



Purley John Fisher Rugby Football Club

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Secretary's Report 2018

This year has proven to be one of mixed fortunes. At the beginning we were fortunate that Luke stepped up to take on the role of Treasurer and a big thank you is owed to him and his wife for agreeing to put together a set of accounts. This is not to say that Graham didn't do a good job in recording the income and expenditure of the club.

On the down side, the late start to the season threw plans for lunches into disarray as we started with two away games. This meant we didn't have an opportunity to have a lunch until well into October. We fixed a couple of dates but they fell through. Again, with the limited number of League fixtures we finished for the Christmas break only half way through Christmas. We eventually managed two lunches on the two final games of the season. I apologise to members for the apparent disarray during the season. I would also like to record the Club's thanks to Bryan Whicher who laid on the two lunches almost single handed. This is an area we need to look at for the coming season.

Because of the structure of the league programme the club entered the Junior Vase for the first time. We had a reasonable run eventually being knocked out narrowly by Millbrook down in Southampton.

Iain and Shane deserve a vote of thanks for running training for the year. Turn out varied week on week with numbers averaging around 15. This is something we need to work on particularly as we will be taking on a coach to co-ordinate training better.

Improvements were made to the training lights with the sodium lamps being replaced by LED lights that are both brighter and more economical to run.

Again Luke is to be thanked for arranging the upgrade.

The club ran a number of social events for the players which again is an area we want to build on.

The club once again took part in Rugby Force that enabled the club to raise money for various improvements around the club including repairing some of the pot holes in the car park.

The year proved very wet weather wise and the weather took its toll on the first team pitch that became very sticky during February and March in comparison with previous seasons.

Physiotherapy cover was again provided by Jess who we thank for her efforts during the season. Jess has agreed to stay on next season.

Further on the playing side I would like to record a huge thank you to Julian Emmanuel who stepped into the breach of captaincy when Paddy O'Neill was injured early in the season. The Marlins turned out most weeks throughout the season and finished 4th in their league with a very creditable record. Every



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tackle, break and try being recorded in Jules remarkable write ups of the Marlin's exploits that were posted on Facebook and the Club's website. The club started on the road to Accreditation by the RFU. We began the process in January and obtained Accreditation in May. We now have to fix a date with Surrey so they are able to come and present the Accreditation to the Club. Thank you to all who worked on the process. We now have to work on fulfilling the plan laid down in the Club's Accreditation document.

Lastly I would like to thank Julian Cashinella on his work around obtaining sponsorship. This brings in much needed funds to the club and I know that Julian has been working very hard in increasing the monies that come in through sponsorship. I would also like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity and help throughout the season without which the club would struggle to keep going.

Looking to the future, there is still a lot of work to be done in re-establishing the club. We are looking to improve our marketing efforts for the coming season to improve awareness and raise the profile of the club locally.

In July Ed Swainson will be running a Rugby Camp at the Club with a target group of 6 – 11 year olds and 12 – 16 year olds. If you know f anyone looking to unload their kids for a few days during the long Summer break suggest they come to the Pightle on July 23, 24 and 25th. Flyer attached.

We will also be looking to produce some banners to be placed up at the school fields publicising the club.

Lastly I would like to make a plea for more people to come forward to take a role on the committee. The onus sits on too few people at the moment and it would be good to have some new faces come forward to take on a post on the committee. We need new ideas and new blood to thrive. Thank you.

Lastly I would like to thank all the players and supporters who turned out throughout the season. Mike Pockney , an old boy of the school came took some great photos throughout the season which won awards at photo competitions. Mike generously gave us some prints of his best work and they will be displayed in the Club.

Niel Kenny. June 2018.