



The Friends of Newport Rugby Trust (FoNR) - January/February 2012

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

You can be a part of Rodney Parade History with the FoNR!

FoNR have been given the go ahead to launch a major fund-raising project from the start of next season. The project should raise a significant sum of money for Newport RFC whilst giving supporters the opportunity to put something visible and memorable into the fabric of the new stadium.

The finite details have yet to be worked out, but people will be able to purchase an engraved brick which will be built into a wall, in the new BISLEY Stand. The project will be co-ordinated between the FoNR, Rodney Parade Ltd and the Stadium Developer and further details will be available from FoNR soon. Details of pricing will be firmed up in the near future, as will ordering arrangements.



The opportunities are endless. You may just want to see your name in the wall or leave a permanent message for all visitors to New Rodney Parade to see.

Be a part of the Wall of Fame!

More details from FoNR coming soon!

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The Future's Bright Thanks to FoNR



Thanks to a donation from FoNR the 'cabbage patch' can again be utilised for training sessions during the darker winter evenings.



FoNR responded to a request from Newport RFC to upgrade the current floodlights.

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

Giddy Up!

For those who did not travel to Parc-y-Scarlets on Friday November 25th FoNR arranged for the match to be shown on the big screen in Rodney Hall.

After the game FoNR held a 'race night' which was a nice bit of fun and also gave an opportunity for those attending to win a couple of quid whilst raising funds to support rugby at Rodney Parade.

Some Newport RFC and Dragons players attended the night making and taking bets on the 8 races that were held.





We're Watching...

Newport RFC asked if FoNR could assist with raising the standards of ability to analyse games particularly post match. A FoNR donation has secured the services of Owen Griffiths (pictured) as the new analyst who video's and codes the games, clipping the good, bad and the ugly clips together to allow the players to observe. He also provides individual/unit comparative stats and can provide analysis support on opposition.

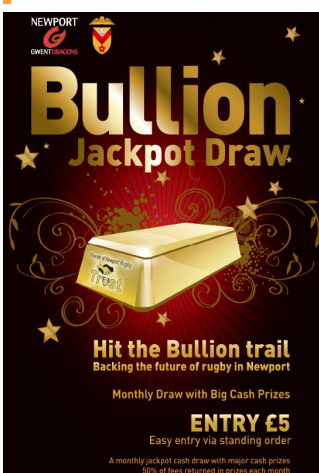
Mike Sage commented, "He is certainly an asset to Newport RFC. His analysis is slick and very effective and he certainly benefits the club. Having a professional analyst on board will allow the coaches to go into greater depth with team and player analysis."

Owen told the FONR, "As an integral part of the 'Principality' Welsh Premiership, Newport RFC are at the forefront of, as a semi-professional club, developing a professional attitude and approach to the way that we conduct ourselves in training and on match day.

As top flight sport is consistently evolving and developing, the provision of feedback for teams and athletes via computerised analysis has become paramount to success. Performance analysis has been described by many as 'one of the key elements in the structure of the coaching process' and that feedback attained using the analytical tools now available through developments in technology has improved and augmented a coach's ability to critique performance, through the generation of specific statistics and information that is desired about performance.

For the past few seasons, with the aid of the WRU, Newport RFC have been able to tap into this resource and gain some of the main forms of feedback available in rugby union with footage of games being provided with vital statistics in terms of team and player performance. However, this season, with the help of the Friends of Newport Rugby Trust, we have been able to take our analysis procedures one step further and enlist the support of an analyst to come in on Tuesdays pre-training, and with the aid of the coaches, put together a review of the weekend's game, highlighting both positive and negative critical instances from it for feedback, as well as then on a Thursday, providing a preview of the opposition to be faced the following weekend, to bring to the players attention opposition strengths and weaknesses, as well as their key plays/players.

With these enhancements to feedback, players and coaches can take key work-ons from the weekend's games, as well as set team and individual targets for further player development, and the future progression of Newport RFC as a top contender in the Welsh Premiership."



**Help us raise more funds by joining
the Bullion Draw – details on page 11**



Bullion News

The Bullion Beast?

The November draw was made at a recent Rodney Parade Quiz Night, where TV Quiz celebrity Mark 'The Beast' Labbett pulled out the winning numbers.

Mark is one of the 'Chasers' in the ITV tea-time quiz show 'The Chase' and has become a very popular competitor.

