



## Worcester Rugby Football Club

### July Newsletter

Dear players, members and sponsors

This is the first in what I hope will be a regular newsletter to let everyone know what your new committee is up to. We had a great turnout at the AGM and the new officers are listed below. We have been elected with the mandate to deliver the strategy for the club. If you haven't read it look at it now. You have my promise we will do everything we can to make the strategy a reality.

The Executive committee will meet monthly on the second Thursday evening of each month and the Management Committee every other month on a Tuesday evening. As well as the business of the club we will also use this time to talk to players and coaches. We will also be around on match days so please talk to us.

Much work will go on behind the scenes and the Committee chairs and their sub-committee members are busy with their plans and priorities. We have several immediate must do's including getting our club and commercial web sites up and running – it is still early days but please have a look [here](#), attracting more external business, planning for the first matches of the season and plugging that blasted leak in the tunnel!

If you were at the AGM you will know a priority is club finances. We made a loss last year (which we are currently assessing) and have precious few external bookings this year to improve the immediate outlook. Whilst we are a rugby club first, we need a strong financial foundation to support all our teams. We don't need to panic but must work hard to improve income and profitability.

And on the subject of money you will also know that the outgoing Management Committee had decided to increase membership fees for some groups this coming year. Whilst convention usually means the new Committee would simply accept the new rates I have decided to pause the increase until we have a better understanding of our financial position. We are not planning to increase the fees by more – I promise - I just want to ensure we understand what is in it for members. I hope to be in a position to make a decision about fees in October and if you have already paid the increase – don't worry your money is safe!

And finally, it would be good to see you on match days. Our first 1<sup>st</sup> team match is on 7 September against our nearest neighbours Droitwich followed by three homes games including the first of two Friday night fixtures. Please come along, bring your friends and have a great time...

Saturday 7 September	Droitwich	away 3.00pm ko
<b>Saturday 14 September</b>	<b>Newbold on Avon</b>	<b>home 3.00pm ko</b>
<b>Friday 20 September</b>	<b>Dudley</b>	<b>home 19.00pm ko</b>
<b>Saturday 28 September</b>	<b>Old Hales</b>	<b>home 19.00pm ko</b>

**Your new team:**

Jim Goodman	President
Stephen Lloyd	Chair
Greg Fincher	Vice Chair
Jeff Crawshaw	Hon. Secretary
Dan Clay	Hon. Treasurer
A J Mills	Hon. Subscriptions Secretary
Niall Crawford	Director of Rugby
Tim Cunliffe	M/J Chair
Martin Swinnerton	Chair of Grounds
Sammy Carter	Honorary Business Development Officer
Tim Ohlson	Chair of Property
Nick Lee	Senior Playing Section Representative
Henry Catherwood	IT and data manager
Safeguarding officer	Adrian Heffernan (Heff)
Disciplinary officer	Jim Phelps
Fixtures Secretary	Roy Saunders
TBC	Ladies Section
Lee Watson	Patron Members Representative

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**Steve Lloyd**  
**Chair#**