are needed to be made to help you maintain your membership for the 2020/2021 season.

It is also important that all members of all age groups in minis, juniors and seniors keep in touch with each other whether via phone, social media or over the fence. We are already staying in touch with posts on social media, however, If anybody has any more ideas then please contact Jo Banks or Jamie Phillips from the social committee.

We hope everybody keeps fit and healthy and we all have the opportunity to enjoy OCs rugby again soon.

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