Mark is a regular at the quiz nights either competing or acting as quiz master.

Normally the quiz starts at 2030 on the last Wednesday of the month.

Check www.fonr.co.uk for more details.



Once again it is my pleasure to endorse the efforts of the FoNR and to acknowledge their contribution to our organisation.

The new Bisley Stand has been a great success in that it is a state of the art building that impresses everyone who visits it, the new superstore is both eye catching and well laid out whilst the ticket office is meeting every new challenge that is being thrown at it.

But, like all new ventures, we have experienced a number of teething troubles that without the understanding and patience of the majority of our supporters could have been disastrous, the near tropical downpour when the Dragons played the Cardiff Blues being an example of how difficult it is to manage all the elements that can affect the effective running of the stadium.

However, the main thing is that the stand is not only being used as a rugby day facility but is utilised throughout the working week as a conference centre and meeting venue. This adds to our income streams and can only benefit the long term future of the region.

The whole Bisley Stand venture is an on-going work in progress and is resulting in my hair greying by the day. Nevertheless should any of you have any ideas on improvements or thoughts on how things are going please don't hesitate to contact us at the club as we are keen to respond to the wishes of you, our loyal supporters.

May I also take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mark Jones—Head Of Operations—Rodney Parade Ltd

Match Day Guest Scheme

The Friends of Newport Rugby Trust continue to 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.

FoNR also provide Newport RFC with their match-day mascots for all home matches.



For more information contact:
nick.blackandambers@live.co.uk

Dragons Community: Easter Skills Camps 2012

At the start of the New Year the Dragons can give their loyal fans, both parents and kids something to look forward to as we proudly announce the dates of their Easter Skills Camps. These are very popular with everyone as they provide exciting entertainment for our budding players whilst offering much relief to parents who have the chance to offload their offspring for at least one day of the school holidays!

The Community Department have been successfully delivering these camps for over 10 years now and offer a package that includes developing player's confidence whilst giving everyone the opportunity to improve their generic ball and running skills.

Book early for these camps and avoid any disappointment as they tend to go very quickly.

Week One

Tuesday 10th April 2012 Easter Camp 10 & 11 years

Wednesday 11th April 2012 Easter Camp 8 & 9 years

Week Two

Tuesday 17th April 2012 Easter Camp 12 – 14 years

Wednesday 18th April 2012 Easter Camp 8 – 11 years



Application forms are available in the community section of the Dragons website

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.

Apart from clothing, we stock a range of other items like rugby balls, badges and mugs, plus books and programmes.



The FoNR Shopping portal now has a 'leader' style board that you can log onto to see how much you are making for our club. If you look at it now, you'll see that some woman called Kathryn Evans has made **13p for the club just by buying a £6.49 CD** from Play.com.

This is money the stores are giving to FoNR
at no extra cost to the purchaser!

Our 'new look' shopping portal has hundreds of new stores that you can earn free money for our club at.

Please rest assured, there is no catch, it costs you no extra and you can use all your usual logins and passwords with these stores that you usually do. Just visit the site below first and use the link to the store from there.

You don't have to log into the portal site, you can be 'anonymous' too!

<http://www.spendandraise.com/fonr/>



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

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



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

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. *Friends of Newport Rugby*

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.

Peel2Save Partnership

EVERYONE is feeling the pinch in these hard times but now the FoNR has teamed up with Rodney Parade Ltd in a new local initiative to help the public, businesses and good causes throughout the city.

Rodney Parade Ltd are pleased to announce their sponsorship of the Peel2Save campaign. Peel2Save is a card with around £500 worth of savings from 64 offers from local companies around the city that also helps good causes raise vital funds. The cards only cost £10 each and contain stickers for offers and discounts which are redeemable at the participating companies. Every card sold by us benefits the work of the Community Department and at such a small cost you will make your money simply but utilising the Dragons vouchers.

Peel2Save cards are conveniently credit card sized so they can be kept in your purse or wallet. They will be instantly available to save you money whether you are coming to a game, out for the evening or for a range of services and activities across the city. You may only have to use 1 or 2 to get your money back, everything else is a bonus!

Start saving—get your own Peel2Save cards NOW from the FoNR or in the Rodney Parade Superstore.

