

Bath Saracens RFC

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Dear Vice President,

Another season commences with Sarries competing, once again, in Dorset and Wilts Division II (North).

Geometry PR have once again kindly agreed to be the clubs main sponsor and we started the season with a new away kit and with the promise that their continued support would allow a much needed service of the scrum machine.

The season had already promised to be a hard campaign with numerous first teams (Calne, Pewsey Vale and Westbury) joining us after relegation or transfer from other parts of the D & W league structure, but a number of early season injuries has contributed to some disappointing early results.

Hopefully, some recruitment over the next few weeks and the return of some players from injury will result in a more competitive run.

Your 2015/16 season match card is enclosed with this newsletter and we hope to see a few of you at home games over the year, with the annual Christmas raffle and VPs day targeted for 12th December and our home fixture against Pewsey Vale.

Last Seasons Club Dinner:

Following a decision by Bath Rugby to no longer host external catering, our social Secretary Alex Reilly organised a very successful dinner at the University of Bath Banqueting suite on 8th May.

Congratulations to the annual award winners –
Alex Reilly for Players' Player and Clubman of the Year,
Jim Biss for Captain's Award
Liam Emmett for Most Improved Player.



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Message from our new President:

Off the field:

As many of you already know Paul Kavanagh has stepped down as President of the club after some 17 years. He received an engraved silver salver in recognition of his many years' service to both Bath Civil Service and Bath Saracens from our Chairman David Pyles at the club dinner.

Also at the dinner, long serving Vice President Hugh Sawyer graciously accepted the invitation to take on the role of President and you will find a short note from him later in this newsletter.



As you already know, Paul Kavanagh stepped down as President at the Annual Dinner and passed the role on to me! Having been associated with the Club (and its predecessor, Bath CSRFC) for such a long time and having taken on so many different responsibilities, I felt very honoured! I have many happy memories of my time with the Club and made loads of friends over the years - I'm sure all you VPs share the same sentiment. I don't know what my new post requires, but it probably won't be as demanding as my 21 years as Treasurer!

Unfortunately I won't be watching as many games this season. My wife Glenys and I had been considering moving to Wales for some time, to be closer to our daughters and grandkids. By strange coincidence, just after my appointment we found the perfect spot and have now moved here! Thankfully with all the modern communication devices I will be able to keep in touch with developments - maybe I can even skype the committee meetings? And if anyone is ever passing by Cardigan, we have a spare bedroom!

Many thanks to you all for your continuing support of the Club.

Best wishes, Hugh