



The Friends of Newport Rugby Trust

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The Trust in the Community

The Friends of Newport Rugby Trust (FoNR) have, again, been very busy in the community with various sponsorship deals with youth rugby throughout the Newport area.

Pill Harriers RFC Under 12s were given funding to purchase a new kit (proudly shown off in the picture below) and also a bag of rugby balls to assist them in their training sessions.

Alyson Littlejohns, the secretary for the junior section of Pill Harriers Rugby Club said,

“We believe that our sport, 'rugby', is a game for all shapes and sizes and we welcome anyone relevant of race, sex or ability. Our aim is twofold, one, to encourage our children off the street and two, give them the fitness and disciplines rugby requires whilst having good fun and team building along the way.”

“As with every sport the right equipment and clothing is essential to ensure the safety and best performance of the players. We are self funding and as you can appreciate such items can be expensive, therefore we are really grate-

ful for the assistance that FoNR has given us.”

This year Pill Harriers RFC Junior Section had ten players represent Newport schools under elevens and four given trials for East Wales; they also had one player selected a year early for the Newport Gwent Dragons Under 12's academy.



Pill Harriers RFC Under 12s
2011/12



Pill Harriers RFC Under 12's proudly showing off their new FoNR sponsored kit

The 'Tommy Vile' Award

The new season is upon us and for Newport RFC players comes the opportunity to be the first recipient of a new trophy. Friends of Newport Rugby have launched a new award for the Player of the Season that will now be named the 'Tommy Vile Player of the Year' award.

Tommy was one of the biggest names in the game during his career, even if he was only a small man in stature. He played almost 300 games over more than 20 years for the club, also serving as captain and club chairman. Tommy played for and captained Wales as well as representing the Barbarians and British Lions. He then went on to become an international referee, President of the WRU and High Sheriff of Monmouthshire as well as serving in both world wars. He was awarded the MBE. He was truly an outstanding man and one of Newport RFC's biggest legends.

Tommy's family have made a very generous donation to Friends of Newport Rugby to fund the award and so keep Tommy's name associated with the 'Black and Ambers.' FoNR hope that the winner of the award in its first season goes on to have as big an impact on the game as Tommy did.



The Friends of Newport Rugby Trust
'Tommy Vile Award'
Newport RFC Player of the Year Trophy

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At the recent Newport V Pontypool fixture, Friends of Newport Rugby were delighted to host a visit from the family and friends of former Newport, Wales, Barbarians and British Lions player Tommy Vile. Tommy was a star at Rodney Parade in the early part of the last century before retiring from playing and then going on to become an international referee and administrator for both Newport and the WRU.

Guest of honour was Tommy's daughter Mary who although in her 90's thoroughly enjoyed watching the game from the Chairman's Suite in the new Bisle Stand before visiting the club museum within the clubhouse. Mary gave a wonderful speech to those present regarding her father's playing career, his outstanding halfback relationship with another Newport favourite Walter Martin and the wonderful camaraderie that rugby union provides for all that play and watch. Mary was particularly delighted to see the Springbok Head that her father helped secure for Newport RFC when he played in the team that beat South Africa in 1912.

FoNR would like to thank the Vile family for their generous sponsorship and also rugby historian and author Phil Grant who accompanied the family. Phil recently penned an excellent book on the life of Tommy Vile that is available from FoNR.



The Legend—Tommy Vile



Mary with the Tommy Vile Award



Don't forget to check out the site at www.historyofnewport.co.uk.
New information is added all the time !

Community Support: Undy Rugby Academy

Undy Rugby Academy visited Rodney Parade again on an unseasonably hot October day to perform the Guard of Honour for Newport prior to a close and tense fixture with Camarthen Quins. This time, Undy came with news that they have been given permission to form a junior team at Magor RFC. This is significant news for Magor who had practically disappeared off the radar, and were clinging on with only a vets side playing. Not good news for one of Monmouthshire's old traditional village clubs.

An age grade side means that hopefully there will be a future for the club as the youngsters move up the age groups to represent the club at senior level. FoNR are committed to supporting such a move and have already helped the similar sterling work that is being done at St.Julians HSOB.

The Trust funded a range of training kit for the academy including tackle shields and balance training aids to help the kids hone up their skills for the season ahead.



