

In Touch



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FROM THE CHAIR...

Dear Member(s)

Welcome to your latest edition of In Touch for you, ahead of Year Two of our Championship return. And what a season it promises to be.

The buzz around the BPA this summer has been the development of the ground, highlighted by the installation of the AGP, now ready and rolling to go. I have to say, it looks fantastic and, bearing in mind the need for more usage of the BPA, a very positive move by the club. I applaud this move and hope others feel it was necessary for our club to move forward. Admittedly, photos from John Coles and Nick Meredith should no longer capture mud aplenty images, not at home anyway.

New players have joined this season, some familiar names have departed, but, overall, it seems we are continuing our

upward trajectory. I, for one, am looking forward to a very successful season, without making a prediction of where Cov will finish, but I think there will be more cheer than fear.

Your Committee have continued to meet throughout the closed season, including meetings with club officials, and will continue to work on your behalf.

I highlighted at the CRSC AGM in July, my thanks to all the CRSC officers. I continue to applaud and thank their efforts, volunteers one and all, and we will endeavour to continue working hard on your behalf.

All parts of this In Touch, I hope, will have something for everyone.

Best wishes

Paul Ingleston

Chair

Coventry Rugby Supporters' Club

PRE-SEASON 2019-20

With the installing of the AGP at the BPA this summer, all Cov's pre-season fixtures have been played away, four away trips with a won three, lost one record. The loss was in the first pre-season fixture at Leinster on August 17th. This was a trip I missed as I was on holiday. From accounts, Leinster roared away to a fast start and never looked back, although I have been told there were positives to take from the game.

A Friday night trip to Moseley on August 23rd, with a long jaunt to fellow National One side Blackheath the next day. Two wins followed with Cov's final game at old friends Cambridge on August 31st resulting in a 35-nil win going Cov's way.

For the latter trip, Cambridge and CRSC had collaborated on a special offer for CRSC members, coach fare and a meal at Volac Park, the option of Lasagne or a Hog Roast, included in the cost. From experience, there were more takers for the Hog Roast, with, so I have been told, the Hog Roast all gone by the match interval.

The almost full coach party had, from what I have been told, a very positive experience, despite travel detours owing to the full A14 closure near St Ives that same weekend.

Many thanks to Cambridge, especially JJ Jeffrey, the home Treasurer and CRSC Secretary, Quent Melhuish, for putting the wheels in motion for the event.

A CRSC pennant was presented to Cambridge to cement friendship levels and positivity between the two clubs.

Another good day.

Paul Ingleston

Left to right: Coventry DoR, Rowland Winter, Cambridge's J J Jeffrey, CRSC Chair, Paul Ingleston



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACES FOR 2019-20

During the close season there have been many new faces working in various areas of our Rugby Club. There are many new players, coaches, medical, strength and conditioning, catering and management staff. Trying to keep in step with all the newcomers has been challenging - but to one and all we say **WELCOME TO COVENTRY RUGBY**. We are all looking forward to having a very successful season both on and off the pitch. Speaking of pitch, you will all be aware that since the end of last season, our old pitch has been dug up, taken to landfill and replaced by a state of the art artificial surface which has been laid with great precision and care. We welcome the laying of our new pitch and hope that our players will now be able to enjoy high quality, entertaining and winning rugby on it.

Coventry Rugby's players began their pre-season training in early June— here's a reminder of the new faces we'll see both in the coaching team and in the playing squad.



ANTHONY ALLEN Defence Coach Joining from Leicester, Allen coached the Tigers' Under-18s to back-to-back Premiership Rugby Academies League titles in 2018 and 2019. The former England international centre has been coaching at Welford Road since he retired from playing in 2015.



ROSS STEWART Academy Manager Ross has been with Coventry on a part-time basis for the past year, but now comes into Butts Park Arena on a full-time basis to develop the club's youth and Academy system. He has been at Northampton Saints for over 15 years and has built an outstanding reputation for talent identification and development, and for building relationships with schools, clubs and Constituent Bodies



JOE BUCKLE Hooker Joe, 26, arrives from Yorkshire Carnegie and has over 100 Championship appearances under his belt with both the Headingley outfit and previous clubs Jersey Reds and Cornish Pirates.



