



Southmead Rugby Football Club

The Grand Opening of the new Changing Rooms

Sunday, 15th November, 2009

10 am - Midnight

Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road,
Southmead, Bristol, BS10 5PY.

£2
(min donation)

Chairman's Welcome

I would like to welcome our special guests from the RFU, all the players, club members and Southmead residents. That would include our honoured guest Dave Prowse alias 'Darth Vader' who was born in Southmead. Further thanks to our Builder, BPM Group and in particular their project manager, Gary Mills. Finally, I would also like to thank Morris Bros & Co for their generous gesture to perform tonight for free - thank you "Hooper".

Part of the contract with BPMG included a clause that local labour should be used as much as possible, this led to 90% of

the workforce coming from the SRFC.

This was a very important project for the SRFC to build the changing rooms. Without them the future of the club looked bleak. But now our future looks much brighter, we hope this will encourage children to join the club to enable it to continue for many more years.

To finish, I hope everybody has a great day and continues with their support to promote our fantastic Club.

Barry Jakes, Chairman



Financial Report

We are now halfway through our financial year and it has been very busy.

We have achieved many successes and this will enable the club to continue to move forwards. Here are just a few we have delivered over the last year:-

- Secured over £300k to build new changing room facilities;
- completed the new changing room project; and
- implemented new financial practices and systems.

There are two important items which should be noted:

- Quarterly statements showing the financial information of the club will be displayed on the

club notice board. (December); and

- there will be a display showing the financial details of the changing room building project delivered by BPMG. Who have made savings in excess of £27k.

But we still have more funds to raise to enable the last two changing rooms to be fitted out.

As Finance Director I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes supporting the club and furthering the great game of rugby.

Jason Silcox

Senior Section's Report

It has been a tough start for the players this season, following two successive promotions. The players are learning the standards required to play at this level and that opposition sides will play for the full 80 minutes.

We have lost a few of our opening games due to slowing up a little too early, but our confidence is high as we are competing well during our games. During the last two seasons we have used up to 44 players in the first team which shows that the club has some good strength.

Having our own changing rooms will make a huge difference to our club spirit and help "The Mead" to be an even more difficult place to come to play. We will now be competing with other clubs at a high level on both the playing and the facility side of rugby.

Enjoy the day as I feel this will become the true start of our season and will bring us the success we have worked so hard for.

John Knight, Director of Rugby



Junior Section's

Report Southmead's junior section started in 1986, with the senior section starting shortly afterwards.

Although, the junior section has had mixed fortunes, through the hard work of Muddy Waters, Daniel Brown and Billy Cotterall, the Junior Section reached the number of 90 members in 2006. But recently these numbers have decreased somewhat.

But with the help of the success at senior level this has helped us to introduce rugby to more children and young people in the Southmead area.

A successful schools tournament was held recently after coaching sessions in Fonthill, Badockwood

and Littlemead. This will be held annually, cementing the close ties formed from this project which could help in securing Southmead RFC's future. Special thanks to Daniel Brown for his involvement.

Muddy Waters (Head Coach) would love to see more children and young people joining the club, the minimum age being six.

Anyone wishing to find out more about Southmead RFC please email:

muddy@southmeadrfc.co.uk

or ring the clubhouse on:

0117 9593060

Operations Report

Southmead RFC are very pleased to be involved in a national trial. Aimed at maximising the support and expertise that rugby clubs can call upon, to support the business or "club management" aspects of a club. Many clubs' main source of income are their bars. Identifying and maximising these revenue sources, and making the most of what a club has to offer, are often the only way a club can be financially secure and ensure future growth.

The RFU has appointed Inn-Dispensable Business Services, a leading training and consultancy firm, to work with Southmead RFC,

to assess how they can provide help and support to the benefit of the club and the community.

One part of the output from the trial has been the 'vision' statement of where we would like to see the club in three years time: "To be the first choice venue as a family and community centred club that is the definition of Southmead and therefore representative of all that is positive of the local area."

Anyone who would like to be involved in shaping the club's future please contact Jason Silcox.

Builder's Report

Back in 2008 BPMG was asked to submit a tender for the works of the new changing rooms at the rugby club. Below is the final report following the completion of Stage 1 of the project.