As is now traditional, the youngsters ran through a range of rugby skills with FoNR Coach Joe Crocker, ably assisted by Sam Waldron and Gareth Bowen. Following this they formed the Guard of Honour as the teams took to the park.

Undy Academy with new their training kit at Rodney Parade



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Undy Academy learning from the 'Master'!



Hopefully one or two young players will remember the generosity of the Black and Amber Supporters in the future and reward us with a star or two to pull on the jersey for us.

Community Support: Pill Harriers Under 13s

The Guard of Honour for the match against Bridgend were Pill U13. The Trust Committee are pleased that another local team are producing age grade rugby within the city limits.

Pill U12 have already been kitted out and provided with training balls this season, but the Trust had the budget to extend the deal to the U13 team, and training balls were provided for them also.



Player of the Month Awards



FoNR have relaunched the PotM award for the new season and after all of the votes had been counted, Alan Awcock won the September award. Alan has had a great start to the season and has scored some spectacular tries along the way. Alan received his award from FoNR's Kev Jarvis. <—

October was a difficult month for Newport RFC on the field but one player who consistently put in excellent performances was Matthew Pewtner who the supporters have voted to be the Player of the Month.

Matt can be seen receiving his award from FoNR's Nick Jackson. —>

Voting slips can be found in the clubhouse on match days.



FoNR Matchday Guest Scheme

The Friends of Newport Rugby Trust again this season run the Matchday Guest Scheme where teams/schools take part in the pre-match skills session run by FoNR Community Coach, Joe Crocker, ably assisted by Newport RFC players.

Following this they perform the Guard of Honour duties for the teams as they take to the pitch.

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nick.blackandambers@live.co.uk



Services to Rugby Award

Newport RFC were delighted recently when Nick Jackson, Community Officer for the Friends of Newport Rugby (FoNR) Trust won the prestigious "Services to Rugby" award at a Welsh Rugby Union awards ceremony.

The event, held in the Millennium Stadium, marked the end of the 2010/11 premiership season and was a glittering affair supported by the Principality Building Society. A host of leading Welsh rugby dignitaries were in attendance, including Chief executive Roger Lewis, WRU President, Dennis Gethin and a number of current Welsh internationals on hand to present the various prizes.

The evening started on the pitch where the assembled audience, made up of all of the Welsh Premiership clubs, were entertained by "Only Boys Allowed" a large group of talented young singers drawn from throughout South Wales. With Newport RFC not having had the best of seasons, it was especially pleasing to come away with an award and one that recognised Nick's immense amount of unseen hard work.

Nick was recognised for the significant amount of work that he puts into the community side of rugby. He liaises with both schools and local rugby clubs to give youngsters the opportunity to be a part of the matchday experience at Rodney Parade before Newport RFC home matches. The children are taken through a training session, often with non-playing members of the squad and then provide the guard of honour as the teams run out onto the pitch. One child is also selected to be a mascot for the day and is photographed with their favourite player. In addition to this Nick also takes the lead for FoNR in developing the sport at grass roots level in Newport and the surrounding area. FoNR provide financial help to sustain existing organisations or to promote new set-ups. The community element of FoNR's work is focussed at giving opportunities to youngsters to be aware of and participate in the sport of Rugby Union.





Cheers!

Can we take this opportunity to thank those of you who 'drank us dry' at the recent Men of Gwent 7's competition. Despite FoNR organising an event with 20 ales and a couple of ciders the whole lot was dispatched quickly to quench your thirsts on a couple of sunny days in August.

It was a great event that we hope to repeat in the future if possible. On the field Newport retained their champions tag against a very good Cross Keys team in the final.



Match Day Mascots Gallery



Friends of Newport Rugby



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Email: _____

I wish to enter the 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 I have read (please see opposite).