RYAN BURROWS Back row Thirty-one year-old Burrows brings plenty of experience with him from Newcastle Falcons, for whom he played in both the Premiership and Champions Cup in 2018/19. Burrows also played nearly 150 times for Yorkshire Carnegie, who he captained to a Championship final appearance. Burrows has also been short-listed for the Championship Player of the Season



GARETH DENMAN Prop The tighthead brings plenty of experience with him following spells in the Premiership with Northampton – who he helped win a Premiership and European Challenge Cup double in 2014 – and Gloucester. Denman, 28, represented England against the Barbarians in May 2015

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WILL FLINN Scrum-half Flinn, 21, steps up from the Development Academy into the first team. He is a graduate of Bath University and represented Bath in the Premiership Shield before joining Coventry



ANDY FORSYTH Centre The 28-year-old started his career at Yorkshire Carnegie and returned to the club in 2015 following spells at Leicester – who he helped win the 2012 Anglo-Welsh Cup – and Sale Sharks. Andy is scheduled to be joining us later in the season



RORY JENNINGS Fly half Jennings has spent the past season at London Scottish, who he joined after coming through the Bath Academy. Now 23, Jennings played nine times for England Under-20, including in the 2015 World Rugby Under-20 Championship final against New Zealand



DAN LEWIS Fly half 23 year-old Lewis is going into his second season at Butts Park Arena after signing a full contract. He arrived in the West Midlands from North Otago, having previously played for Bedford and Cambridge



SENITIKI NAYALO Back row Born in Fiji, the 28-year-old has been building his experience since moving to the UK to join the British Army in 2013. He is joining Coventry from Edinburgh, having also previously spent two years at London Irish



SCOTT RUSSELL Second row Russell returned to the Midlands after graduating from Bath University last summer. The 22-year-old former Leicester Academy player is stepping from the Development Academy into the first team squad



LUKE WALLACE Back row Luke brings a wealth of talent and experience from his decade at Harlequins. An England representative, Luke won the European Challenge Cup and captained Quins to the 2013 Anglo-Welsh Cup title. At 28 years of age, Luke is still in the prime of his rugby career



HENRY PURDY Outside back Henry is moving to Coventry from Gloucester, Dunedin with Otago in New Zealand's Mitre 10 Cup to build up his minutes on the field and gain some experience from a different rugby culture. The 25-year-old is a two-time World Rugby Under-20 Championship winner, when he played for Nick Walshe with England U20, and scored 28 tries in 82 appearances for Gloucester. He will arrive at Butts Park in November

COVENTRY RUGBY SQUAD 2019-20



INTRODUCING

Dermott & the Medics

Chris & the Conditioners



Andrew Hemming, Dermot Austin
& John Chaffe



Cyrus Azariah, Chris Hart &
Marc Finney

NEW TICKETING & SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

The club has agreed a new deal with Future Ticketing, who has experience working both with top flight football clubs and rugby clubs including Connacht and Jersey Reds.

The new system is currently being implemented and is expected to be live ahead of the new season.

It will bring Coventry Rugby in line with best practice within sport, such as:

- **Barcoded tickets to be scanned on entry. This includes Season Ticket cards, which must be brought to each match**
- **Online ordering**
- **Print at Home tickets, and**
- **Mobile ticketing, meaning that you will be able to order your match tickets on the way to the game and then have your mobile phone scanned at the turnstile - beating the match day queues which have been commonplace at Butts Park Arena over the last couple of seasons**

The new system also means that the XL Motors Stand will no longer be unreserved seating for general admission sales for individual matches. Supporters will be able to choose their seat and block ordering online, whether on computer, tablet or mobile.

Season Ticket Holders who have already reserved their seat number(s) do not have to do anything; your reservation is being transferred to the new ticketing system.

Season Cards which have already been paid for are currently being printed; a further announcement will be made when they are ready to be collected from the Ticket Office.

Advance tickets will remain cheaper than booking on the day with the prices the same as last season. However all tickets will be subject to a £1 administration fee.

PHOTOGRAPHS

With so many supporters travelling to away games and for those attending the home games we invite members to send any photographs they take on their phones either before, during, or after the game that we can post onto the CRSC website. Please send your photos to crsc1874@gmail.com

NEW CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS



Car parking at Butts Park Arena will now be pay and display, Coventry Rugby has announced.

The pay and display car parking will be in operation seven days a week, with non-match day available on an hourly rate of 50p per hour up to four hours, or all-day parking for £4. Parking charge notices may be issued to cars which do not display their tickets clearly on the dashboard.

