



In Touch

Tom Perkins, substituting for injured brother Rhys at scrum half, scored a brace of tries to help Ludlow to avenge their home defeat to Old Halesonians at the start of the season. Regulars will recall that Halesowen beat us 18-32 at Bromfield Road but, that we could and should, have won the game. With centre, Jack Lines, back in the ranks after a lengthy knee injury Ludlow ran out 7-38 winners and Jack was among the scorers. Other tries came from Matt Ashton and Jack Davies with Tom Perkins kicking the extras. Matt Ashley was Ludlow Brewery Man of the Match. We now lie fifth in the league above Halesowen but a game in hand over some clubs thanks to the disappointment of our on off home game the previous weekend Saturday against Newent.

The Seconds too managed a game this week, travelling to Welshpool where they had a very entertaining match eventually losing 52-37. Not bad considering we travelled with just 11 men. Fresh back from his travels to China, Stu Lewis tells me that there were many positives from the game and they are all eagerly awaiting the return game on home soil. For the record, Toby Morgan got a hat trick of tries and the Ludlow Brewery MOTM award and Kipper Yapp got two tries. Ben Doss kicked the extras.

On Saturday we entertain Stratford Upon Avon KO 2.15pm and it's also our Christmas lunch which I am told is fully booked. Those attending are advised the bar will be open from 11.30am and you need to be in your seats for 12 noon.

At least our sponsors' lunch went ahead last weekend even if those attending didn't get to see a game of rugby. It also meant there was a good crowd in the clubhouse to see volunteer of the year awards handed out. Volunteer of the year was a well-deserved Kelly Nicklin who, having joined the club to support her children in the minis and juniors, has ably taken over as secretary of the senior club and is currently qualifying to become a referee. I'm not sure how she finds the time as well as being a Senior Lecturer in Music Education at Birmingham City University, Kelly is also heavily involved with an acappella choir in Ludlow (Bella Acappella) and practises mixed martial arts. Kelly wasn't able to be present but chairman Lynn Davies got a video call through to her so that she received the award from North Mids RFU Rugby chairman Malcolm Harris.

Other volunteer awards went to Peter Lines, who stepped in last season as membership secretary and has made a fine job of bringing so many lapsed members back into the fold, and to Rob Hughes. Two seasons ago Rob stepped in to help with game day management and running the line. Sadly, neither Peter nor Rob was able to be present. Raife Hughes stepped in to take the award on behalf of his dad.

Attendance at the lunch was boosted by the presence of the Corvedale Cricket Club for their annual lunch. The cricket club's ranks include many old Linney favourites including former captain, Matt Ginge Davies, Jim Alderson and Freddie Brick. The match postponement meant that our own players could enjoy an early shower and join the festivities and, showing great ingenuity, compère for the afternoon Will Hodnett, evening managed to conjure a couple of genuine Dick of the Day awards!

Will became a dad this week when his wife Holly gave birth to a little boy, Emyr Noel weighing an impressive 8 pounds and one ounce. The previous weekend back row Charlie Doyle got the call to support wife Lucy who gave birth to a beautiful daughter, Niamh May. We wish both couples all the best. As you can see both have already been introduced to watching rugby from the sidelines.



The mini and junior games last weekend v Market Drayton were also cancelled thanks to the weather but congratulations go to Alfie Redman who was selected to play for North Midlands Under 15s. Their match has been postponed until after Christmas but congratulations go to Alfie on his selection and we look forward to welcoming him into the senior squad in due course. Front row is an area where we need bolstering. The under fifteens team got a day off this week and went go karting as their Christmas treat.



Hats off too to the ladies of the club who again organised a highly successful wreath making class over two evenings last week making money for the club. Over 60 wreaths were made in total and we would like to thank everyone who donated foliage to support the event.



Thanks to the success of the recent quiz at the club with Malcolm Weaver, we are planning a repeat on Friday, Jan 17, 7pm in aid of Mind. Teams of up to 6 people, entry £5 per person (see advert below).



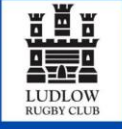
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