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## In Touch

So, pre-season is over and now it's for real.

For the record, we played well at Builth Wells but lost 24-14 to a well-drilled Welsh side and our seconds lost 39-10 away to Luctonians Thirds. But the real action starts on Saturday, September 2nd when the Firsts take on Newent at The Linney in Regional Two Midlands West while the Seconds travel to Barton-under-Needwood to start their campaign in Counties Three Midlands West North.

We are hoping for a really big crowd at The Linney to get the season under way and of course we want to sign up new members as well as renew existing memberships. Don't forget you need to be a member to be in with a chance of getting a ticket to watch an England game this season.

I can now purchase tickets for England home games in the Six Nations competition. If you are a paid-up sponsor or paid-up member you qualify for a chance of tickets. Please remember that the club gets only 23 tickets per match, and these must not be sold on. Apply only if you are certain that you can go and please indicate what price level you are looking for. Replies please to:

stuart\_lewis@live.co.uk if you are a sponsor

andrew.wright123@btinternet.co.uk if you are a paid-up member.

Tickets will be delivered nearer the time via the Twickenham app to your mobile phone if you are successful. Premium tickets are £163 going down to £146, £130, £112, and £80. It would be useful if you indicated what price band you would be interested in though there are no guarantees that this will be available.

- **England v Wales – 4.45pm on Saturday 10 February 2024**
- **England v Ireland – 4.45pm on Saturday 9 March 2024**

### TikTok Women's Six Nations 2024:

Tickets are also on sale now for the TikTok Women's Six Nations 2024 with adult early-bird tickets starting at £15

- **Red Roses v Wales – 4.45pm Saturday 30 March – Ashton Gate, Bristol**
- **Red Roses v Ireland – 2.15pm Saturday 20 April – Twickenham Stadium**



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We have decided to support two charities this year with our regular raffles. These will again be the Ludlow Food Bank which helps so many in the town and Ludlow Men in Sheds which mended dozens of the club's chairs last year while also providing a place for blokes to meet, talk and share their skills. Ludlow First Responders will benefit from a collection we aim to take on the shuttle bus transporting campers and Parker's from the Linney to the Castle during the Food Festival.



Celebrating our fundraising last season

The club now owns what is known as Maddy's Meadow, the area of land to the right of the club driveway as you drive down. We have an application in to pollard the trees but once this is done it will provide extra parking and eventually a safe pedestrian route to the road during events.

Touch Rugby has continued all summer (Wednesdays at 7pm for 12 years and above) and walking Rugby will resume on September 6 at 7pm. If you're looking to regain fitness this is a great workout and a lot of fun.

Mini and Junior Rugby will resume on Sunday 17th September for five-to 14-year-olds. New players always welcome as are parents willing to help. Contact details are also available via the new Facebook group: 'Ludlow RFC Minis & Juniors'



See you soon,

*Andy Wright*  
President Ludlow Rugby Club