Match days and event days are £5.

Tickets can be purchased using change and cards at the machines within the car park.

Car parking charges apply to all vehicles and their drivers with no exceptions.

No parking zones have also been formalised on the road behind the XL Motors Stand; parking charge notices may be issued to cars which do not comply with the clear markings.

Signs with full terms and conditions are clearly displayed throughout the Butts Park Arena site.

Specific queries can be emailed to UKPS Car Park Management, which is managing the car park on the club's behalf, via www.theukps.com/contact



A Community Initiative by Coventry Rugby

Coventry Rugby has today unveiled Project:500, a groundbreaking initiative that will use rugby to bring positivity and hope to the many children in the city who are living below the poverty line.

An estimated 16,000 children in the city of Coventry currently live below the poverty line. For them a day at the rugby, or the opportunity to play a new sport, or simply make new friends outside their immediate family or neighbourhood, may very well be a struggle.

Furthermore, a child in poverty is more likely to have poor physical and mental health; a low sense of well-being; to underachieve at school; experience social deprivation, stigma and bullying; and have employment difficulties in adult life.

Project:500 is aiming to alleviate such problems by combining the core values of rugby union and the legendary community spirit which has united the people of Coventry for many years.

There are two parts to the project:

Part 1 Each child is gifted a place at a specially designed rugby camp to engage and inspire him or her. The camp will give the child the opportunity to learn about subjects such as nutrition, exercise and wellness. They will also take part in rugby training sessions with members of the Coventry first team

Part 2 Each child will be enrolled into the Cov Juniors Club and be given their own Coventry Rugby replica shirt. They will also be gifted a special Season Pass, giving the parent/guardian and child the opportunity to bond at every home game at the Butts Park Arena for the 2019/20 season

Project:500's initial target is to have 500 children as part of the initiative in its first year and Coventry Rugby Chairman Jon Sharp says that he is looking forward to it becoming a significant part of the club's community programme.

"Rugby is renowned for its ability to inspire and engage children and young people, and we're delighted to be launching Project:500," he said.

PROJECT 500 CONT...

A life in poverty can be devastating for a child, both in how they are living now and also in limiting their prospects for the future, and Project:500 is about giving them the inspiration they need.

“We want Coventry Rugby to be a club at the heart of our city, and Project:500 does exactly that. To the best of our knowledge no other club is running an initiative like this, so I’m proud that we are leading the way.

“The response we have had in discussions with potential donors has already been extremely positive and places have been granted already. Although our target is 500 children there is no upper limit, and hopefully our city’s people and businesses will get behind this project, following the example set by some of our important partners.”

Each place on Project:500 costs £350. Coventry Rugby is subsidising 40 percent of the costs, but the club is seeking individuals or companies who are willing to cover the remaining 60 percent, equivalent to £200.

A number of Coventry Rugby’s key partners have already pledged their support, including Band Hatton Button, Askews, Robinson Manufacturing Ltd and Coventry Scale.

To thank them for their support each donor will have their name on a dedicated wall at the Butts Park Arena and on the Coventry Rugby website. Companies or individuals who donate five or more places will also receive two tickets to the 2019/20 End of Season Dinner, and companies or individuals who donate 10 or more places will receive tickets to the opening match of the season.

The club will be working with Coventry’s schools and relevant local stakeholders to identify children and families who would benefit from being part of Project:500 over the course of the summer and then going forward.

To find out more contact Toby Costar via tcostar@coventryrugby.co.uk

The Supporters’ Club Committee fully support this initiative and recognises that some members may wish to contribute but cannot afford a payment of £200.

Therefore, the Committee invites those members who are interested to make a personal donation of any amount of their choosing, minimum donation of £5, to the Supporters’ Club. We will then roll up all of the monies donated and pass them onto Coventry Rugby.

By adopting this approach we hope that we can support several more children on the Project 500 initiative over and above the pledged donations already made from Supporters’ Club Committee Members. If you have any questions please E-Mail the Supporters’ Club.

In the first instance donations can be made via Bacs (internet banking) to:- Coventry Rugby Supporters’ Club Lloyds Bank Sort Code - 30 99 15 Account Number - 27006060 Reference - Project 500.



With a new season comes a renewed focus on the Coventry Rugby Community Foundation and using the power of rugby to improve the community across the city of Coventry.

