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OLD RISHWORTHIAN

"BUY A BRICK"



"Let's get walled up"

The time has come to go big with this appeal!

To get this exciting project built, we need everyone's help, and that means members, players - past and present, friends, Copley villagers and anyone who feels they want to be a part of this great club.

"How do I get involved?"

For a donation of £25, you buy a brick which is a plaque, built like bricks in a wall. This will be displayed on the back wall of the new Copley Lounge to be seen by everyone for posterity. You can make your name bigger or add family members or a message by buying a large brick for £100.

IT'S TIME TO GET SERIOUS!

To date the appeal has focused on marketing, some major donors, the players and seven major functions since our launch in August.

Now we open the appeal to EVERYONE! That is members, past and present, the 200 club, players, friends in Copley, the larger rugby community, relatives, your friends and anyone with a pulse!

We know these are hard times but we ask you, if you can afford, to donate £25 or £100 to get your name on the club wall for posterity!

Just go to the page on the web-

site, click on the amount and buy a brick.

It's faster than buying a pair of strides on Amazon!

Then we ask you to approach all your contacts to do the same.

The success of the appeal may count on it!

£400,000

The players competition has been extended to 11.59pm on 12th July 2022, with the winners announced at a barbecue at the club on Saturday 16th July 2022. There is still time to enter if any players still want to. Please contact Richard Porter. We aim to launch a competition for our juniors with all age groups pitched against each other, with prizes, in August.

£86,046



So far we have raised £86,046

MONEY FROM THE RFU?

We are constantly being asked about how much support we will get from the RFU. Up to five years ago they would match fund you, so if you raised £100,000, they would match that with a grant. So "How much will that be?", we hear you asking. The simple answer is NOTHING! We are being told the best we can hope for is a loan but NOT interest free. Unfortunately, the RFU, in our opinion, is a badly run organisation, which had to be propped up by the Government during Covid. They look after No 1 at Twickenham!

However, that does not exonerate them from their responsibilities!

At the pre-match lunch against Beverley, we discussed this with our counterparts and their similar situation. We are investigating an alliance of Northern clubs, with the same frustrations, to approach the RFU in London and demand some action!

RISING COSTS - Another concern for the appeal is rising costs due to Covid, the war and inflation. So how are we addressing it? We produced a budget some 18 months ago, which aired on the cautious side, and for that reason we feel the appeal total will not increase significantly. However, we are currently updating the budget and will keep you informed.

'If you're still alive' reunion lunch

We have wanted to host a lunch for years for past players, and what better time to do it. A total of 78 ex-players attended for what turned out to be a fantastic afternoon reminiscing about old times.

The always excellent Paul Emmett hosted and told funnies, while the main speaker was Jeff Probyn, who was fantastic! We couldn't get him to sit down! Definitely now a yearly event! And we raised £1,130 for PGC.

Howard's an inspiration

Our oldest member Howard Carter attended the reunion "do". He travelled from France for the event on June 20 at a cost of £400.

The 86-year-old pensioner said: "It is a lot of money for me, but I had to be there!" He has also donated £150 to PGC and added: "I needed to show my continued commitment to this great club and the importance of PGC for the younger members!"



Howard Carter (left) with Jeff Probyn and our two Yorkshire Silver Trophy winning captains, Martin Lee and Gary Morris

HOW TO DONATE

For special donations other than 'Buy a Brick', simply please contact one of the following members and they will arrange it.

Dan Ingham - daningham@hotmail.com

Tim Thornton - t.thornton1@btinternet.com

Phil Kershaw - philip.s.kershaw@gmail.com

Andy Finneran - andy.finneran@outlook.com

Richard Porter - r.porter@ddporter.co.uk

And remember, the easiest way to donate other than putting a wadge in the hands of one of the guys above is at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/project-game-changer-1>

For 'Buy a Brick' go to

<https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT000082PWMPMN.for> £25

<https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT000082PYAVJK.for> £100



Another good do

Another recent event which contributed to PGC was the Players' Dinner. A total of 84 members attended the event with Billy Weedon as comedian and John Bentley as guest speaker. Festivities went on until 6am, a good night had by all and £640 raised for PGC. Pictured (from the left) are John Bentley, Richard Porter, Billy Weedon and club treasurer Mark Wickham.

DIARY DATES

9th July -
"Simply
Fabulous" Club
Ball
16th July -
Club Barbecue

You can't say you haven't heard



In addition to Sarah keeping social media and the website up to date, and Roy and this newsletter, we now have a board in the entrance displaying information on the appeal from plans to CGIs and details of how you can give. There are also copies of the flier and newsletter. We don't think anyone can say they haven't heard of the appeal!