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In Touch

Although both teams lost away on Saturday we did have a big home win of which more later. For the record the Firsts went to Moseley Oak and lost 55-7. Brad Hughes scored our only try. The Seconds lost 33-10 at Cleobury Mortimer with Colin Fish scoring our only try. The Firsts have dropped to seventh in the league but crucially remain above Hereford, while the seconds remain rooted to the foot of their table. The big problem continues to be lack of availability of players on match days. There were 35 players training the other night but those numbers don't seem to translate into teams.



Ludlow vs Moseley Oak
Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett

There's only one match to look forward to this week when the Seconds take on Aston Old Edwardians at The Linney on Saturday 2pm. Please come down and support them and while you are there buy our groundsman Pete Chidley a beer for solving a long-standing problem. After three seasons of prodding and rodding, changing pumps, etc. we took the big decision to dig a new drain to solve the problem of the quagmire in front of the clubhouse. In doing so we discovered that installation of our floodlights had caused the old drain to be severed and a tight kink put into the pipe causing water that had been pumped away to seep slowly back from whence it came. A big thank you too to Scott Marnick who supplied the digger which allowed us



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to get the work done over the weekend while Dave Andrew took care of the rest of the pitch care. So hopefully we can now look forward to a less soggy home dead ball area – a win indeed.



In other good news VP Maurice Acton, brother to Gerry and Bruce, who has been in a nursing home since suffering a stroke, managed to get to the Moseley game. Brother Bruce who took him said that sadly they weren't able to get Maurice's wheelchair too near the action but that Maurice had enjoyed meeting the players before the game. The action was punctuated by the sight and sound of a moron on a motorbike racing across adjoining pitches.

It was memorable too for the game being stopped for a cry of dog shit and then an official in high viz running forward to clear the offending mess in an operation clearly rehearsed and undertaken before. This seems to be becoming a problem at the Linney too with one of our spectators having to ask a spectator from the away team to clear up mess left by his dog on the pitch at our last home game and this weekend Dave Andrew having to draw the attention of a family parking at the club to their dog running loose and then dumping unseen on the first team pitch. For obvious reasons we would prefer you not to bring dogs to games but, if you must, please keep it under control and on the tarmac. We also had a problem with a couple wanting to wild camp at the club with their motor home.

A big shout out to two of our part-time staff at The Linney, Les and Megan Cheley. Between them they have knocked on doors and raised over £1,000 in prizes from local businesses and sponsors for a prize Christmas bingo session and grand draw to be held at the club on Thursday, December 7 at 6.30pm all proceeds to be split between the club and Ludlow Food Bank. To prebook a place email ludlowrfcevents@gmail.com

See you soon,

Andy Wright

President Ludlow Rugby Club