The Coventry Rugby Foundation works alongside the remainder of the club but also exists as a separate entity, bringing about positive change with the ethos and values of the sport.

There are three programmes currently run by the Coventry Rugby Foundation:

Reading and Rugby. This is an early intervention programme within primary schools where members of the Coventry Rugby squad work with individuals who need additional help with their reading and comprehension.

Coventry Wheelchair Rugby. The Wheelchair Rugby team has been training since the start of the year and finished third in its category at its first ever tournament in May 2019. The Wheelchair Rugby team trains on a weekly basis under the tutelage of multi-Paralympian Mandip Sehmi.

Project:500. This unique project within English professional club rugby is built around using rugby for a positive engagement with as many of the 16,000 children living in poverty within the city. Project:500 has already received considerable backing from Coventry Rugby supporters and the city's business community alike.

The new season sees the Coventry Rugby Foundation take on a new look in line with the main club's new crest, using the same elephant, towers and phoenix motif but with its own distinct background which will become increasingly prominent over the coming months and years.

"It is an exciting time to be at the club and we've got some big plans for the Foundation," says Coventry Rugby Foundation Manager Hal Sparke.

"For the time being we will be focusing on our core three projects, but as the season goes on and our work expands we will look to introduce new programmes that will help the whole community within the city."

To find out more about how you can support the Coventry Rugby Foundation email hsparke@coventryrugby.co.uk

CRSC PROUDLY SPONSOR COVENTRY RUGBY UNDER 18s



The Coventry Rugby Under-18s had their first runout on Monday 3rd Sept. away at Lady Bay, and they got off to the best possible start with a good win over Nottingham.

Coventry started slowly, conceding two tries and 12 points early on. But from then on it was one-way traffic, with five tries and 38 unanswered points coming from the men in red, who headed back to the West Midlands with a 38-12 victory under their belt.

Matt Foxon, Ed Righton, Henry Mair and Tom Brookes (2) got the tries, with Tommy Simms adding two conversions and a penalty. Ollie Parker completed the scoring with three conversions.

With players having only trialed for the squad in mid-August this was their first opportunity to shine, and Head Coach Phil Boulton says that there were plenty of positives.

“It was a promising start to the season for us and there’s a lot we can build on,” he commented. “The lads had not played in a team together and after conceding two early tries their heads could have dropped. “But they responded really well and got better and better as the match went on, and to score 38 unanswered points is really pleasing.

“We’ll be looking to develop the lads as the season goes on, but a result like this shows that there is some good potential.”

The Under-18s are scheduled to have further matches before Christmas on Monday, October 14th and Monday, November 25th, with the opponents and venues to be finalised.

In the New Year the team will face Nottingham (Monday, January 13th), Leicester Tigers (Sunday, January 26th), Cambridge University U20s (Wednesday, February 12th), Leicester Tigers (Friday, March 6th) and Newcastle Falcons (Sunday, March 15th). – venues to be finalised.

COVENTRY WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FINISH SEASON WITH SILVERWARE



Coventry Wheelchair Rugby finished the GB Wheelchair Rugby 5s season on a high, winning their final tournament of the Championship campaign last weekend.

George Davies, Martin Taylor, Lee Taylor, Jake Humphrey, Mark Edwards, Colin Humphreys and Jeff Youell were all selected, along with new addition Craig Styles, who had just transferred from Northampton Saints. The team were supported by staff Leanne Taylor and head coach Mandip Sehmi.

The opening game was against the Woodbridge Warriors and the team got off to a clinical start winning 21-8. This set the tone for the pool matches, with Coventry continuing their disciplined displays to beat Hatfield Comets (31-7) and then a well-balanced and sprightly Newcastle Falcons (22-16), coming back from a two-point deficit at half-time to win.

The semi-final was against old foes, Norfolk Knights, who had beaten Coventry in the last two encounters by one point. This game was just as competitive, but the belief in the Coventry group helped them put together a strong and confident display in the second half, finally putting the game to bed with an 18-12 scoreline.

The gold medal game was against the powerful and experienced Help4Heroes Endeavour. The game was filled with turnovers from both teams and the lead exchanged hands throughout. As the game drew to a close Coventry managed to convert two turnovers in a row to win their very first championship! In a very close encounter the final score was 15-14.

COVENTRY WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FINISH SEASON WITH SILVERWARE CONT...

