



Upcoming Events



Brook Bulletin

Edition 2 — January 2018

Welcome to 2018 and the second edition of the Brook Bulletin.

Dear all,

I've been privileged to have chaired the Royals with your executive committee through what is my second year at the helm. It's fair to say this year has been particularly challenging on a number of fronts. Putting aside those challenges for a moment, the success on the pitch and on the training paddocks is pretty much unrivalled in Junior Rugby League circles. It constantly amazes me how year after year, the team performances, the level of core skill development, the cup wins and final appearances, the Royals always deliver. This has to be down to a combination of the fantastic effort our coaches put in during the week and game day at the weekends, the support from parents reps, touchline managers, first aiders, parents and all you volunteers who maybe play a small part but together it makes a significant impact. This season we have seen record number of juniors signing scholarships for professional clubs, we have seen over half a dozen U16's sign professional contracts and many of those touring Australia with great success. I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to you all.



Off the pitch as I mentioned there have been challenges, in times of austerity the local authority have shut St Augustine's all weather facility, the changing rooms are also closing down which leaves us with limited winter training options and come game day next year limited changing room facilities. The School pitches were locked down and access for the Royals denied until we could satisfy lengthy processes around Health and Safety. I guess that's the world we live in now sadly. The months of negotiation have paid off and we will be able to use those pitches next year. I and other committee members will be meeting the local authority later this month to discuss other changing room options.

There was a period of time during the season where coaching positions became vacant. We advertised through social media and within the Blackbrook Rugby and Recreational Club links, we managed to fill those posts and are very pleased to welcome the new coaches and their support team to the Royals. Come January we will be seeking new coaches for our Cubs and Newbies, if you have child who plays at those age groups please do consider helping out and getting involved.

Over the last few months you may have seen some of the highlighted problems our Open Age encountered, it was an opportunity for the Royals Committee to look at how well we interacted with them and that of the actual Recreational Club. After a series of hastily arranged meetings with the RFL (National Conference League) in October and November the great news is that the Open Age, Blackbrook Rugby Club will start afresh next season in the NCL with closer links to our Royals junior section and more support wrapped around from the Club. A more joined up approach, not only on the playing front, but also from the social and community events that are planned will only stand us in good stead. Whilst we may have Football, Senior Rugby & Junior Rugby all under the Blackbrook Rugby & Recreational Club banner we need to become 'one team one club', this will be a priority for next year off the field.

There is never a dull moment being a 'Royal' it's rewards far out-weigh the challenges, I'd welcome more support, guidance and expertise to help pushing the boundaries of success, we can't afford to sit back, we have to keep driving forward with innovation and improving or others will catch us up. If you have a few hours spare each month, to add value or expertise in any particular field that is remotely rugby related please get in touch.

Have a great presentation afternoon, enjoy your Sunday's off, have a think about my invite and then let's get ready again for 2018 and continue to lead the way in junior rugby league player development.

Graham Roberts
Chair
Blackbrook Royals JRLFC

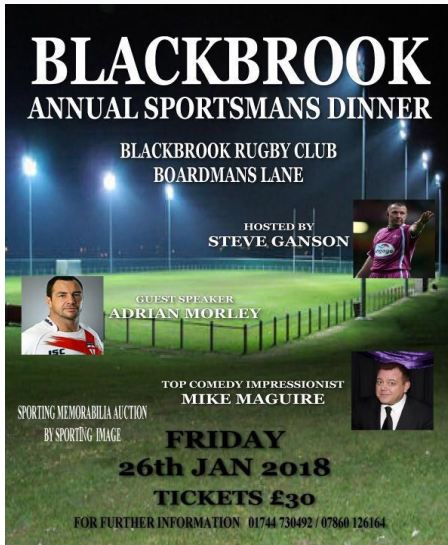
Tickets almost sold out for this year's Sportsman's Dinner!

Don't miss out !!!