I would like to thank for their hard work, in particular, Barry Jakes, Curry Dave, Archie Woodland, Alfie Sealey, Richard Portch, Gerry Clarke, Jason & Gary Sposito, Michael & Martin Jakes, Michael & Cane Hahn, Ed Hack, Matt Fox, Graham, Scott & Gary Power, Danny Brown, Martin Gardener, Martin Sharp, Ian & Michael Murphy, Matt Heal, Jason & Arom and the BPMG team.



A measure of how successful the works have been and the effort given by the individuals mentioned above can be seen in the fact that the project was delivered five weeks ahead of schedule, realising in excess of £27k of savings to be used for Stage 2 and to a quality that has met with the Sport England specifications.

BPMG are very aware of its responsibility to the communities in which it operates and I would end by offering our sincere thanks to SRFC and the above mentioned individuals for the opportunity to work together and successfully deliver this project.

Gary Mills, Project Manager

Funding A message to all those who have backed the club, to the extent that we now have probably some of the best changing facilities around, thank you. From major sponsors like the Rugby Football Union, Rugby Football Foundation and Yansec - to regular sponsors such as Bonds Drainage, Mr John Calvey etc. Plus those who have paid £5 towards our 'Buy a Brick' campaign or a raffle ticket, thank you also.

All have entrusted SRFC with their money to improve the club. Raising funds is never easy and in today's economic climate, even more difficult than ever. Yet, by sticking to the

task, being determined, refusing to give in and persisting, we have managed it - well nearly!

There remains some work yet to be done to complete the whole of the new build, but for the moment let us bask in a bit of glory and enjoy this very special occasion in the history of the club. Make no mistake though we will soon be asking you to help to raise the further £50k needed to finish the job, so please support us whenever and in whatever way you can. Finally, as always SRFC are keen to support and welcome the opportunity to share our good fortune with the Tamara Johnson Trust Fund. (See Page 6).
SRFC Fundraising team



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To all SRFC sponsors and supporters - past and present - we extend our sincere thanks:-

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John Carr (Eng)
Joel Pearson - Team Coach (Eng)
Jamie Farrell - Team Manager (Ire)

The Peeler RFC

The Peeler originated some 30 years ago, from an idea by the then England flanker Mike Rafter.

Taking its name from a Clifton pub they have always fund raised for charitable events.

Many fine local and International players have graced the Peeler jersey, including five former England Captains and several British Lions.



Each year The Peeler's have an annual charity, this year it is the Tamara Johnson Trust Fund (see below). Another important part is to raise the profile of junior clubs and I hope increase interest and participation as a result.

Jamie Farrell, Chairman

Tamara Johnson - Trust Fund - The Peeler Charity 2009/10

Tamara Johnson, aged 27, the Bath Ladies popular No 8, was a founder member of the team at Bath Rugby and captained the side in its inaugural 2004/2005 season.

Tragically, she suffered a paralysing neck injury at the end of February 2008 playing against Saracens. Seven months on, the 26-year-old, is inching towards recovery.

Thanks to expert care from staff at the spinal unit at Salisbury District Hospital, support from her family, friends, Bath Rugby, and her own incredibly positive outlook, Tamara is experiencing increasing movement in her body and hopes to

be back in her Bristol home by Christmas.

Speaking to the Western Daily Press about her ambitions for the future, she said: "The staff haven't promised me I'll walk and play rugby again because they don't want to give me any false expectations. They have taught me to learn to cope with what I've got and treat anything else as a bonus".



Money made from the selling of this programme will be shared with the Tamara Johnson Trust Fund. Many thanks to Cerys Waters, Shaun White, Mitchell Carpenter, Dexter Redmond, Bradley Ball, Daniel Thornley and Devon White for selling the programmes today, and to their chaperones Shannon Carpenter, Jamie Billingsley, Matt Hodgkins, and Ryan Waters, for supporting them.



Itinerary

1000	Club open
1100	Junior tournament kick off
1300	Junior tournament finished
1330	Opening of Changing Rooms by RFU Vice President
1415	International match kick off
1545	International match finished
1600	Presentation of junior medals by: RFU, GRFU and SRFC Dignitaries, international players and David Prowse
1700	Dinner and presentation (dinner to be seated by 1730)
2000	Hooper (live band)
Midnight	Finish