



Whether you are a senior or junior player, member, parent, sponsor or casual visitor a very warm welcome to the 2018/19 Stocksbridge Rugby Yearbook. Our aim is to provide enjoyable rugby, at an affordable price, with ever improving facilities. With the Senior 1stXV looking to bounce back after last years' disappointment, the Development XV looking to attract new players & build their improving record and the Juniors looking to grow and develop, this will be an exciting year for the club. I hope

you find this publication, the first of its kind, both useful and informative. The Club would struggle to survive, let alone prosper, without the support of our very generous sponsors. For these we are truly grateful and thankful. In this booklet are detailed our main Club Partners & I encourage you all to use their services or products, wherever possible as a thank you for their continued support of our Club. Please mention Stocksbridge Rugby Club during any transactions & you will be met with a warm smile & even a bit of discount.

I wish the playing sections, juniors & seniors, well for the coming season and hope the hard work of the re-energised coaching staff pays dividends. I thank the generous sponsors for their support, the committee, all volunteers and the ladies section for their efforts, who all give their valuable time for the benefit of the Club. Most of all I will look forward to seeing you all in the Clubhouse or at a game for a pint & a chat. I will be the hunched figure pacing the touchline.

You are all warmly welcome.

Yours in Rugby

Nigel George Chairman



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#### **STOCKSBRIDGE RUGBY FIXTURES 2018-19**

	STOCKSBRIDGER	FIX   URES 2010-19				
Date	1st XV	H/A	L/F	Development XV	H/A	M/F
11 Aug	Hope Valley	Α	F	Hope Valley	Α	F
18 Aug	Bradfield Brewery Cup	Н	F	Bradfield Brewery Cup	Н	F
25 Aug	Dinnington 2nds	Н	F			
01 Sep	Nestle Rowntree	Н	L	Yorkshire Main	Α	М
08 Sep	Sheffield Oaks	Н	L	Doncaster Phoenix 3rds	Α	М
15 Sep	Dronfield 2nd's	Н	F			
22 Sep	Stanley Rodillians	Α	L			
29 Sep	Osset	Н	L	Dinnington 3rds	Α	M
06 Oct	Harrogate Pythons (Yorkshire Vase)	Н	С	Mosborough 2nds	Α	M
13 Oct	Mosborough	Α	L	Sheffield 3rds	Н	M
20 Oct	Hessle	Н	L	Barnsley 2nds	Α	M
27 Oct	York Railway Institute	Α	L			
03 Nov	Sheffield Oaks	Α	L			
10 Nov	Yorkshire Vase	Н	С	Sheffield Engineers 2nds	Н	M
17 Nov	Stanley Rodillians	Н	L			
24 Nov	Dronfield 2nd's	Α	F	Wortley	Н	M
01 Dec	Osset	Α	L			
08 Dec	Mosborough	Н	L			
15 Dec	Hessle	Α	L	Hallamshire	Н	M
22 Dec	CHRISTMAS BREAK	N/A	N/A	CHRISTMAS BREAK	N/A	N/A
29 Dec	NEW YEAR BREAK	N/A	N/A	NEW YEAR BREAK	N/A	N/A
05 Jan	York Railway Institute	Н	L			
12 Jan	Nestle Rowntree	Α	L			
19 Jan				Mosborough 2nds	Н	M
26 Jan				Yorkshire Main	Н	M
02 Feb	(Yorkshire Vase)		С	Hemsworth 2nds	Α	M
09 Feb				Barnsley 2nds	Н	M
16 Feb				Doncaster Phoenix 3rds	Н	M
23 Feb	(Yorkshire Vase)		С	Wortley	Α	M
02 Mar						
09 Mar				Sheffield 3rds	Α	M
16 Mar						
23 Mar				Dinnington 3rds	Н	M
30 Mar				Hemsworth 2nds	Н	М
06 Apr				Hallamshire	Α	М
13 Apr						
20 Apr						

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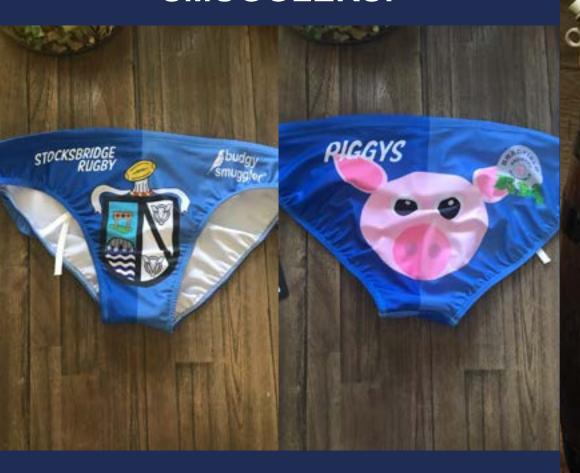


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Stocksbridge Rugby Union Football Club.

Stocksbridge Rugby, a young & vibrant club, was established in 1962, under our first & most beloved chair Gordon Harris. With the Welsh interest in the local works, the Chemmy Lab, Metallurgic Lab, Melting Shop & Drawing Office provided our players, & the first games were played at Barnsley leading to the close ties between our two clubs. There followed a successful playing period, first at Oxley Park & then at Bolsterstone, just across from where we play today. Changing facilities were originally the Works Gym, until we moved to the Old Porters Cottage, the oldest changing rooms in England. With after match celebrations, as is traditional at Stocksbridge moving around almost every pub in the Valley, we eventually split with the Works Social Services to establish our own Clubhouse, in the Old Primitive Chapel, where we have now been for several Years. This was derelict & a mammoth undertaking, but at least we established roots in the community & this proved beneficial. This is a far cry from the Coal Pit Lane pitches & luxury changing facilities we enjoy today, thanks to the many helpers who contributed.

As the schools & Welsh connection now produce fewer players, we recognised some time ago that we needed to develop our own. Our Junior section has had various ups & downs over the Years however, currently this is flourishing & it's past successes can be seen throughout the Club & in the 1st XV today.

Stocksbridge is a great reviver of declining player's careers, because we are fun to play with & enjoy our Rugby both on & off the field of play. We have extended many a career & as well as all the new younger players, we still need older/experienced players, to help run the club, prop up the bar & offer advice & encouragement to those 'softees' playing today. Whether they choose to listen to the old farts is entirely upto them.

The Club's "FINEST HOUR" was winning the coveted "YORKSHIRE SILVER TROPHY" at Selby on 23rd February 1997, defeating Hullensians by a single point in the dying seconds of injury time. The 11-10 victory still lives long & never have we seen so many grown men in tears.

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