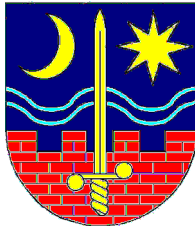


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Dear Vice President.

Welcome to a new season. Sorry about the slight delay in getting this newsletter and accompanying fixture cards out, but at least we have a few games under our belt and are therefore better placed to preview the year ahead.

This year sees us drop a league to Dorset and Wilts 2 (north) after a rather torrid time in league 1. As is the case with the league structure a successful season results in promotion whether or not you feel as a Club you are ready for it. We run just the one side and with a number of students in our ranks our strength can fluctuate. So although much credit to those that played throughout season 2011/12, taking defeats, many heavy, week after week is not a particularly pleasant experience.

However as a Club we came through that experience and surprisingly playing numbers for this season are looking good. This augers well for the league campaign ahead, as do the first few results.

Following a 7 - 31 loss to Swindon College and a much closer 14 - 20 defeat against Melksham we eventually chalked up a win 15 - 10 against Corsham. This was followed by a comprehensive 26 - 12 bonus point win against a strong Westbury team. Looking at the results across the league so far there is a fair degree of confidence that this season will see a lot more wins recorded. The number of players at training sessions is also very encouraging as is the team spirit. The coaching staff have already commented favourably on the latter. So all in all a fairly bright outlook.

In case any of you are interested the annual "friendly" against Old Morganians is on the 1st December. This as many of you will know is always a fairly wet game, especially after the final whistle.

Another date for your diary is the following week, 8th December, when after a home game against Royal Wotton Bassett, the Christmas draw will be held at the Hadley Arms. In case any of you are not aware, this hostelry is now our "Clubhouse" as the Sulis club no longer functions as such. We still use the Sulis pitch and the changing facilities, but that's all. You should receive a further newsletter very soon along with Xmas draw tickets. Thanks in advance if you feel able to purchase all or some of them.

Kind Regards
Nick Williams
Membership and Publicity Secretary