



Bath Saracens RFC (Established 1947 as Bath Civil Service RFC)  
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# Bath Saracens Newsletter

The Sulis Club, Claverton Down Road, Bath, BA2 7AU

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## New season up and running!

Welcome to the start of another season. It has been a difficult and disjointed start to the year, with player availability sporadic at best throughout preseason and leading into the season. This has unfortunately resulted in our first two fixtures, against Wootton Bassett on the 10th September and Avonvale a week later, proving very difficult.

With players returning from holidays and injuries our next match, away to Melksham on 1st October, brings with it a lot more hope and the opportunity for a fresh start to the season.

I have enclosed this season's fixture card and I hope that you will be able to join us for a match or two.

Your newsletter writer and social tsar,

Alex



### Upcoming fixtures:

- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Melksham (A)
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Calne (A)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Trowbridge (H)
- 29<sup>th</sup> October – Westbury (A)
- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Cricklade (H)
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Colerne (A)
- 26<sup>th</sup> November – Combe Down (H)
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Chippenham (A)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Sutton Benger (H)

## Fading Memories

Winter is coming, but it doesn't mean we can't look back and reflect on a glorious (debatable) British summer, with the Bath Saracens celebrating a number of special events.

The summer fun was kicked off with a successful club dinner. It was held at a new venue this year – the function room at Green Park Station, where we were joined by Graham Barnard from the Hadley Arms and Joe Vowles, the Captain of Avonvale RFC.

Not long after, four more Saracens graduated from the University of Bath and into the working world; Sam Collington, Will Preston, Rhys Appleyard and Will Leslie. We would like to extend our best wishes for the future to four lads who were indispensable to the team last year, on and off the field. Best of luck chaps!

Congratulations and best wishes must also be extended to club captain, Eddie Bell, who married his beautiful bride, Jane Youdan, on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Orchardleigh Estate. A number of Saracens, old and current, were present for the big day and to see Ed repeatedly run through a giant Jenga set. Apparently that's how he likes to celebrate these special occasions and who are we to judge...



## Social News

The start of a new season means the start of a new social season, and a number of dates have already been penciled into the diary.

The first curry night of the season will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> October at the Panahar restaurant on Moorland Road. Students and non-waged members will eat for free. Maybe we should be called the Bath Samaritans?

The annual club day and Christmas raffle are scheduled to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> December, with the draw and post-match festivities being held at the Hadley Arms.

Finally, in a crazy bout of organization, tour date and destination has already been set. The Bath Saracens will be gracing the sunny seaside town of Torquay between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Deposits of £20 will be taken throughout October.

Watch this space for more socials!



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