

Welcome

to issue 4 of the Black & Amber Alliance. This publication is produced and financed by individual members of FoNR; its aim is to raise awareness of the work carried out by FoNR, also to publicise news from the Official Newport Rugby Supporters Club and the Former Players Association. It is hoped that this will be published four times a year with the next edition coming out prior to Christmas.

Your comments regarding this publication would be welcomed.

The Trust is a democratic, not-for-profit organisation, set up by ordinary supporters.

Its objectives are:

- To support, financially and otherwise, the cause of Newport Rugby Club.
- To work for closer links between the club and the local community.
- To further the development of the game of Rugby Union, regionally, nationally and internationally.
- Ultimately to promote and encourage the principle of supporter representation in the management of the club.

Progress to date:

Fundraising to Date - over £41,000

Mascots

Local community work

Successful Monthly Bullion Draw

Great Value Merchandise Range

Fundraising last year- nearly £24,000

Player Sponsorship

Website & Forum

First class History Site

Developing Corporate Links

These are some of the ways we have supported Newport Rugby 2006/07 season -

- Improved Floodlighting
- Refurbished Toilets
- Qualified Masseur
- Training Kit
- Hydration Kits
- Refurbishment of Memorial Gates

All in just 1 season. With your help who knows how much we could achieve?



Press Speculation

FoNR Statement

There has been much speculation in the media recently, FoNR would like to re-issue the following statement.



Friends of Newport Rugby have been in discussion with the Board concerning the recent press speculation regarding the take-over of the Newport Gwent Dragons.

We are concerned about any developments that might affect the future of Newport RFC and/or Rodney Parade itself and will ensure that supporters' views concerning the development are relayed to the board.

As confidentiality agreements have been signed by the Board and the consortium there is very little factual information concerning the plans that have been presented. There are no firm offers of cash injection or details of where any likely funds will come from. Equally, no confirmed arrangements are in place for any new stadium location that we are aware of.

FoNR believe that the best options for Newport RFC would be for any new investors or new money to be invested in the facilities at Rodney Parade for the benefit of both teams currently based there.

Rugby of the highest standard needs to be maintained in Newport and we believe that keeping the regional team at Rodney Parade is the best way of achieving this.

We also wish to see Newport RFC having 100% control of the regional team.

We will continue to liaise with the club on this matter and keep you informed.

Community News

Mascots

Last season, we made it possible for a young supporter to help lead the team out at all home games. Each youngster received an official mascot's polo shirt provided jointly by the Trust and the Supporters' Club. At the end of season dance, the Supporters' Club awarded a trophy to the mascots' player of the season, Dan Griffiths, for being the most popular player.

It is our intention to carry on this tradition into next season and beyond. If you want to be a mascot, please contact a member of the Trust or Supporters' Club committee.



Keiran Vodden meets Captain Dai Pattison



Art Competition

We are making ready to launch the art competition for next season. These have been a great success in the past and have helped encourage new supporter's to get involved with Newport Rugby.

The best artwork also appears on the wall at Rodney Parade.

Art Competition Winner receiving her prize at Rodney Parade.

Matchday Guests.

The Trust will organise a visit to Rodney Parade on match days for schools or junior sporting teams. This was a big success last season. To be involved, please contact a Trust committee member.

Season Tickets

Entry to all Newport RFC Principality Premiership home matches with a 2007-2008 Season Ticket. Make a substantial saving on a match by match cost.

Plus: Priority booking on on Konica Minolta Cup tickets, entry into International ticket allocation system and receive discount on regional season ticket

Prices

Hazell Stand

Adult
Senior/Student
Family 1 + 1
Family 2 + 2

Argus or Hazell Terrace or Family Stand

Adult
Senior/Student
Under 16
Family 1 + 1
Family 2 + 2

Wheelchair Enclosure

1 + 1 Assistant

	Newport RFC	N G D's	Joint
Adult	£100	£190*	£275*
Senior/Student	£50	£130*	£165*
Family 1 + 1	£125	225*	335*
Family 2 + 2	£250	£415*	£635*
Adult	£80	£130	£200
Senior/Student	£40	£70	£105
Under 16	£20	£40	£55
Family 1 + 1	£90	£160	£235
Family 2 + 2	£180	£320	£470
1 + 1 Assistant	£80	£130	£200

* Price applies to "wing seats" additional cost for "Central Seats."

TICKET HOTLINE 01633 674990 TICKET OFFICE, RODNEY PARADE, NEWPORT NP19

Official Supporters Club Membership Application Form

Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:.....