All star line up at this years event, Former Great Britain star Adrian Morley, Local boy and Super League Referee Steve Ganson and Comedian and impressionist Mike Maguire.

Tables of 10 available, tickets are £30 per head.

One of the best events in the Clubs Calendar.



A young Roby making his way in the rugby world as a Royal and as a World Cup Finaislist Well done to Jammer and Robes!



To book Blackbrook's function room please contact us on 01744 730492 (please leave a message) or

email: clubbookings@blackbrookrugby.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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News & Information

What a Balls up!

Each team has recently been issued with 12 Rhino balls for the upcoming season. A massive thanks from each team to the exec committee and Rhino for supplying.



Congratulations to the following players

- Widnes : Kieron Marsh, James Whaley and Mike Cosgrove (Scholarships)
- Wigan : Callum Neal and Alex Sutton (Scholarships)
Jack Kennedy and Max Roberts (Pro)
- St Helens : Daniel Moss, Daniel Ganson, Reece Sumner, Thomas Lyon, Owen Blackwood, Paddy Maher and Joseph Woods (Scholarships)
Jack Welsby, Matty Foster, Jake Wingfield, Kye Siyani, Jamie Little, Brandon Scully (Pro)

National Cup Draw 2018

BARLA National Cup Draw

The draw has taken place for the Xamax National Youth & Junior Cup U14s & U16s preliminary round and the U18s first round draw.

Sunday 14 January 2018

Wigan St Cuthbert's v Blackbrook Blues U14

Blackbrook Royals U14 v East Leeds

Sunday 28 January 2018

Folly Lane v Blackbrook Royals U18



News & Information

Open Age 2018 Fixtures.

Round	Date	Opponents	Venue
1	24/02/2018	Oldham St Annes	Away
2	03/03/2018	Bye	-
3	10/03/2018	Beverley	Away
4	17/03/2018	Barrow Island	Away
5	24/03/2018	Gateshead Storm	Home
6	07/04/2018	Stanley Rangers	Away
7	14/04/2018	Dewsbury Celtic	Home
8	21/04/2018	Woolston Rovers	Away
9	28/04/2018	Eastmoor Dragons	Home
10	12/05/2018	Waterhead Warriors	Home
11	19/05/2018	Salford City Roosters	Away
12	02/06/2018	Millom	Home
13	09/06/2018	Clock Face Miners	Home
14	16/06/2018	Eastmoor Dragons	Away
15	23/06/2018	Woolston Rovers	Home
16	30/06/2018	Dewsbury Celtic	Away
17	07/07/2018	Oldham St Annes	Home
18	14/07/2018	Barrow Island	Home
19	21/07/2018	Millom	Away
20	28/07/2018	Stanley Rangers	Home
21	04/08/2018	Clock Face Miners	Away
22	11/08/2018	Bye	-
23	18/08/2018	Gateshead Storm	Away
24	01/09/2018	Salford City Roosters	Home
25	08/09/2018	Beverley	Home
26	15/09/2018	Waterhead Warriors	Away

Patelvis

Coming 3rd March 2018!



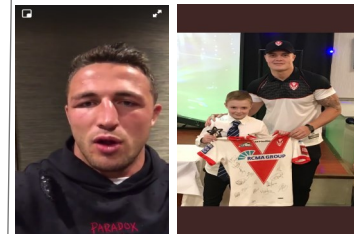
'Are you lonesome tonight'? Well Don your 'Blue Suede Shoes' and watch Patelvis! Opportunities like this only come 'Once in a Blue Moon', once the tickets are sold there will be no 'Rubberneckin'. And we can guarantee the curry contains no 'Hound Dog'!



Annual Presentation Days

Great success and a great way to end the season celebrating all our age groups and successes on the field.

Big thanks to all the pro's who turned up to hand



out the awards. A massive thanks to Big Sam for the kind mes-



Future Stars Leisure and training wear.

Coming 2018. Any enquiries see Ste Marsh or Lynn Knowles.

