



In Touch

Once again the weather prevented us hosting a league game so our return clash with Malvern joins the list of postponed games.

Ironically Saturday turned out a lovely day and it found me at the Ludford end of the Bread Walk, scrutinising the inscription halfway up the steps which marks the level of floods in 1886, probably fifteen to 20 feet above anything we have experienced in recent times.

It got me thinking about our present ground and wondering how often the previous owners, the MEB had to postpone cricket and tennis games. Their tennis courts were built at the lowest part of the ground, nearest the Linney playground and must have flooded regularly. With hindsight we should have made that area our car park, but the placement of the clubhouse sadly meant there was not enough room behind to access it. It gets used on Tuesdays in summer by the radio-controlled car club for racing, a bit for mini rugby and for pitching of marquees for weddings but a car park would have saved us a deal of trouble!

I've deliberately steered clear of passing judgement on Six Nations games involving England and Wales, both of which were shown at the clubhouse, but the best game of the weekend and the tournament so far was France v Italy. What a match! And who would have thought we'd be saying that a few years ago when there was movement to remove Italy from the competition. They've certainly proved themselves worthy contenders.

Although matches at the Linney were off, our Minis and Juniors teams travelled further afield to play on Sunday morning. Our Under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s and 11s all played at The Luctonians. I'm told that they played with great determination and some teams played on a rotation of three matches each. Our Under 14s travelled to Newport in Wales and only just missed out with a final score of 36-30. I'm told that the Under 14s played particularly well in their second half and are really coming together as a team. It's great that the Minis and Juniors have been able to obtain cross-border permission as it means the young players have a lot more potential teams to play against on both sides of the border.



Under 11s against Luctonians



Under 7s scoring a try

26th February 2024



Teddy running to score a try for the Under 9s



Under 14s scrumming down in Newport

So, weather permitting, the seconds will be at home to Shrewsbury seconds while the firsts travel to Old Silhillians. Kick off 2.15pm.

See you on Saturday.

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