

# The Bear's Roar

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## FIXTURES

### 1ST TEAM

8 OCT  
HOME -WALCOT

22 OCT  
AWAY -N'TH  
DORSET

29 OCT  
AWAY—  
DEVIZES

### 2ND TEAM

8 OCT  
AWAY—  
WHEATSHEAF  
CC

22 OCT  
HOME—  
WIMBORNE II

29 OCT  
AWAY—EAST  
DORSET

### 3RD TEAM

8 OCT  
HOME—  
BRIDPORT II

22 OCT  
AWAY—  
LYTCHETT II

29 OCT  
HOME—NEW  
MILTON II

### LADIES

9 OCT  
HOME -  
WIMBLEDON

23 OCT  
AWAY—  
AYLESFORD

30 OCT  
AWAY- BLACK-  
HEATH

## Oakmeadians' Senior Squad



After a disappointing start to the new season at Dorchester the First XV have re-gained their mojo, with two convincing wins, 14—24 at Melksham & 39-11 at home to Frome. This places them fourth in their division.

The second XV are also off to a great start to their assault on the league, beating Weymouth 36-5, as well as winning the first leg of the Dorset & Wilts second XV cup with a 60-12 victory at Bradford upon Avon.

## Oakmeadians' ladies



After a number of very successful seasons which saw them go from strength to strength they ended last year as league champions.

To enable them to continue improving in this vein this season the ladies have moved over to the RFUW Championship South East division 2.

And they are already making their mark in the new league, with a 43-12 win over Rosslyn Park Ladies on 2nd Oct.



The Kevin Mason  
memorial clock

## Kevin Mason

As many of you may be aware Kevin Mason died at the beginning of May. “Kev” was a long term member of Oaks and loyal supporter of the teams both on & off the pitch.

To commemorate Kevin’s long association with the club his brother in law Peter & his family have kindly presented a memorial clock.

The clock is now on display in the club-house.



## Oaks’ girls storm into County teams.

Following the recent open trials twenty young ladies from Oakmeadians have been selected to represent Dorset & Wilts. Well done girls!

The first matches see Dorset & Wilts take on Somerset & are being played at Weymouth RFC on 16th October.

### Under 15's

Vicky Adams  
Jasmine Carpenter  
Alex Davie  
Ella Donnelly  
Angharad Minney  
Jessica Olive  
Emma Peirce  
Laurent Riley  
Matilda Ferguson  
Shannon O'Connor

Caroline Gray

Stella Mills

### Under 18s

Sally Dimmer  
Jess Bowler  
Heidi Brown  
Kathleen Ward  
Jamie Lee White  
Robyn Gray  
Rosamund Macrow– Wood

## The President’s Award

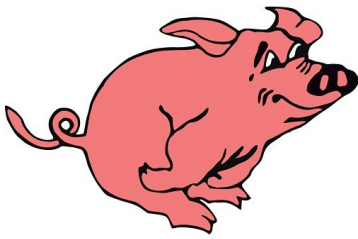


The President’s Award is presented to an individual, section or team within the club who encapsulate all that

Oakmeadians RFC stands for & promotes.

As many of you will be aware this prestigious club award has once again been presented to a team from the Acorns—the Under 16’s (this season’s colts) for their all inclusive attitude to the sport & their strong team spirit

# Pig Racing & Halloween



## Pig Racing

Saturday 12th November 2011

7.00pm

Kitchen open serving Hog Roast Platter £5

**“Have a flutter on the piggies Oink! Oink!”**

Enjoy an fun evening of pig racing. Sponsor a pig or even a whole race. Races all evening.

This looks like it should be a fun evening out. It would be good to see as many people as possible here. Its also Dave Hart’s (bar manager) 50th Birthday. There will be a tote on all races so if you feel lucky have a flutter on the piggies. Oink! Oink!

## Halloween Party

Saturday 29th October 2011

7.30pm

Adults & seniors fancy dress party.

Come and enjoy a ghoulish evening at the club house.. Disco and drinks promotions all evening with a prize for the best fancy dress.



**Players and supporters enjoy an early morning breakfast whilst watching the world cup**

# Supporting England’s World Cup campaign at the Club



The club house has been screening all of the England group matches, which has meant that there have been a lot of half asleep people stumbling around Meyrick Park

early in the morning for the last few weekends.

To keep everyone’s strength up a full English breakfast buffet has been served.

So far a whopping 800 sausages, 40 dozen eggs & 20 kilos of bacon has been devoured.

Join us for the knock out stages - just £5 to eat all you can while watching the action.



# Underwater Rugby !!

Whilst looking for photos for this publication Google came up with this gem.

Unbelievably it is a real sport invented by the Germans in the 70’s and now played mainly in

Scandinavia. The latest world championships were held in Denmark.

As with conventional rugby the aim is to get a ball into your opponents goal area.

Youtube videos show that it is equally as physical as the real thing.



**Underwater Mayhem**

# The Lowdown!

Every issue we will bring you an interview with one or two club members.

This month the spot light is on Tom Drewett & Crispin Cormack , senior squad coaches.