The trophy meant that Coventry finished in a very creditable joint-third place overall out of eight at the end of the team's first ever GB Wheelchair Rugby 5s campaign, behind Norfolk Knights and Help4Heroes Endeavour.

Coventry Wheelchair Rugby has been slowly building since the start of the year under the guidance of Head Coach Mandip Sehmi, a GB and with the support of Coventry Rugby Foundation Manager Hal Sparke.

Sehmi says that he could not be prouder of the efforts of players and volunteers alike.

"It's been an amazing effort from the team in their first season!" he said. "Most of them only tried playing wheelchair rugby eight months ago for the first time, so winning this series and finishing in the top three overall is outstanding!

"The commitment and progression has been brilliant, and we're already looking forward to building on these results and experiences for next season.

"I would like to thank the players, Coventry Rugby, the Community Foundation, our sponsors, RML, and other funders, Ben Gulliver and Hal Sparke who have supported the creation this team and finally, I have to give a special mention to Leanne Taylor who volunteers to support the team at training session and tournaments. The team relies on volunteers who support the club; without them we could not play, so thank you Leanne!"

A number of grants secured by the Foundation from The National Lottery, The Rowlands Trust, The Bruce Wake Charitable Trust, The Midland Adult School Union, and the Edward Gosling Foundation have been crucial to the team's development, not least because they have funded seven brand new playing chairs, which arrived in time for the final GB Wheelchair Rugby 5s tournament.

The Coventry Rugby Foundation is dedicated towards making rugby accessible to the whole of the city's community. The Wheelchair Rugby team has quickly become a flagship programme for the Foundation, and Sparke says that there is plenty of potential for its impact to grow and grow.

"It has been brilliant to see the wheelchair rugby team go from strength-to-strength over the summer, and to see the hard work of Mandip, Leanne and the players pay off with the tournament win in Stoke Mandeville last weekend," he commented.

"The funding we've received has been crucial in helping us develop, and with RML having also come on board as the team's main partner we all believe that this is just the beginning and that there is more to come."

The Coventry Rugby Wheelchair Rugby team is sponsored by RML and their season runs through the summer months. Roll on next season.

If you would like to get involved with Coventry Wheelchair Rugby, either as a player, volunteer or partner contact Hal Sparke via hsparke@coventryrugby.co.uk

ERIC'S ARMY



The summer months have been a hive of activity at Butts Park, and we mean away from the pre-season training and new pitch work.

A team of dedicated volunteers have been giving the stadium a once-over, painting rooms and corridors, cleaning the near-3,000 seats, putting more of the club's historic pictures on show, trimming grass verges, tidying up the car park area transforming the Medical Centre into the new club shop (now located at the railway end of the ground) and moving the Medical Centre to the Butts end.

Between them Geoff Kennedy, Brian Gladstone, Richard Evans, Harry Denton, Dave Payne, Roger Pulley, Ian Mitchell and Tony Lord have put in scores of man hours to make sure that Coventry Rugby's home will be looking its best when the home campaign kicks off on September 28th, under the guidance of Stadium Manager Eric Richardson.

Chairman Jon Sharp says that their effort has been appreciated by everyone at the club.

"Our team is growing all the time and the club is developing quickly, but the input and effort of our volunteers is still really important," he said. "Eric's Army, as they're called, have put in a huge amount of time over the summer to keep Butts Park Arena in the best possible condition, and we're very grateful for their dedication and good humour.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

One of the Supporters' Club objectives is 'To foster good relations between rugby supporters and other clubs.' Throughout this season, our second back in the Championship we have been working hard to develop relationships with the other Championship Clubs. We have already been in contact with Jersey Rugby regarding the away fixture on October 12th at the Santander Stadium and Jersey have kindly offered to host Coventry Rugby supporters at a pre-match event between 5.30pm – 7.30pm on Friday October 11th. The event is open to all travelling Coventry supporters and entry is free of charge.

It's a good chance to meet some 'native' supporters, engage in some pre-match banter and have a 'recce' of the ground. The 'Jersey Pride' ale will be tapped and Sean Dunne the Club Manager will be providing free nibbles.

For those supporters who attended this event last April it was an excellent and enjoyable night, (see the photographs below) so please come along on the Friday evening, all are very welcome.



SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Any suggestions as to how we can improve the Supporters' Club are always welcome, and should be made via our email address - crsc1874@gmail.com or via a committee member. Similarly, any suggestions as to how the match day experience can be enhanced by Coventry Rugby will be welcomed. We will add those suggestions to the agenda at our regular meetings at BPA.



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European Challenge Cup sides 2018

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LIBRARY



The Supporters' Club has created a library of rugby and sporting books which are available for members to borrow free of charge. A list of the titles available can be found at the back of this newsletter. If you would like to borrow any of these books, or, have any books you would like to donate, please contact the Supporters' Club via E-Mail to crsc1874@gmail.com

CONVERSO

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

For those members who would like to renew their Supporters' Club Membership the CRSC Stand will be open before the pre-season home games, details will be released when the dates of these games are published.

The membership subscriptions have not been subjected to any increase and are as follows:

Joint Membership £30

Adult £20

Juniors (under 18) - free of charge if a parent or guardian is a full member.

Alternatively, membership subscriptions can be paid at anytime up until September 30th via internet banking, details are:

Lloyds Bank

Sort Code 30 99 15

Account Number 27006060

ARTICLES FOR IN TOUCH

If you wish to submit an article for publishing in In Touch, or you would like to see something included, please make contact via a committee member or our email address – crsc1874@gmail.com

PARTNERS

We have been very fortunate in agreeing partnerships with local organisations who have agreed to work with us to the benefit of members.



Coventry Plumbing and Heating Supplies (CPHS)

www.covplumbing.co.uk

Coventry's largest independent plumbers merchants have been trading for over 30 years and have showrooms in Swan Lane and Curriers Close, Coventry, and in Weddington Road, Nuneaton.

CPHS have made a significant financial contribution towards the costs of setting up our website, for which we are extremely grateful.



Builders Supply Stores

<http://www.bsscov.co.uk/>

Archways House, Spon End, Coventry CV1 3HG. 02476 712000/412733

Established in 1931 BSS is an independent builders and plumbers merchant.

BSS have agreed to pay 1 1/2 % of the total value of sales purchased by CRSC members into the CRSC bank account each quarter.

They will set up a monitoring system at their sales points and will give the customer, who must show his CRSC membership card, a receipt accordingly.

<http://www.akbarscuisine.com>

Akbars Indian Cuisine, 7-9 Butts, Coventry CV1 3GJ 02476 22213 / 228899



An organisation which has been in business for over 30 years, this is a high quality restaurant serving contemporary Indian Cuisine at its best, as well as Indian tapas. It has modern décor, a bar, a lounge and a terrace.

Upon production of their membership card, Supporters' Club members will benefit from a discount of 15% off their food bill.

Please note: a party of 4 or less receives a 15% discount on their food bill. For parties of more than 4 people the 15% discount is applied to 4 of the party, the additional attendees receive a 7.5% discount on their food bill.

Members are asked to show their CRSC membership card to staff both when they order from the menu AND when they ask for the bill, in order to assist staff in their preparation of the bill.

PARTNERS



We are delighted to have reached a Partnership Agreement with the **Ramada Hotel**, in The Butts (less than 5 minutes walk from BPA) who are offering:

Car parking - supporters can use the Ramada car park on match days for a discounted price of £2.00. On returning to their car at the end of the match supporters will be required to go into reception and produce either:

- a current **Supporters' Club membership card**

- a current **season member ticket**

- a **date-and-game-specific match ticket**



Restaurant dining - upon production of

a current Supporter's Club membership card the bill will be subject to a 10% discount

Accommodation - £75.00 for bed and breakfast and £125.00 for dinner bed and breakfast, for a couple sharing either a twin or a double standard room, and subject to availability. To take advantage of this offer supporters must book directly with the hotel either by telephone (02476 238110) or email reservations@ramadacoventry.co.uk since this is a local agreement - the discount cannot be applied to reservations made online - and by quoting "Coventry Rugby". It may be necessary to produce your membership card to the reception staff.

This offer is also being sent to all Championship clubs and to their Supporters Club, for their visit to Coventry next season, in the hope that many supporters' in particular will take advantage and use their weekend stay to explore and appreciate the tourist features which Coventry has to offer. We are also extolling the fact that Coventry will be the City of Culture in 2021.

PARTNERS

We are constantly investigating the prospect of setting up more Partnership Agreements with local organisations to provide benefits for members. If you know of any potential opportunity which you think we should explore, please email us via our email address - crsc1874@gmail.com or via a committee member.

