



# GRASSHOPPERS Rugby



## Minis Newsletter October 2018

### Minis Tour - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

We have had a massive response to Minis on Tour 2019!

#### Destination: Tigers Challenge Tour in Butlins Minehead (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May)

Please remember that anyone still deciding whether to participate or not should try to come to a decision sooner rather than later as it will have cost implications for you. To register your place on a touring team, £25 should be paid to Laura Curtin (Tour Manager) to cover the tournament's team registration costs.

Laura will then forward the accommodation booking link to you by e-mail to proceed with selecting and booking your own preference(s). At this stage the more cost effective options are running out and all tourists must book their accommodation through Butlins. It is therefore imperative to make a decision asap. On booking you only have to pay £30 per tourist to secure your accommodation. The remaining balance must be paid 8 weeks before tour – giving you sufficient time to save / fundraise from RFU raffle tickets etc. After some discussion several parents are encouraging their sons / daughters to put some money away each week in addition to the planned sale of RFU Grand Draw in order to gather up sufficient money to pay off the balance next March.

Remember – the Minis section as a collective will only be fundraising for tour kit for players / coaches / parents this year and not for individual's accommodation as we did last year. This system is what all other clubs implement and we feel it will empower all 'tourists' to select their own accommodation on site / dining arrangements and assume full responsibility for payment.

There will be no additional costs that we envisage for actually touring. As mentioned before, throughout the season we will undertake a range of fundraising and social opportunities to raise funds for players' tour kit and polo shirts / hoodies for all tourists but this will be separate to your individual accommodation / dining plan costs.

RFU raffle tickets have been ordered and will arrive at the club in the coming weeks. Please, please, please, use the sale of these grand draw tickets to help raise funds towards your accommodation balance at Butlins.

Any urgent questions can be sent to [lauradixon@mail.com](mailto:lauradixon@mail.com) or [bigmckeeper@gmail.com](mailto:bigmckeeper@gmail.com)



### Rugby Holiday Camp – 22-24 October 2018

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The Autumn half term rugby camp at Grasshoppers (run in collaboration with Harlequins RFC) still has some places available. The camp will take place on 22, 23 & 24 October at the new Grasshoppers' facility on Syon Lane. Enquiries / bookings can be made at [www.rugbycamps.co.uk/harlequins](http://www.rugbycamps.co.uk/harlequins)

These opportunities do not come along too often so make sure you ask questions about it to us on Sunday at training if you are thinking about it or need to know more. **Representatives from Harlequins will be at the club on Sunday to speak with any interested parties.**

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### Minis fixtures for the coming weeks

	KHs	U7s	U8s	U9s	U10s	U11s	U12s
Sun 14 Oct	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME
Sun 21 Oct	Home Training Session with Hillingdon Abbots – our first guests!						
Sun 28 Oct	AWAY: Triangular with Ruislip & Staines at Ruislip. A mini-festival!						
Sun 4 Nov	Home Training Session with Hammersmith & Fulham.					HOME	HOME
Sun 11 Nov	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME	HOME

A busy few weeks ahead with both home and away fixtures. Coaches will communicate the details about our away fixture on Sunday 28 October. Please respond to WhatsApp message and e-mails should you need further details / clarification.

On Sunday 11 November we will hold our annual club tribute as part of Remembrance Sunday. We also will have a film crew from the RFU visiting Knee Highs that day. More details to follow.

### Rules & Responsibilities at the new clubhouse

We kindly remind everyone that as we embark on an adventure at our new club there are some rules and responsibilities we have been asked to pass on.

- No dogs permitted on the grounds** – due to the nature of the playing surfaces and limited space around these the executive committee took the decision after much heated debate to have the club as a dog-free zone for the well-being of all players and spectators.
- Grass banks** – under no circumstance should players climb on the grass banks either side of the clubhouse. They are very steep and due to some of the turf drying out, the surfaces can sometimes be uneven and slippery.
- Supervision** – parents / carers please supervise your children and discourage them from going exploring at the far side of the ground. Last Sunday several Minis players disturbed seeded ground in their unsupervised adventures and this took considerable work to reset early this week.
- Footwear** – please use the small stand seats to change footwear before and after training. No boots should be worn beyond the stand seats up into the balcony area.
- Clubhouse restaurant** – please encourage children to avoid climbing on furniture or run around inside. This is a health and safety risk to them and those around them.

We think that applying common sense to all these matters will result in everyone enjoying their experiences in and around the new club.







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### MINIS COMMITTEE 2018/19

Below are the club volunteers who have been voted into committee roles for the 2018/19 season. If you have any general or specific queries please make contact as appropriate. We thank them for their continued work for all our players / parents at Grasshoppers.

**Chairperson** – Declan McKeever – 07950 953649 – [bigmckeeper@gmail.com](mailto:bigmckeeper@gmail.com)

**Vice Chairperson (Marketing / PR /** – Steve Hunt – 07775 683682 – [stevehunt78@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stevehunt78@yahoo.co.uk)

**Vice Chairperson (Rugby Opportunities / Social)** – Glen Curtin – 07814 000407 – [glen\\_curtin10@yahoo.com](mailto:glen_curtin10@yahoo.com)

**Fixtures Secretary** – Antony Enright – 07771 655254 – [antonyenright@outlook.com](mailto:antonyenright@outlook.com)

**Child Protection / Tour Manager** – Laura Curtin – 07947 480242 – [lauradixon@mail.com](mailto:lauradixon@mail.com)

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**U7s Lead Coach** – Steve Hunt - 07775 683682 – [stevehunt78@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stevehunt78@yahoo.co.uk)

**U8s Lead Coach** – Paul Vinnell – 07941 006777 – [paul\\_vinnell@hotmail.com](mailto:paul_vinnell@hotmail.com)

**U9s Lead Coach** – Antony Enright - 07771 655254 – [antonyenright@outlook.com](mailto:antonyenright@outlook.com)

**U10s Lead Coach** – Glen Curtin - 07814 000407 – [glen\\_curtin10@yahoo.com](mailto:glen_curtin10@yahoo.com)

**U11s Lead Coach** – John Lake – 07818 041726 - [irlake@hotmail.com](mailto:irlake@hotmail.com)

**U12s Lead Coach** – Mehl Jacobs – 07930 391280 – [rugby@jacobsandco.biz](mailto:rugby@jacobsandco.biz)

Thought for the week...



If you have any questions about any of the content of this newsletter, any suggestions for how it could be improved or indeed any suggestions of how we could improve generally please do not hesitate to contact Declan at [bigmckeeper@gmail.com](mailto:bigmckeeper@gmail.com)