Data Protection Disclosure:

On occasions we may contact draw entrants with information regarding products & services provided by Friends of Newport Rugby Trust. Please tick this box if you do not want this information sent to you.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



BULLION Jackpot Draw

Terms & Conditions (please read):

1. The prize draw is open to all residents of the UK who are 18 years of age and over, except for the Chairman of the Bullion Jackpot Draw Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Friends of Newport Rugby Trust Committee.
2. All payments must be made on a regular monthly basis and by bank standing order only.
3. Each monthly payment must be received by the last day of the month to be eligible for the following month's draw.
4. Any number of entries can be made by an individual subject to a regular monthly payment of £5 for each entry.
5. The winner will be randomly selected from all entries and notified by e-mail, phone or letter within 10 days of the winning draw entry being made.
6. You can obtain a winners list by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Alan Cording, Fundraising Officer, Friends of Newport Rugby Trust, c/o Newport Rugby Football Club Ltd., Rodney Road, Newport, NP19 0UU or by printing off a downloadable copy from the Trust's website.
7. One draw will take place each month. The organisers of the Draw reserve the right to increase the number and regularity of the draw at some future date.
8. You must accept the prize as offered.
9. Entry into the draw is deemed as acceptance of these rules.
10. The decision of The Black and Amber Bullion Jackpot Draw Committee is final and binding in all matters regarding this prize draw.
11. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the draw.
12. The promoter of this prize draw is the Friends of Newport Rugby Ltd., c/o Newport Rugby Football Club Ltd., Rodney Road, Newport, NP19 0UU.
13. Friends of Newport Rugby Ltd. are registered under Section 5 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (as amended by the National Lotteries and Amusements Act 1993). The official registration with Newport City Council under this act is 1157.

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Standing Order Mandate

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 the reference number: _____

The sum of £ _____ (in multiples of £5) MONTHLY

Your Account Name: _____ First Payment Date: / /

Your Bank Sort Code / / Last payment Date: / /

Your Account Number: _____ Or Until further notice (please tick)

Signature of Account Holder: _____ Date: / /

Please return this form fully completed to :

Bullion Draw, Friends of Newport Rugby Trust, c/o Newport Rugby Football Club Ltd., Rodney Road, Newport, NP19 0UU

Meet the Players



Mid August the Friends of Newport Rugby Trust held a meet the players evening. The evening started with the supporters being able to watch a pre season training session. The players were put through their paces by the passionate coaching team and it was good to see supporters being able to see how much effort the players put in on the training field.

The players swiftly joined the evening after freshening up and the evening began. Kevin Jarvis opened proceedings with a few words and then introduced a showing of the match Highlights from last season (Copies are available at the FoNR table for £5). Sven Cronk, Newport head coach gave an honest and reflective opinion on last year's campaign, and hopes with the increase in depth in the Newport core squad and the quality of players added, that this year will not be as disappointing as last. Sven introduced the new players joining the team who were warmly welcomed to Rodney Parade.

Will Godfrey stood up and said a few words highlighting the off the field developments which have developed very quickly over the summer. He spoke of his excitement for the coming season and gave the fans the chance to be the first to see the new Newport RFC playing jersey.



Will announced that Newport RFC would be losing a member of the backroom staff with Jeremy Williams moving onto pastures new in Dubai. He expressed how Jeremy was a firm favourite within the squad and he would be greatly missed. He presented a piece of glass wear to Jeremy who will leave with everyone's best wishes from Rodney Parade. Jeremy has been a vital member of the backroom team at Rodney Parade for 10 years and his enthusiasm, skill and knowledge in dealing with the bumps, breaks and bruises of our squad will be greatly missed.

Jeremy was a good friend of FoNR. The Trust regularly worked with him to provide financial assistance for the provision of medical equipment. All at FoNR wish him well and hope to return to RP in the future.

Jeremy's replacement is Ben Warburton, brother of Wales flanker Sam.

The newly appointed Newport RFC captain Andrew Brown spoke to say a few words on behalf of the squad. He presented Jeremy with a signed jersey and reiterated how much of a part he has played with the treatment of the squad and how much he would be missed.

The sponsors from last year who were able to attend were presented with their signed playing jerseys from their respective players. It was stated that £12,000 was raised last year from player sponsorship and we thank those that sponsored a player so that we can help Newport RFC by putting that money directly back into the club.

The evening closed with a few words of thanks from Kevin Jarvis for everyone who supports what FoNR do to help our great club.

You can view this copy of our newsletter in full colour on the Trust website at www.fonr.co.uk.

Thanks!

Mike Poole was recently awarded with a tankard in recognition of the excellent work he has carried out with Friends of Newport Rugby establishing coaching sessions for local schools and junior rugby teams who visit Rodney Parade on match days.

Mike missed most of last season due to injury but threw himself into his pre match role working with FoNR officers Nick Jackson and Joe Crocker. Nick made the presentation at Rodney Parade during August.