**Tom Drewett**  
**Head Coach**

The men's head coach has played rugby across two continents and at a variety of levels.

His adult career started whilst at Stellenbosch University, ( more years ago than he would want us to know!)

From there he was contracted to various Currie Cup teams (between 1998 & 2003). He completed his South African rugby career at Limpopo Blue Bulls in 2005, when he came to the UK. Upon arrival he was a player

coach at Havant RFC until he moved to Oaks.

Tom admits that the worst moments of his career have been sustaining injuries. The best moment so far (apart from joining Oaks obviously ) has been getting his first Pro contract, back in the 1990's.

When not teaching (science) or coaching us or the various county & regional teams he is involved in he enjoys watching South African comedian Leon Schuster

(Youtube will elaborate ...)

His favorite films are Any Given Sunday & Bad Boys, but the question that perplexed him most was regarding his choice in music..."What's an iPod?"



**Crispin Cormack**  
**Assistant Coach &**  
**Backs Coordinator**

Crispin has had a long & varied rugby career, starting in the Under 8's at Glamorgan Wanderers. Before coming to Oaks he played for numerous teams including, Pontypridd & the Barbarians. He also toured Australia with the Welsh team in 1997. Sadly, despite playing in several of the warm up matches he was not selected, so narrowly missed out on his full international cap.

His best rugby moment occurred in that tour , when he scored a hat trick for Wales at Queensland. Crispin's worst rugby moment is more recent & was standing on the sidelines at Dorchester in September.

In his spare time Crispin is a lawyer, who is currently listening to Rihanna & Adele on his ipod. When he wants to get in touch with his sensitive side his movie of choice is " message in a bottle" as it makes him cry every time, and to cheer him up he watches comedian Michael Macintyre.



# Rugby Eccentrics



In their first dozen meetings with England, the Irish team failed to register a single victory. So they approached the 1887 England

game hoping for a win after eleven losses and one draw—hoping, presumably, that the luck of the Irish would overcome anything sinister in the thirteenth encounter between the two side.

Something special was certainly called for from the Irish players if the tide of defeats was to be turned and one of them too his commitment to the Irish cause so seriously that his action was described by one correspondent as ‘Truly Heroic’. In order to represent Ireland that day, John Macauley got married

When selection was announced,

Macauley approached the milling firm in Limerick for whom, he worked, asking for the time off. However by the time of his international appearance Macauley had already used up his holiday entitlement and his employer refused. Since newly married employees qualified for additional holiday he took the obvious course of action and took a bride. Apparently the new Mrs. Macauley ‘fully endorsed the enthusiasm’ Fired by the exhilaration of his new domestic status he was able to contribute his own vigor to the Irish team, which recorded a historic victory, beating England

*“The colts would like to thank their sponsors*

*Prosec Consultancy, Oishii Jewelry and Hibiscus events”*

## Youth teams new kit

2nd October saw the Colts unveil the new design of the youth playing kit when they stepped out in their new shirts for the first time.

This new design is an amalgamation of the junior & senior kit which reflects the important place that the under 18 Girls & the Colts hold in the playing continuum.



The club’s management committee agreed to the new, exclusive design for the young people in recognition that these teams represent the transition for our players as they prepare for a future in the senior game.

## Charity matters...

As well as the donations to charity made after the annual touch festival & Turkey Tag events many members of Oaks come together to support other charities throughout the year.

Over the summer this has included taking part in the Plane Pull for Motor Neuron Disease, the Lunar Walk for the friends of Forest Holme, a midnight half marathon for “Shine for Cancer”.



**An excited group including members of the First XV, Colts, & Ladies before they set off for the midnight walk along the Sandbanks peninsula..**



Did you know that the clubhouse has a capacity of up to 200 with a maximum seated capacity of 60. Weddings, christenings or 18<sup>th</sup> birthdays, we can cater for your special occasion. Business breakfasts or works parties are all possible at Oaks.

We have a well stocked bar with a wide range of beers, wines and spirits. Run by friendly helpful staff.

Prices start at £200 for the hire of the clubhouse and staff from 7.30 to 1.00 am.

There is a fully equipped kitchen and BBQ available for your use at an extra charge.

Catering such as BBQs and buffets can be arranged from as little as £3.50 per person.

Hog roast available upon request.

Buffet or waitress service available.

We can source your discos from approximately £150 or feel free to arrange your own entertainment. Live music is welcome.

For further details please call Jane Hart by email at [clubhouse.manager@oakmeadians-rfc.com](mailto:clubhouse.manager@oakmeadians-rfc.com) or Tel (07815) 883262 or call into the clubhouse and meet us on a training night or Saturday during the Rugby season.



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## Sponsors spotlight



First team debutants Aaron Garrett & Charlie Davis proudly wear the new McKenna Townsend shirt.

The senior men are sporting new kit this season, thanks to McKenna Townsend & Imperial Dry lining & Plastering, our generous sponsors.

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Items of news and photographs for inclusion in the next newsletter should be passed to Neil Werry-Easterbrook (Club captain)