



## In Touch

I had been intending to travel to Moseley Oak but a chance to catch up with one of my teenaged granddaughters meant I ran out of time so today's overview comes from coach Tom Tench.

Ludlow's forwards played well and were dominant for much of the match. It was a game we could and should have won, says Tom. But Ludlow are still a young team and those sitting at the top of the league (Moseley Oak are second) are streetwise and better at closing out games and racking up bonus points. Nevertheless, Ludlow showed plenty of spirit despite losing 24-15. Centre, Sam Brooks and back row Charlie Doyle scored for Ludlow and Will Hodnett with a penalty and a conversion added the extras. Charlie Doyle was Ludlow Brewery Man of the match. So, we are now sixth in the league. Our next game is at The Linney on Saturday when we take on runaway league leaders Newent. Kick off 2.15pm. As I write this our Seconds are without a game although fixtures secretary Steve Small is actively seeking one.

While the Linney had finally shed enough surface water to host the Minis and Juniors on Sunday the flooded pitches are causing serious problems for all teams in terms of finding places to train. We installed the floodlights on the second pitch so that we could train on it at night in winter but the occasions on which that is possible are few and far between.

Our resident electrician James Bridge is actively looking at building some portable lights that we could take to another venue for use by Seniors and Juniors. James is nearing achieving his dream of creating a colts side for Ludlow having nurtured a core of youngsters from age six. With five called up for trial with North Mids recently at under 15 level he is keen to retain the promising momentum and evening training sessions are part of that. We wish him luck and await developments with both the lights and alternative venue.



Bar manager, Jamie Hume, has reported that Friday's quiz (pictured above) was a huge success with 83 people in attendance comprising 17 teams. A total of £380 was raised which is a great amount – look out for the next quiz taking place in the spring.

It looks as though the club is going to come to the rescue of a community lunch which has been operating in Ludlow for more than ten years. Run by Hands Together Ludlow, the community lunch has been a lifeline for lonely, vulnerable and housebound people on Tuesdays for as long as I can remember. But a phone call from



Diggory Hadoke's sister, Susie O'Hagan, last week revealed it could be about to fold if it couldn't find an alternative venue. Cash strapped Shropshire Council, overlooking all the good such organisations do, had demanded an annual £10k fee for continued use of the Helena Lane kitchens and hall. Could Ludlow Rugby Club please help? Of course we could. We will have to make a charge to cover heating lighting etc. but I am rather hoping that we can hold a raffle or two to help with that over the course of the coming months.

As a community club these are very much the kind of projects which we should be assisting with and, I hope this helps to forge closer links and boost the number of volunteers that Hands Together rely on to run all the excellent projects they coordinate from their headquarters in Lower Galdeford. These include the community fridge used regularly by up to 200 people, supporting the vulnerable and empowering others to stay in their homes. Just the sort of things you would have thought the council would be supporting because it relieves pressure and costs from their hard-pressed social services!

Shropshire Council

**Free Health Checks Available**

LUDLOW RUGBY CLUB

**Ludlow Rugby Club**  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 11am – 2pm

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TO AID LUDLOW CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

If you're looking for a Christmas concert to attend, book tickets for Bella Acappella's Christmas concert on the 14<sup>th</sup> December (see advert above for booking details). Our Club Secretary, Kelly, has sung with the choir for two years and their Christmas Concert is not to be missed - with a broad range of repertoire there will be something for everyone to get you in the Christmassy mood. Profits from this year's concert will be donated to Ludlow Cancer Support Group.

Sticking with our theme of supporting the community – please see details above for free health checks being held at the clubhouse on 7<sup>th</sup> December between 11am and 2pm. Why not get down for match day a little earlier to take up the offer from the outreach team.

See you on Saturday at The Linney.

*Andy Wright*

President Ludlow Rugby Club



**LUDLOW RUGBY CLUB - CHAIRMANS CHALLENGE**  
**'ANOTHER BRICK IN THE BAR'**

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*Lynn Davies*

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