AGM News



The FoNR AGM was recently held and was well attended by over 30 members. The officers of the Trust gave reports covering a wide range of activities including fundraising, sales, merchandising, membership, IT, community work, publicity, IT, history and approval of the accounts.

2010 was the most active year yet for FoNR and the reports highlighted this especially with regard to the financial and volunteer support given to Newport RFC and Rodney Parade Ltd as well as the wider rugby community of Newport.



Rodney Parade commercial manager John Reid gave an excellent presentation of the plans for the redeveloped stadium facilities including the various match days packages that will be available. John spoke of his affinity for Newport RFC since playing here in the early 1990's and also spoke positively of the work that FoNR carry out for the club.

Newport RFC Chairman Will Godfrey gave an honest and open presentation concerning the fortunes of the club during the present season, the lessons that have been learnt and plans for 2011/12. He also spoke about the possible restructuring of the premier league. Will too was extremely grateful for all of the work carried out by FoNR.



The trust offers a range of Newport RFC related merchandise from the table in the clubhouse at all Newport games, and can supply a wide range of clothing. There is a catalogue available to look through. Apart from clothing, we stock a range of smaller items, plus books and programmes. The trust website has a link to a popular recent addition has been a Rodney Parade badge



FoNR Merchandise

If you would like to order an item:

Send an Email to: shop@newportrugbytrust.co.uk stating your requirements (sizes and quantities). Please include your Name, Address and Contact Details.

Or Send your order to:

Friends of Newport Rugby Store
c/o Newport RFC Ltd
Rodney Road
Newport
NP19 0UU
UK

Or Call into the clubhouse on matchdays and visit the Trust's Table.

Delivery Details: Items can be collected from Rodney Parade on match days.

For alternative arrangements please let us know when placing your order.

Payment Details: Cash or Cheque.
Cheques to be made payable to 'Friends of Newport Rugby Limited'.

As with all of our merchandise, all proceeds from sales will go into the Friends of Newport Rugby Trust Fund. This fund is there to help Newport RFC as well as Trust community projects.

Other items featuring the Newport RFC crest:

Bath Towels (Assorted Colours) £10
Caps £8
Wallets £5
Adult/Kids T-shirts £12/£8
Adult/Kids Polo Shirts £13.50/£9

Also available

Player 'ex' kit – some signed
Season Highlight DVDs
Old Match Programmes
Signed books by local authors
Second Hand Rugby books and memorabilia

Our Shopping portal

If you like shopping online, don't forget the Trust's shopping portal at www.buy.at/fonr. There are links to dozens of top retailers, and your shopping won't cost any more than if you go direct. There will be a commission to the Trust from shops ranging from Asda to Zavvi via Littlewoods, Expedia and even the National Trust. You don't lose and the Trust Gains!



FoNR Cherub and NEWPORT style Hoodies and T-shirts
T-shirts £10 adult £8 children's
Hoodies £25

Friends of Newport Rugby Trust is all about helping to promote and support rugby being played here at Rodney Parade. Since being formed 7 years ago, we have contributed nearly £100k to help provide equipment and infrastructure much of which is of benefit to players and supporters of both the Club and the Regional sides.

It doesn't matter whether you support Newport RFC, Newport Gwent Dragons or both, FoNR is there providing support. Please join and help us, we are your voice, regular meetings are held with the board where we give a 'Supporters' Perspective.'

NEW SCOREBOARD

"Supporters visiting Rodney Parade on matchdays won't lose track of the score thanks to the ground's new scoreboards, newly installed both above the changing rooms and at the Family Stand end of the ground."

"The Friends of Newport Rugby Supporters Trust and Narduzzo have covered the cost of the supply and installation of the new boards."

"The Friends of Newport Rugby continue to support rugby at Rodney Parade as in previous seasons, contributing to a number of beneficial improvements at the ground, including a repaint of the Argus Terrace and of the posts, new gym heaters and floodlights."

Charlotte Moriarty, Dragons Press Officer

Trust Membership

FoNR Membership Application Form

You can join the Trust as a full member for as little as £10 per year. There is a concessionary rate for senior citizens and full time students. All adults (over 18 years) can join the Trust as full members. Full membership entitles the member to vote at the Trust's AGM, as well as other Trust meetings such as EGMs and Trust member ballots. Junior members are not entitled to vote.

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