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THE NEWSLETTER OF
NEWBOLD ON AVON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN
Welcome to the final newsletter of the 2025-2026 season. All those involved in producing the newsletter will be taking a well earned break until August when the new season gets underway. In the meantime thank you to everybody for your support during what has been a successful season for the club, I hope you enjoy this edition and enjoy the summer break.

ON FIELD
The 1's finished their season off last weekend with an agonising 29-33 defeat to Alcester in the semi final of the Warwickshire Shield. Although falling to defeat it has been a great season for the first team, who also finished runners up in theri respective league and now have the anxious wait to find out if they will be promoted to level 6. On a personal note the sooner this is rectified the better, as it will be beneficial to the club knowing where we are as we continue to plan for next season.
The 94's finish their season off this Wednesday evening when they take on Daventry RFC in the final of the Clonmell Cup to be held at Rugby St Andrews, KO 19:30. I wish Harry Brain, Paddy Howard and the boys the very best of luck and hope they bring silverware home to top off a successful season for the club.
Thank you to the coaching staff and physios for all of your efforts this year. It's been a well organised season and I look forward to continuing the journey next year.

Women's Round up

Since the last newsletter Newbold Revolution's season has come to a conclusion. A few weeks ago Revolution teamed up with Broadstreet to take on Daventry and Old Northamptonians at Daventry RFC. Broadstreet and Newbold ran out comfortable winners and it was a momentus day for our club, as Coco Gallone scored Revolution's first ever try and also picked up the Newbold player of the match award (she still needs to work on her pint chopping though!).
Last weekend the girls travelled to Lincoln for their end of season tour. After a cracking night out in Lincoln on the Friday they then went to Lincoln RFC on Saturday, camped out there and had a party and BBQ so we must thank Lincoln RFC for the hospitality they showed our club. On the Sunday they played a game of 7's where Heloise Richards was Revolution player of the match and once again Coco Gallone crossed the whitewash!
That's a wrap for the 2025/6 season and we look forward to seeing the girls again at the end of the month for the awards dinner.
There has been 2 touch tournament Sundays for the Eagles, who went up to Woodrush for Super Sunday 1. The first one of the year where we played teams from the stronger SW Mids division. Unfortunately we travelled with a depleted squad due to injuries and holidays but with the help of a few guest players we completed all scheduled matches. Bella Riddell was Eagles player of the day.

Last weekend two of our youngest players Willow Cross & Ruby Vowles attended NW regional trials before the Eagles competed in NE3 at Bedworth RFC on Sunday. Again we were short of players but with help from Derby touch we fielded a full squad. Thank you to Sinjita, Sam and Charlie for guesting plus Graham for advising on the day!
They succumbed to Bedworth who were impressive once again then suffered a narrow loss to OL's, in which Willow Cross scored. They then finished off their league fixtures for the day by losing to Rugby Saints 4-0 but the effort of the girls could not be faulted, they played really well in large patches of that game. Willow Cross walked away with the Eagles player of the day award.
Eagles are next in action on June 7th at Stratford RFC for Super Sunday 2.

OFF FIELD

Off field, we are now begin putting plans into place for the new season. Outgoing President, Stuart McGill will now be looking after the sponsorship of the club alongside Frank Marshall, with support of Scott Marshall for the player sponsorship. It is vital that the sponsorship side of the club is well maintained and respected as it is vital in the running of the playing side of the club. If anybody has ideas of how to do things better on the sponsorship front please let us know.
The new project "Building Bold" will start to gather pace during the summer months, first port of call is to speak with the council and also put together the sub committee that will run the project. Many thanks to all those that have already come forward to help with this, very exciting times coming for the future of the club.
The club also has many events taking place over the summer months. A great job done in hiring out the clubs premises and keeping the revenue coming in over the close season.

MEMORIAL DAY

Many thanks to all those that attended the Memorial Day. A very successful day that will now officially take place every season. Thank you to Di Spooner for presenting the memorial wreath and to Paul Bale for nominating the man of the match for the game. Finally to Steve And Sue Smith, Steve who put together a fantastic presentation and memorial book, as well as put together some fantastic photos that were on display, it was great to hear so many memories shared during the day.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON RFC 300 CLUB DRAW
WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF April 2026

1st PRIZE:	**Robin Woerner**	**Number 40**	**£200:00**
2nd PRIZE:	**Carl Roderick**	**Number 48**	**£80.00**
3rd PRIZE:	**Fin Reed**	**Number 44**	**£50:00**
Bonus ball £300		**Number 66 not claimed**	

Bonus ball super draw will take place in December £400

AWARDS NIGHT

We are pleased to announce that Adam Jones will be the guest speak at the club Awards Night on 30th May.
Adam is currently coaching at Harlequins, but is a well known Wales international and British & Irish Lion.
There is little doubt he will have some very interesting tales to tell.

Warwickshire Ladies Rugby

Sunday 17th May KO: 2.00pm at Newbold on Avon RFC

Warwickshire Women v Staffordshire Women