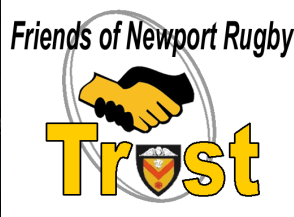
FoNR Player of the Month



FoNR November Player of the Month

Adam 'Nana' Frampton receiving the player of the month award from Dai Grey.

Adam is sponsored by the Black Bear Inn, Bettws Newydd.



FoNR December Player of the Month

James Leadbeater will be presented the player of the month award for December at the Principality Cup match against Ebbw Vale on 28th January 2012.

James is sponsored by The Flintstones!

To sponsor a Newport RFC player visit www.fonr.co.uk
or email kevin.jarvis@newportrugbytrust.co.uk
or simply speak to a committee member at a Newport RFC or Dragons match.

Rotary Club of Newport Uskmouth



District 1150

The Rotary Club of Newport Uskmouth has assisted many different organisations such as British Red Cross, Health Help International, Leukaemia Research, RNLI, Newport Young Carers and many, many more.

Over the years the Club has raised tens of thousands of pounds for community projects and local charities. Members freely give of their time to interact with and help local communities. They also run or assist with projects aimed at enabling the development of groups and individuals or simply providing the opportunity for people to have fun.

Again this year, the Rotary Club of Newport Uskmouth will be providing the Friends of Newport Rugby Trust with the opportunity to raise another £1000 for our club. This is the fourth year we have been given this opportunity. Please show your support by purchasing raffle tickets from our committee members of the next few months. If you are able to help sell some tickets, please contact Nick Jackson, our Community Officer, and he will distribute them.

A sincere thanks to all at Rotary Club of Newport Uskmouth for your continued support of our Friends of Newport Rugby Trust.


For details of the Rotary Club, visit: www.nuws.org.uk

Friends of Newport Rugby



Trust Membership

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.

	Full Name			
	Address			
	Postcode		Country	
	Home Tel		Mobile	
	Email			
	Membership type (please tick)			
Full £10		Concession £5		
3 year £27.50		Junior £5		
5 year £45		Family (1+1) £12		
Life £200		Family (2+2) £24		
Signed			Date	
STANDING ORDER MANDATE				
To the Manager (name and full postal address of your bank):				
Please accept this instruction for the sum of £ _____				
Account No.		Account Name		
Sort Code	/ /	1 st payment due		
<i>Office use only</i>				
to credit Friends of Newport Trust Fund				
Account No.:		Sort Code:	/ /	
At the Cooperative Bank quoting ref. no. _____				

**We've
Joined!
Have You?**





Bullion Jackpot Draw



Hit the Bullion trail
Backing the future of rugby in Newport

Monthly Draw with Big Cash Prizes

ENTRY £5

Easy entry via standing order

A monthly jackpot cash draw with major cash prizes
50% of fees returned in prizes each month





Members Reference:
(Office Use Only)

Club / Organisation:
(Agents Use Only)

Application Form

Title: (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms) _____

Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ D.O.B _____

Tel No. H _____ W _____

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: _____



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

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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Match Ball Sponsorship

For Principality Premiership matches your company can take out ball sponsorship with or without hospitality at a match.

Your company logo will appear in the match day programme as official match ball sponsor, plus your company announced over the PA and includes 6 tickets to the grandstand.

Hospitality opportunities are also available in conjunction with this sponsorship.

Prices start at only **£150** plus VAT.

Other opportunities are also available including player and programme sponsorships.

Contact : kevin.jarvis@newportrugbytrust.co.uk



FoNR in the Community

Friends of Newport Rugby community activities are designed to forge a stronger link between Newport Rugby Club and the community in general. In this way we hope to provide benefits to both the club and the community.

We are working in conjunction with Newport Rugby's current community projects, schools, local junior rugby teams and the general public to achieve our aim of supporting rugby in Newport. In the long term we hope to also encourage a stadium community involving the people who live in the immediate vicinity of Rodney parade, and the club itself.

It is essential to us that the activities of the Friends of Newport Rugby are carried out without prejudice of gender, nationality, age, ethnic group, or physical ability.

To date we have provided sponsorship to several age grade rugby teams in the Newport area and have given local children the opportunity to see rugby at Rodney Parade with the compliments of Newport RFC. We also provide a mascot and Guard of Honour for home games.

We are inviting the input of anybody that has any ideas for activities or would like to get involved.