



## In Touch

Our pre-season game with Builth Wells is always a good measure. It is always a good hard game with both sides keen to ring the changes among their respective squads, yet also keen to exert dominance which makes for a tricky balancing act by the coaches. Builth definitely had the upper hand in the first half and much of it revolved around their playmaker full back whose ability to field a ball, survey the field, find the gap and then go for it was unerring. Just as important, the rest of his team understood his mind and were there to link if any Ludlow players were fast enough to haul him down. So, Ludlow quickly found themselves behind to some well taken tries.

However, Builth did us a favour and rested their full back for the second half while Tom Tench threw on the Ludlow Bomb squad. This had the effect of shoring things up and ensuring Builth didn't cross the Ludlow try line in the second half. In fact, Ludlow came close to scoring on a couple of occasions but the Welsh resistance proved too much and they ran out 19-0 winners on the night. The score belied how close the game was.

All in all, both sides can be well pleased with their showing. There are things that need fixing, notably Ludlow's lineout, but there was plenty to please including our driving maul which gave our Welsh friends some problems.



*Photos courtesy of Trevor Patchett*

Especially pleasing was the big turnout for a Thursday night game. I've long wanted to get some more evening matches on the fixture list and wonder if this might be one of the answers to popularising our second

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team games. The boys put a lot of effort in and deserve a rousing reception. Night games are clearly good for bar takings too!

It was good to see our membership secretary Peter Lines on hand on the evening to chivvy up those who haven't yet paid their subs and secretary Kelly Nicklin to help players struggling to register on the GMS system which they must do this season or risk the club being fined or docked points for fielding an unregistered player. Big brother is watching! Long gone are the days when you could go to the pub and recruit if you found yourself short of players on a Saturday morning.

So we move increasingly nearer to our first league match of the season which will be away at Malvern on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The fixture list is out for both our teams. We are hoping to get extra fixtures for the seconds but as things stand the seconds season will start alongside the firsts at Stratford upon Avon with a double header on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Date	1sts XV	2nds XV
Sat 7th Sept 2024	Malvern (A)	
Sat 14th Sept 2024	Old Halesonians (H) - <b>Ludlow Sch</b>	
Sat 21st Sept 2024	Stratford-Upon-Avon (A)	Stratford-Upon-Avon (A)
Sat 28th Sept 2024	Shipston-on-Stour (H)	Bournville 3's (H)
Sat 5th Oct 2024		Camp Hill 2s (A)
Sat 12th Oct 2024	Edwardians (A)	
Sat 19th Oct 2024	Hereford (H)	Chaddesley Corbett (A)
Sat 26th Oct 2024	Ledbury (A)	
Sat 9th Nov 2024	Cheltenham (H)	Bromsgrove 3's (H)
Sat 16th Nov 2024	Whitchurch (A)	Luctonian 4 (A)
Sat 30th Nov 2024	Moseley Oak (A)	Moseley Oak Dev (A)
Sat 7th Dec 2024	Newent (H)	
Sat 14th Dec 2024	Old Halesonians (A)	Clee Hill (A)
Sat 21st Dec 2024	Stratford-Upon-Avon (H)	Stratford-Upon-Avon (H)
Sat 4th Jan 2025	Shipston-on-Stour (A)	Shipston-on-Stour (A)
Sat 11th Jan 2025	Edwardians (H)	Clee Hill (H)
Sat 18th Jan 2025	Hereford (A)	
Sat 25th Jan 2025		Bromsgrove (A)
Sat 1st Feb 2025	Ledbury (H)	Chaddesley Corbett (H)
Sat 15th Feb 2025	Cheltenham (A)	Bournville 3's (A)
Sat 22nd Feb 2025		Clee Hill (TBC)
Sat 1st Mar 2025	Whitchurch (H)	Camp Hill 2s (H)
Sat 8th Mar 2025	Moseley Oak (H)	Moseley Oak Dev (H)
Sat 22nd Mar 2025	Newent (A)	
Sat 5th Apr 2025	Malvern (H)	

But before we get to any of that we need a good turnout of volunteers please for our workday and barbecue on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. There will be plenty of jobs for all ages and abilities to do. We just need you to turn up dressed in work gear and we'll find you something to do.

We also need people to volunteer to park cars for the Ludlow Food Festival. Names please to Jan Doyle.

See you soon,  
*Andy Wright*  
President Ludlow Rugby Club



The poster features a green grass background with a blue and white rugby ball at the bottom. At the top center is a small red crest. Below it, the text 'LUDLOW RUGBY CLUB' is written in white. The main title 'FAMILY FUN DAY' is in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Underneath, it says 'MEET ENGLAND AND LIONS PLAYER JONNY HILL' in white. Two logos are shown: the England Rugby rose logo and the Lions crest with 'SINCE 1888' below it. The activities 'BBQ - BAR - ICE CREAMS' and 'GAMES - INFLATABLES - CRAFTS' are listed in red. A white box contains the date and time: 'SUN 8TH SEPTEMBER, FROM 12PM AT THE RUGBY CLUB'. Another white box below that states the entry fee: '£2 ENTRY, FREE ENTRY FOR MEMBERS AND MINI & JUNIOR FAMILIES'. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the handles 'LUDLOW RFC' and 'LUDLOWRUGBYCLUB' respectively.

LUDLOW RUGBY CLUB

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