



# Brook Bulletin

Edition 1 — July 2016

## Welcome to the very first edition of the Brook Bulletin.

### Message from our Chairman Graham Roberts

'Dear Brookers'

Whilst having a pint with our vice - chair, Ste Marsh, one evening at the Leeds Rhino Challenge in Blackpool I sat listening to his passion and pride in all that is the Blackbrook Royals. He had an identity, he was a 'Brooker' through and through and a lover of the Royals'. I'd often wondered "what is it about the Blackbrook Royals that commands such high regard in the amateur game?" There was my answer, Ste had unknowingly solved the riddle for me, the Royals have a huge identity, they have a reputation for success and revered in Junior Rugby League circles.

I was honoured and delighted to be elected Chair six months ago, I knew what I was walking into but still wrestled with myself, why did I want to be the Chair? I had been the Royals Secretary for 12 months to get a good understanding of the workings behind the scenes and was enjoying that role, however a new challenge was approaching fast on the horizon, a complete change in the clubs history, the introduction of subscription fees. I believed this was a massive opportunity to push the club on even further. What do we do well? Let's make it better! What needs doing? Let's do it! I'd become a 'Brooker' the Royals had captivated me and with a strong team on the Executive, tireless volunteers, experienced coaches & 227 families of players and supporters it was a no brainer for me to help take the club to the next level.

So where are we heading next? You can see our Mission Statement and what our Vision is (page 2). There are five strands that we will focus on to ensure we deliver on our aspirations:

#### PLAYING, COACHING, VOLUNTEERING, COMMUNITY EVENTS & FACILITIES

Communication is key to great teamwork, this newsletter, social media, committee minutes and word of mouth via your parent representative will keep you abreast of what's happening and what we are looking to achieve.

Your support is vital, please engage with us as much as you can, we need your views, your ideas, please take part in the events we have arranged. The more successful we are off the field then we become even better on it, together we can create a strong foundation to continue improving.

The buzz on a Sunday at Boardmans Lane is infectious, those that know Alex Simmons from Rugby AM, well he stood in awe at the facilities and loved the community atmosphere the Fun day created. We aim to create that atmosphere every Sunday and make Junior Rugby league an experience you look forward to every weekend because we have all become 'Brookers'.

Thanks for your continued support, let's push on..... *Graham*

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# News & Information

**Mission Statement** — Our aim is to create an environment where rugby league can be played and enjoyed by all ages regardless of gender or ability. We want to provide facilities and coaching of the highest standard to ensure that those playing or watching are proud to be part of Blackbrook Royals JRLFC.

**Vision** — Defines what we want to achieve, provides inspiration on what we are focusing on achieving

1. We aim to be recognised as one of the countries' leading clubs in junior rugby league
2. We will strive for excellence not only on the pitch but also through our coaching, volunteering and links in to the local community
3. We will work with Blackbrook Rugby & Recreational Club to deliver quality facilities that allow us to achieve our shared goals.

## **Josh, Craig and Rob: Down Under with England Academy**

Success playing for Blackbrook JRLFC can lead our young rugby players to new horizons. Josh Ganson, Craig Mullen and Rob Fairclough are currently touring Australia with England Academy. All 3 played in the warm up win against Penrith Panthers. Josh & Rob have been named in the 1st Test team this Sunday.

Congratulations to Finn Swift from the Blues u15's on his selection for Wales.

Congratulations to Paul Nash from the Royals u16's on signing a pro contract with Saints.



## **Nine Under 14's players sign up as scholars**

Well done to the following nine U14s who have secured scholarships:

Widnes :	Callum Gibbons, Robbie Ascroft, Liam Spark
Wigan :	Zack Lee, Kieron Wilkinson
St Helens :	Danny Jones, Mattie Holland, Joe Spencer, Ryan Appleton

Congratulations All !!

## **Recent achievements**

Well done to the following :

Under 8's Royals—Winners Leeds Rhinos Challenge  
Under 10's Royals—Winners Leeds Rhinos Challenge (Skegness & Blackpool)  
Under 12's Royals—Development Cup Finalists  
Under 12's Blues—Plate Finalists  
Under 13's Royals—Winners War of the Roses  
NW Counties Cup Finalists  
Under 15's Royals—Winners War of the Roses  
Winners NW Counties Cup

Well done lads !!





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## Sportspersons Evening

Blackbrook Royals JRLFC are currently organising what is hoped to be an annual Sportspersons evening, on Friday 11th November 2016.

Karl Kirkpatrick, former Super League referee, is signed up to be a guest speaker with more entertainment to be announced.

This event is for all parents, family & friends to come along for food, drinks & an entertaining evening in the newly refurbished function room at Blackbrook.

Let's make it an evening to remember.

Watch this space, our website or social media for news of this & other exciting social evening including a Family Halloween party on Saturday 29th October !!!

## Fundraiser

Blackbrook Royals JRLFC are holding a sponsored fundraising event on Saturday 17th September 2016. The plan is to either bike, run or walk to different points along the Sankey Canal. All sponsor money proceeds will help the running of each junior rugby team. 50% of all proceeds will go directly to team funds, so the more you can raise the more benefit to your individual team.

On returning to the club there will be a free barbecue for all those involved. Voluntary donations will be accepted to the Bone Cancer Trust.

Sponsorship forms are available from your team's parent reps or on the Blackbrook website.

## Annual Presentation Dates

Friday 18 November – U18 Royals & U16 Royals  
Sunday 20 November – U9 Royals & U10 Blues  
Friday 25 November – U15 Royals & U15 Blues  
Sunday 27 November – U8 Royals, U10 Royals & U13 Royals

Friday 2 December – U11 Royals & U12 Royals  
Sunday 4 December – U7 Royals & U7 Blues  
Friday 9 December – U14 Royals & U12 Blues  
Sunday 11 December – Cubs

*All these dates have been confirmed with the coaches of each team.*



2 draws per month  
— £50 each win

April	James Whalley u13's Royals Dominic Bridge u8's Royals
May	Callum Cunliffe u15's Blues Jack Roughley u15's Blues
June	Daniel Chadwick u15's Blues Will Broderick u13's Royals
July	Callum Sutcliffe u16's Royals Daniel Chadwick u15's Blues

## Thank You

Many thanks to all the kids & parents who took part in our recent Fun Day. A great time was had by all & we were also able to raise £250 for the Bone Cancer Trust. There was a real community club atmosphere & it is something we really want to build upon.

The first of regular Mum's mixer nights was also a great success with fun had by all. **Keep your eyes peeled for details of the next night !!**





# Social Events



Tickets almost sold out for this year's Brookfest.

**Don't miss out !!!**

£10 in advance or £15 on the gate.

Check behind the bar if any tickets remain or order online at

<http://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Warrington/Blackbrook-Recreation-Club/Brookfest/12688939/>

**Don't be a square .. Be there !!!**



To book Blackbrook's function room please contact us on 01744 730492 (please leave a message) or email [neil.molyneux@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:neil.molyneux@blueyonder.co.uk)

For a nominal fee you can have access to the room which seats 200 people, has a stage and dance floor and full bar facilities plus kitchen should you require to use it for your catering.

Whether it be a function or a forum, an 18th or an 80th our room is available and ideal for you.

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