Day Tel No..... Eve Tel No.....

Email Address:

ADULT @ £3.50

OAP @ £2.00

JUNIOR @ £2.00

Cheques made payable to : **Newport Rugby Supporters Club**

Please return completed forms and membership fees to: Newport Rugby Supporters Club, Newport RFC, Rodney Road, Newport, NP19 0UU or to the Supporters Club table in the Rodney Hall before any home game.



NROSC contact details:

Website: newportrugbysupportersclub.com

E-Mail: admin@newportrugbysupportersclub.com

Post: c/o Newport RFC, Rodney Road, Newport. NP19 0UU

Newport Rugby Official Supporters' Club have been busy preparing for the new season ahead which promises to be an exciting one for the team as they seek to build on the successes of last season and improve on their third place finish in the league. The core of last year's squad has been retained and there are some exciting new signings to add further strength in depth.

End of Season Presentations

The Supporters' Club arranged the annual presentation evening in the clubhouse on Saturday, 26th May 2007 when the end of season presentations were made. The Player of the Year, voted for by members, was Scott Williams, Clubman of the Year was Matthew Veater. Unfortunately, neither player was available to collect their award on the night (due to touring with Crawshay's in Romania,) we now hope to make the presentations at the 'Meet the Players' Evening in August. An additional presentation, supported jointly by FoNR and the Supporters' Club, was to Dan Griffiths, the match day mascots' favourite Player of the Year.



Player Sponsorship We are pleased to confirm that we have agreed to once again support our club financially for the season by sponsoring three players – Mike Poole, James Dixon and Matthew Veater. This is an ideal way for the Supporters' Club to put **almost £1,000 back into club funds** and contribute to the running costs of the team.

Newport Players Fund We were delighted to raise money towards the Newport RFC player's tour fund at the end of last season. A fantastic £437 was raised and on behalf of the team we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the various raffles and



auctions that took place as well as supporting the fundraising activities organised by Mary Bennett who further boosted the tour fund.

Match Day Mascots: Our partnership with FoNR to give our junior members the chance to run onto the famous Rodney Parade pitch with their favourite players at a Newport RFC match will continue next season. Mascots will also receive a free polo shirt. Any of our junior members can be nominated by speaking to one of the committee.

Meet the Players Evening The Supporters' Club have once again arranged the popular 'Meet the Players' evening which will be held in the Rodney Hall on **Thursday, 16th August 2007** starting at 7.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet the players and coaches and put your questions to them. We hope as many supporters as possible will attend this evening.

Merchandise We still have available a small number of Supporters' Club ties at just £11 each. Polo shirts are available in various colours and sizes at a new low cost of just £15. These items can be purchased or ordered from the Supporters' Club table. All orders will be delivered within a week.

We can only do all the things that we do with the invaluable support of our members and the more members we have the more we can do to support Newport RFC projects. Membership still costs just £3.50 for adults and £2 for juniors and seniors and that includes a free 'only with membership' lapel badge!

Join Today: Membership forms can be completed at the Supporters' Club table in the Rodney Hall any home game.

Please give us your support!

Members Prize Draws Once again this season, we will be running a free with membership prize draw at each home game. Adult members win a £25 club shop voucher and junior members receive a £10 voucher. To be in with a chance of winning, all you need to do is join the Supporters' Club.

Away Travel: Once again this season, the Supporters' Club are intending to run coaches to every Newport RFC away fixture, subject to a viable demand from our members. We would encourage all supporters to make use of this facility – the more that travel the better value we can offer. Places on the coaches to away games can be booked at the Supporters' Club table in the Rodney Hall at any home game, in person at the club shop or by calling the club on 01633 670690. You must be a Supporters' Club member to travel, but you can book your seats in advance and then join on the day.

Player of the Month: We will once again be sponsoring the Player of the Month awards during the 2007-08 season. Supporters can vote their favourite players with presentations being made after the games after each month's vote has closed. Vote at any home game in the ballot box at the Supporters' Club table.

Members Rod Snow Gold Boots Draw

We announced at our AGM the winner of last seasons free members' prize draw to win the golden boot of the Rodney Parade legend. Congratulations to Llewellyn Harris on winning this fantastic prize.



Social Events In November, we hope to be arranging in conjunction with FoNR and the Former Players Association, a special dinner to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1957 Newport v Australia game (which Newport won 11-0). Keep an eye open for further details in the next few weeks.

