

The Swan

January Round Up

Huge numbers turned up for the first training session so the Christmas over indulgence must have motivated the squad to get back into shape again.

We have all shapes and sizes!

What was to follow on match days was absolutely brilliant.

Beccahamians

First up on the 12th were Beccahamians 3s at home. A totally dominant Swans performance finished up with a 62 – 0 win over the visitors. Great start to the new year.



A very serious Matthew in charge of the kicking tee and coaching Stuart ("through the posts Stuart")

Greenwich (Cup)

Next on the list was our cup game against Greenwich. Last year we drew them in the cup and after a closely fought encounter we narrowly lost. We were determined to beat whatever turned up to play us (you're never quite sure) and a tough match was on the cards. Perhaps what eventually turned the game was our team spirit. The lads worked hard as a team, didn't bicker or complain and quietly went about achieving a win over so called superior competition who had plenty to say about everything.

February 2019



A rare excursion for Capt. Ant across the try line

The win of 17-10 now sets us up against Sittingbourne on 23rd February, also a Kent 2 side sitting pretty in second place. A tough fixture that will be a test, but we are looking forward to it.

Westcombe Park 3s

Our second to last away game brought up Westcombe Park who just beat us at the beginning of the season.

For this game they brought a large squad into action and being the gents that we are we agreed to let them play 8 subs. (I still can't fathom out why).

I guess remembering the pace of some of our backs they also introduced some young whizz kids into their back line. Didn't work!



Ant Pittock's finest 80 yet for the Swans



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We ran out 35-0 winners in a game where they rarely threatened to get into our 22. When they did our defence was more than up to keeping the clean sheet.

The second half of the game became much more physical as Westcombe attempted to force the game through their forwards. The lads were more than up to it but unfortunately the game was called early when Hayden Cook completely rearranged the layout of his shoulder. Not pretty.

A good dose of gas and air enabled him to walk over to the ambulance. Wish you a speedy recovery Hayden.

What else is going on?

Unsung Hero's (Heroines)

First off, a mention of two unsung heroes.

Councillor Michael Horwood and Mayor Lesley Dyball. Both have been staunch allies and supporters of the club from day one.

Their impact has been considerable; coming to meetings when we need help, attending matches and social functions.

Both have facilitated grants for the improvement of facilities and equipment and Michael was instrumental in acquiring our new pitch through KCC.

Lesley, take a look at the bottom of the league table – you're going to like it!

League Table

Onwards and upwards – Old Alleynians have a healthy points advantage but we are closing in on Shooters Hill.

#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Old Alleynian V	10	5	0	0	4	1	0	9	1	0	288	97	191	39
2	Shooters Hill I	11	5	0	0	2	0	4	7	0	4	296	210	86	32
3	Swanley I	11	3	0	1	3	0	4	6	0	5	255	191	64	29
4	Beckenham V	10	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	213	194	19	24
5	Sidcup IV	11	5	0	1	0	0	5	5	0	6	212	112	100	23
6	Westcombe Park III	10	1	1	3	3	0	2	4	1	5	150	242	-92	22
7	Erith I	11	3	0	3	1	0	4	4	0	7	48	269	-221	22
8	HSBC II	11	4	0	3	0	0	4	4	0	7	292	324	-32	20
9	Beccehamian III	11	2	0	4	2	0	3	4	0	7	156	244	-88	19
10	Charlton Park III	10	1	0	3	3	0	3	4	0	6	209	236	-27	18

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Bad Weather & the Horrendous 2 cm of Snow

We care about our players!

FOOTBALLERS ARE URGED NOT TO TRAVEL UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

RUGBY PLAYERS – TRAINING STARTS AT 7.30

Well it amused me.

Oval Ball



Oval Ball & Awards

Saturday 11th May 2019

at the Alexandra Suite

St. Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8

Swanley RFC would like to extend a warm invitation to its members and friends for the annual oval ball. The evening features a 3 course dinner, entertainment, presentation of awards and dancing to 12.45am

Pre-dinner drinks at 6.30pm - Carriages at 1.00am

Dress code: Formal Evening Dress

Tickets @ £35pp

Tickets can now be reserved by contacting Wendy Aitkenhead and Thomas Mason

Please advise us of the names of all attending in your party and of any special dietary requirements.

Wooden Spoon 6 Nations Dinner

A select few of us (mainly because nobody else wanted to spend an evening with us) attended this fundraiser on behalf of the Wooden Spoon children's charity.

During the auction some macho bidding helped to raise a total of £5400 for children in Kent.

I can just imagine the back-home exclamations of "you paid what for a round of golf".

Held at the Sheperd Neame brewery it was a demonstration that rugby people can organise a



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p*** up in a brewery. The combine weight of our passengers tested Johns suspension to its absolute limit whilst traversing speed ramps with horrible scrapping noises on the way down. Either all round diets (young George and Sam excluded) or an SUV for next year.

St. Patricks Day Bash – 16th March – Red Lion



Yes, I guess it's kind of a weird thing for the English to celebrate but we are going to anyway. Look at it this way:

- You can drink Guinness all night just this once (cant imagine you would do it twice)
- You can lament the loss of the Grand Slam you thought you were going to win (only for the Irish)
- Show true English sympathy by sticking to bitter and celebrating last weeks fantastic victory in Dublin.
- Talk about the back stop and Brexit, just for a change.

Another Date for your Diary

All good things come to an end as will this season. We are planning to celebrate the season on:

6th April

Red Lion, Swanley Village, BR8

As well as music, fond reflections of the season passed and jocular banter we will address the meaning of life and what is cricket really all about.

On-Line Shop

A comprehensive range of Swanley RFC products are now available through our on-line shop.

All based on the VX-3 range of sportswear for both adults and children. They look good on ladies too.

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