

BATH SARACENS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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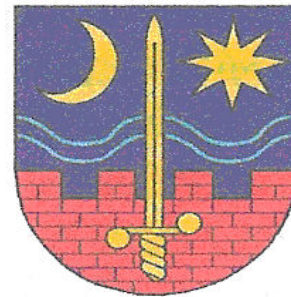
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**1947 – 2007
60th Anniversary**

Dear Vice Presidents,

Welcome to the 2007- 2008 season, in which Sarries are celebrating 60 years of rugby. This season promises to be full of excitement and new challenges, with breath taking performances and high expectations for the club. So dust off the old boots, stitch the shirt back together, and come and join Sarries in what is going to be an extremely enjoyable season!

To begin I would like to reflect on the success of our previous season: The major change of last season saw the club transferring to the newly formed Dorset and Wilts Division 3 West, and with Dan Nicholls as the captain he expressed his confidence that Sarries would be competitive in the league and had high hopes to build on the successes of the 05/06 season. Sarries took to the challenge, winning 15 league games and only losing 3 times, which included 2 defeats to the eventual league champions, and finishing the season in style with a massive 106 – 7 victory. Sarries finished 2nd in the league behind Corsham 2^{nds}. Finishing as runners up, Sarries won promotion to Dorset and Wilts North 2. This consolidated arguably one of the most successful seasons in Sarries history.

Captain Dan Nicholls together with Coach Les Garton are to be congratulated for their efforts in a successful league season.

Promotion to a new league and the beginning of a new season sees several role changes to the playing side of the club. Dan Nicholls has stepped down as Club Captain and Tony Lai has taken on the Captaincy with Dan as the Vice Captain. Les Garton has stepped down as head coach and the coaching duties have been taken over by Paul Kavanagh and Martin Ellis. With the Sarries gaining promotion into a higher league, the club is aiming to compete and achieve a respectable league position, in what will be a stronger league with tough opposition.

Off the pitch there has been change too, with new committee members appointed and a few club officers standing down. Hugh Sawyer has stood down as Treasurer and the club wishes to express many thanks for all his hard work and dedication. We welcome Steve Hiscox, who has been elected to become the Club Treasurer, and we wish him well in this role. Les Garton, Rob Garton and Bren Hodgkinson have also stepped down from the committee after dedicated work to achieve great results in a successful season. Again our thanks and gratitude is expressed.

With Steve becoming Treasurer, the position of Membership Secretary has been handed to me, Martin Solomon. I hope to continue with Steve's good work and keep you informed on events both on and off the pitch, throughout the season. Jim Bliss is the new Social Secretary and has several events planned. Of course you are encouraged and welcome to attend and participate. The up coming event is a Sunday Lunch on 30th September at the Hop Pole, Bath, followed by an 'orienteering activity' with a prize for the winning team. If you would like further details please contact Jim Biss or me, alternatively visit the website.

Fellow Vice President, Hugh Sawyer, would like to pass on his thanks to those who came up with names for some of the old photos on the website. He would be grateful for one last effort on the one he is currently focused on – 1976/1977. to help out he has added a link to all the signed up members of that year, and hopefully you will be able to make connections that he couldn't!

Hugh would also like to update and add Vice President stories to the web site. So please email or contact him with any stories and memories that you wish to share.

Please find enclosed the new season's fixture card. Please come up to support the team and meet new players and renew old friendships.

Finally if any of you have e-mail addresses please send an e-mail to me at martin.solomon469@mod.uk I can then update my records and send future correspondence to your inbox.

Yours Faithfully



Martin Solomon
Membership and Publicity Secretary