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In Touch

I thought I'd better write to keep you in touch, even though there have been no games, as I'm off on my holidays. Flooding and frozen grounds variously put paid to our games v Shipston-on-Stour and at Edwardians. These have been rearranged for Feb 8 at The Linney and Feb 22 away. This weekend there's a short trip south to Hereford for our local derby game. Please make an effort to get there. It makes a huge difference to the team.

Our cancelled games saw the publication of an important report about flooding and its effect on rugby clubs nationwide. We will be studying it before our committee meeting but I note that one of the conclusions is that affected clubs needs to redouble their efforts to establish collaborative links with other local sports clubs and venues, and that it urges the RFU to help with something called parametric insurance that delivers a payout in relation to agreed trigger events. It also suggests that the RFU call repayment holidays for clubs affected by flooding. A bit of help from the RFU wouldn't come amiss.

Talking of the RFU several members asked at our last game if we had joined the call for a special general meeting to make some sense of some of the nonsense going on at HQ. Well, we did, and I for one will be carefully watching the outcome.



Our cancelled matches provided a welcome opportunity for two of our players to come up with an impromptu social sporting tournament of their own. Arthur Nias and Ross Hamer got their colleagues, families and supporters on board with a darts, skittles and quoits contest in the clubhouse which at least took some money over the bar during a very depleted period. Well done them.

We've become used to seeing and hearing the dulcet tones of former Ludlow player Matt Ferguson on TV as he gives his take on how Northampton Saints, where he is scrum coach, are doing in Premiership games. However, after seven glorious years there Matt will be leaving in April for pastures new, across the border In Wales I understand, where he began his coaching career. Don't be surprised to see him in a red shirt pitchside sometime soon.



See you soon,
Andy Wright
President Ludlow Rugby Club