How YOU Can Help

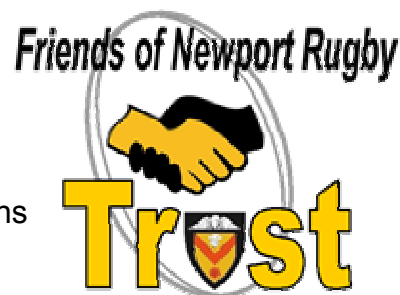


- Join the Trust
- Sign up for Bullion Draw
- Get the T Shirt
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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Join the Trust!

You can join the Trust as a full member for as little as £10 per year. (3 years £27.50 or 5 years £45.00) There is also a concessionary rate for senior citizens and full time students. All adults (over 16 years) can join the Trust as full members. Full membership entitles the member to vote at Trust meetings . Junior members are not entitled to vote.



Membership Type	Annual Fee	Please indicate
Full Rate	£ 10	
Concessionary Rate (Full-time students over 16 years and senior citizens)	£ 5	
Junior Rate (under 16 years/no voting rights)	£ 5	
Family Rate 1 (One adult/One under 16 years)	£ 12	
Family Rate 2 (Two adults/Two under 16 years)	£ 24	
Life Membership	£ 200	
Senior Life Membership	£ 100	
Name/s and Address of Applicant: ----- ----- -----		
Telephone: _____		
E mail: _____		

Please return this form and a cheque (payable to FoNR) to:
Friends of Newport Rugby, c/o Newport R.F.C., Rodney Road, Newport. NP19 0UU.
 Alternatively, come and see us at our table in the clubhouse on a match day!

www.newportrugbytrust.co.uk

Black & Amber Bullion



BLACK & AMBER BULLION is a monthly jackpot draw with major cash prizes on offer. Monthly payments are automatically collected from your bank via standing order.

More members will create a larger cash prize pool, giving bigger and more numerous cash prizes. So play your part and join today for only £5 per entry per month! 50% of the income will be returned in prizes, the other 50% will support the aims of the Friends of Newport Rugby Trust.

Become part of the excitement!
Hit the Bullion Trail!



Jackpot Draw
Backing the future of rugby in Newport

<u>FONR Bullion Draw Application Form</u>	
Title: (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms)	
Christian Name/s:	
Surname:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Date of Birth:	
Telephone Number/s:	
Email address:	
I wish to enter the BLACK AND AMBER BULLION Jackpot Draw. I am aged 18 years or over and agree to abide by the full terms and conditions of the Draw, a copy of which is available at www.bulliondraw.co.uk , or from FoNR Committee members.	
Data Protection Disclosure: On occasions we may contact entrants with information regarding products + services provided by Friends of Newport Rugby Trust. Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive this information. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Signature:	Date:
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<u>STANDING ORDER MANDATE</u>	
To the Manager (name and full postal address of your bank);	
Please accept this instruction to credit Friends of Newport Rugby Trust; Sort Code: 08-92-99, Bank Account No. 65144341 at the Cooperative Bank, quoting reference number: _____ (office)	
The sum of: _____	(in multiples of £5) MONTHLY
Your Account Name;	
Your Bank Sort Code:	
Your Bank Account Number:	
First Payment Due:	/ /
Last Payment Due:	/ / or until further notice (tick): ?
Signature:	Date:
Please return this form, fully completed to: Friends of Newport Rugby Trust, c/o Newport Rugby Football Club., Rodney Road, Newport, NP19 0UU	

Corporate Ventures

FoNR would urge all Newport Rugby supporters to consider using the services of our Corporate Partners or Sponsors. We have arrangements with many companies where using their services, or purchasing from them via the shopping portal, we can raise income for the future benefit of Newport Rugby.

Friends of Newport Rugby are pleased to introduce the services of Dugdale Taylor & Co.



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Openwork Limited offers insurance and investment advice on products from a limited number of product providers and advice on mortgages representative of the whole market.

Utility Warehouse

We have recently become affiliated with the **Utility Warehouse**. This is a company that supplies a range of utilities including **Gas, Electric, Phones, mobiles,** and Broadband at really competitive prices.

Ask for more details at the FoNR table and see how much you save.



Also ask about business opportunities for yourselves!

All revenue received goes to help support Newport Rugby!

Shopping Portal

These are just some of the retailers supporting our fundraising -



If you shop online please use the link from FoNR website - we receive an income you get the same great prices!

Visit the FoNR Shopping Portal for a full list of over 150 partner companies.

www.newportrugbytrust.co.uk