LIBRARY- RUGBY BOOKS

Title	Author	Description
Odd Shaped Balls	John Scally	Mischief Makers, Miscreants & Mad-Hatters of Rugby
The Voice of Rugby	Bill McLaren	Autobiography
Lawrence Dallaglio's Rugby Tales	Lawrence Dallaglio	Legendary Stories of Blood Sweat & Beers
Rugby's Strangest Matches	John Griffiths	Extraordinary but true stories from over a century of rugby
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World Cup Rugby Tales	Lawrence Dallaglio	More stories of blood, sweat & beers
Lion Man	Ian McGeechan	Autobiography
Nine Lives	Matt Dawson	Autobiography
Will	Will Greenwood	Autobiography
My Pride of Lions	Fran Cotton	The British Isles Tour of South Africa 1997
Behind the Lions	Steve Jones	Playing Rugby For The British & Irish Lions
Rugby's Great Heroes And Entertainers	Bill McLaren	Includes the 2003 World Cup
Voices From The Back Of The Bus	Stewart McKinney	Tall Tales & Hoary Stories From Rugby's Real Heroes
Rugby Wit	Richard Benson	Quips & Quotes For the Rugby Obsessed
Carry Me Home	Ben Cohen	Autobiography
Proud	Gareth Thomas	Autobiography
It's In The Blood	Lawrence Dallaglio	Autobiography
Martin Johnson	Martin Johnson	Autobiography
What Goes On Tour Stays on Tour	Brian Moore	Great Tales From My Rugby Travels
Winning	Clive Woodward	The Story of England's Rise to Rugby World Cup Glory
World Cup 2003	Team England Rugby	The Official Account of England's World Cup Triumph

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My World	Jonny Wilkinson	Autobiography
The Trivial History of Rugby		Self Explanatory
The Iron Duke (Bobby Windsor)		Welsh & a Bit of History
The Good, The Bad & The Ugly		Pontypool RFC
World Rugby Records 2016		Self Explanatory
The Official History of the British & Irish Lions		Self Explanatory
Trinity Guild RFC 1899-1999	NW Rogers & JM Smith	Self Explanatory
The RFU Handbook 1994/95		Self Explanatory
Blood Sweat and Beers - Trinity Guild RFC from 1898	John Collings	
Classic Rugby Clangers	David Mortimer	An amusing collection of rugby's most embarrassing moments from over a century
The RFU Handbook 1995/96		Self Explanatory
Reuters Dream Lions	Bill McLaren	
Rugby In Focus	Visual, historical record of the development & growth of the game	Rugby Union in Pictures
The Complete Book Of The Rugby World Cup 1995	Ian Robertson	
Rugby World '00	Nigel Starmer Smith & Ian Robertson	
The Book of English International Rugby 1871 - 1982	John Griffiths	Self Explanatory
Rugby World '99	Nigel Starmer Smith & Ian Robertson	
Heroes All	Ian McGeechan	The Official Book of the Lions in South Africa 1997
Rugby Is A Funny Game	Gordon Brown, Andy Ripley, Fergus Slattery, Bobby Windsor	To all rugby people who are in danger of taking the game too seriously
Great Rugby Heroes	Geoff Tibballs	A history of rugby legends of yesteryear
Bedside Rugby	Bill Beaumont	

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The Phoenix Book of International Rugby Records	John Griffiths	Self Explanatory
ITV Sport's Rugby World Cup '91	ITV Sport	Self Explanatory
Rucking & Rolling	Peter Bills	60 Years of International Rugby
World Rugby Records 2012	Chris Hawkes	Self Explanatory
60 Years of International Rugby Union	Peter Bills	Self Explanatory
All Blacks v Lions	Ron Palenski	Self Explanatory
For The Love Of Rugby	Steven Gauge	A Celebration of the Glorious Sport

LIBRARY- NON RUGBY BOOKS

Dickie Bird	Dickie Bird	Autobiography
Keith Miller on Cricket	Keith Miller	A Great Player Tells You How To Play Winning Cricket
Ashes Victory		The Official Story Of The Greatest Ever Test Series In The Team's Own Words
Ashes Regained The Coaches Story	Duncan Fletcher	Self Explanatory
KP	Kevin Pietersen	Autobiography
The First FOUR Minutes	Roger Bannister	Self Explanatory