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In Touch

Despite getting the first points on the board and putting up a stern first half defence Ludlow were well beaten 35-3 by table toppers Silhillians.



*Silhillians v Ludlow
Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett*

This Saturday we take on sixth placed Stratford Upon Avon at The Linney. They put 38 points past us at the start of the season but lie only 13 points and two places above us in the league and we have two games in hand over most teams thanks to the weather. A favourable result ought to be possible.

Talking of weather, the seconds game against Shrewsbury was a victim on Saturday but the match has been rescheduled to form a double header at Ludlow on Saturday and so far the weather forecast looks ok for a change. Both games kick off at 2.15pm. The Six Nations Games will be showing in the clubhouse so there will be plenty to grab your attention.

I'm told both the Chairman's Day lunch and the 90th Anniversary Ball are sell outs, which is encouraging news.

I speculated recently that Robert Hern may have broken his ankle after encountering the famous diagonal ridge which our old racecourse ground was famous for. I was partly correct, he told me as he watched a recent game from in front of the clubhouse. The ankle wasn't broken but dislocated and it was indeed the ridge that caused it.

Others, spectating during the same game which coincided with a Six Nations round, were happy to reminisce about some of the famous names who have worn both the England and Ludlow shirts. Most recently England second row, Jonny Hill, who I am told did once turn out for our second although mostly made his name locally at Luctonians but cast your minds back to people England internationals like Dewi Morris and Simon Halliday who played for our seconds and thirds while resident in Ludlow. Telling isn't it that none of these could make Ludlow First XV!

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Or, for those old enough to remember Clive Lewis who played wing for England Schools in 1954 against Wales and France and scored the only two tries in the France game. Clive was a cousin of the Acton brothers, Gerald, Maurice and Bruce. Gerald himself, in his days at Moseley, was on the cusp of an England selection with his centre partner and England favourite Keith Fielding, when he had the misfortune to break his leg. He will remind you that he did play in front of a crowd of 10,000 for Moseley against Llanelli though! I am sure there are others I don't know about. You must remind me when I see you on Saturday. I am sure Gerald will.

This week our brand-new website has gone live so please do take a look (www.ludlow-rfc.co.uk):

[Home - Ludlow Rugby Club \(ludlow-rfc.co.uk\)](http://www.ludlow-rfc.co.uk)

Thank you to the team of people who have helped to put our new website together – our aim is that the new website will be a lot more user-friendly and will keep you all updated with events, results, fixtures and everything else that goes on down at the Linney.

You know when you are getting towards the end of the season when the secretary reminds you that the date for the AGM needs fixing, this year it will be on 23rd May.

See you soon,

Andy Wright

President Ludlow Rugby Club