

Durham County



RFU Schools Union



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May 2021

Celebrating 125 years of Rugby 1896 – 2021`

**Message from Secretary  
John Pearson**



This is my last UPDATE as Secretary as the time has come for me to retire from the role. I do hope that someone volunteers to undertake the position which is nowhere near as demanding as it has been. All the processes to follow are in place and there is a very active Committee undertaking a variety of roles (see attached). If you wish to be our new Secretary or undertake some other role please let me know as soon as possible. Membership of the Committee is by self-nomination and acceptance is based on an individual undertaking an active role (see attached).

**Schools Union [Committee 2021 -22](#)**

As we head towards the end of this very strange school year we are making plans for next year.

Whilst little has taken place in a practical context we have remained represented on a number of committees and work has been undertaken with regard to these.

There is a full list of Vic Young Cup and 7's Competitions and an Entry form has been appended for those competitions taking place before Christmas. Unfortunately, as explained in the letter, it has been necessary to charge an entry fee for the forthcoming year. Stuart Hardy has volunteered to lead the implementation of the Competitions and the 7's will be led by Martin Pepper and Barnard Castle school staff with Mark Bedworth, Lee Dixon acting as venue leads and John Humberstone coordinating the Girls 7's.

Following negotiations with Michael Patz plans are in hand to undertake YMO courses once again and schools are taking more responsibility for the

organisation of these as the requirements are more stringent than previously. I will stay as the coordinator of the programme for the next few months and Joe Riddle will continue to link with schools to obtain the services of the YMOs for the Vic Young Cup Competitions and 7's. Once again we have to thank Vic Young (South Shields Ltd) for their continued financial support of the programme.

The Action Plan has been updated and provides the pathway for the Schools Union to follow (see attached).

**Action Plan [Action Plan](#)**

There is now a brief history of the Schools Union on the County website and the list of Schools Internationals can also be found there – any errors must be attributed to me. The list of Internationals continues to be updated and in addition any senior national honours have been added.

**ERFSU Membership**

Can you please complete the following type form to become member of the ERFSU which will ensure that you receive amongst other things Touchline, information about National Cup Competitions, access to International tickets and the regular ERFSU news update, access to Age Grade Development days.

- <https://engrugbyschools.typeform.com/to/R1Enmr>
- <http://www.englandrugby-schools.com/become-a-member/>

**Details for County Cup and 7s**

**Combined Dates [Dates and Venues](#)**

**Entry Form [Entry Form](#)**



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### **Age Grade Development Days 2021**

Age Grade Development Days for 2021 are back this year and are now live for booking. Please see the link below for the registration pack and the link to book is on the front page.

<http://www.englandrugby-schools.com/dev/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/AGRDD-2021-Registration-Pack.pdf>

### **125 and still going**

2021 marks the 125th year of the Durham County RFU Schools Union. We are already beginning to look at possibilities for the celebration but we would like have your thoughts please send to [p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk) on how you think 125 years can be celebrated.

### **Notice of the Schools Union AGM 2021 to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

This will be a virtual meeting (agenda attached) and notice of joining will be sent out prior to the AGM.

**AGM Documents** [Documents for AGM](#)

### **Affiliation fee and membership of the Schools Union**

It has been agreed, in parallel with the ERFUSU, that there will be no Affiliation fee to be a member of the Durham County RFU Schools Union in the forthcoming year. This will remain under active review for forthcoming years. It will however be a requirement that schools register the following with the County Administrator.

If you are not in membership it means that you will not receive information or be able to enter the Cup Competitions/7's or be involved in YMO programme.

**Schools** - Name

Address

Telephone number

E mail

Person in charge of rugby

Telephone number

Email

Team run by age group



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