



25th September 2023



In Touch

Our Firsts drew 21 all away at Malvern, while the seconds had a cracking game at The Linney. They lost 34-17 but played really well and were clearly enjoying themselves.

Coach, Mikey Jones, was Ludlow Brewery Man of the Match for the seconds while back row Raife Hughes was Man of the Match for the Firsts.



Ludlow Firsts away at Malvern
Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett

For all kinds of reasons, including having my Covid booster and Flu jabs, I couldn't go to Malvern but stayed at The Linney where I met up with former player and neighbour Jed Teague. Many of you will remember Jed as a former Corvedale farmer who played for Ludlow in the late 1980's and early 90's before moving first to Monkhopton and then emigrating to Western Australia where he sells Toyotas, mainly of the extremely rugged variety. Jed is over with his wife Nicole for a week or so and he too was delighted to catch up with Roger Evans who was down to watch grandson Tomas playing. Jed became a grandad last year while Roger is now a great grandad, so they had plenty to discuss at pitch side and in the clubhouse afterwards.



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Our next game, at home to Berkswell and Balsall, has been moved to October 7th at our request due to the sudden death of one of our sponsors, Peter Jones, who is the father of one of our players, Owen Jones. The Seconds were to have played Cleobury Mortimer on that date, but this is still in abeyance. It is in fact the first of our sponsors' lunches. If you are a sponsor, then you qualify for two free tickets for lunch. Additional guests, or others wishing to attend can do so by paying £20 and contacting either stuart_lewis@live.co.uk or iainbraggins@gmail.com. Lunch is 12 for 12.45pm and kick off is 3pm.

I'm told that there was another good turnout for the Minis and Juniors on Sunday and that they have opened a swap shop for boots and kit.

For obvious reasons we don't allow dogs pitch side at The Linney but we do recognise that some people need to bring their dogs with them while watching games or attending events. If you do, then please keep your animal under close supervision and don't just leave it tied to a railing as happened recently. Please also remove any end product and of course dispose of it and any litter in a bin. It sounds obvious but as an occasional driver of the club tractor I am constantly having to stop and pick up discarded cans, food wrapping and other unmentionables that people are too lazy to dispose of properly.

The club had some good news this week regarding the Hosyers Field which we use for parking. We can now park there legally; Shropshire Council having listened to the objections from our neighbours and decided that we can have retrospective planning permission. There are of course a string of conditions including putting up bat and bird boxes etc. How the birds and bats have managed for all these years is beyond me.

Our senior players are planning a fundraiser to pay for the video camera which records their games. On the day of the World Cup final, October 28th, they plan a relay ride from the Linney to Paris on static bikes. There is a small problem, they haven't got any suitable static bikes yet. So, if you or anyone you know, have a static bike, or watt bike, suitable for a burly rugby player to ride and are willing to loan it then please contact Stuart Lewis.

See you soon,

Andy Wright

President Ludlow Rugby Club