



BEDWAS RFC

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Dear Member – Annwyl Aelod,

I hope that you and your family are well and that you've been enjoying getting out and about as the pandemic restrictions continued to be eased this spring.

I wanted to write to you all to give you an update on the rugby club as we move towards a prospective re-opening date in the middle of this month.

Firstly, I can confirm that we are aiming to re-open the club to everyone in the middle of May. This should be in line with the potential re-opening date for indoor hospitality on 17 May. We will confirm our exact re-opening date and hours on our website and social media when we can.

One of the main reasons we have decided to wait until later this month to re-open is because of the continued extensive refurbishment works on the club. Our team of hardworking volunteers have been re-fitting the 'big room' bar and carrying out improvements to the washrooms and upstairs room in the club. Along with re-plastering, painting and roofing work, a great deal of effort has gone into the club of late. Our volunteers have given hundreds of hours of labour into refurbishing the club and our rugby club community should be grateful for their efforts. I wish to thank them on behalf of the club.

Once we are able to re-open and as the vaccination programme continues to have a positive impact, we will have a much-improved club. We will be an affordable, accessible venue for parties, celebrations and other events within our community. We will be looking to attract back customers who will no doubt be keen to support us and to socialise with friends and family they may not have seen properly for some time.

Next, I would like to provide an update regarding rugby. The Welsh Rugby Union, who have continued to be a good support at this tough time, have published their return to rugby roadmap. This has already seen training at all levels recommence at the club and our coaches and volunteers have been working hard to get players of all ages back into rugby. I don't have any further information about when competitive rugby may return, but we hope to see our teams run out in some form on the Bridgefield later this year. The pandemic will have had an effect at all levels of rugby, but we are determined to raise a team just as competitive as before to take on our Championship rivals once the league returns.

As regards membership, you will remember we did sell membership for what was the prospective 2020-21 season last summer. Members who purchased a single year membership last year are entitled to a roll-over into the 2021-22 season, though we are grateful that a number of you have already indicated to us that you wish to support the club and forgo that option. Vice-Presidents will receive an additional sponsored fixture next year to thank them for their continued support over the last 12 months.

Those of you who hold 10-year memberships, these will conclude in August of this year. Club directors have had a discussion around what we offer now that these memberships have come to an end, and for now we will only be offering single year memberships and Vice-Presidencies. This decision has been made to help the club ensure a sustainable level of membership income and to give us the flexibility to tailor our membership offering to suit our members. We will release more information regarding 2021-22 memberships and Vice-Presidencies in due course.

As restrictions continue to be eased, we will soon be publishing a date of our 2019-20 Annual General Meeting. We will publish this on our website and in the club when we are given more information for government about permitted numbers indoors.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to several sponsors who have joined/renewed with us in recent months. These include Protectorcomms, Ross Perkins Waste Removal, Caerphilly Funeral Services, Bed Store Direct and Kevin McCole. It is fantastic to have a number of great local businesses wanting to partner with us and utilise the club to showcase their offerings. Sponsorship is key to helping us maintain and grow our club, so if you do have any interest in sponsoring or advertising with Bedwas RFC, please contact Peter Browning on 07881786863.

I look forward to seeing you back at Bedwas RFC in the coming weeks and let's hope that the second half of this year really sees the start of the rebirth of our great club! Diolch o'r galon am eich cefnogaeth cryf.

Best Wishes – Dymuniadau gorau,



Will Rees

Secretary

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