

SAVE OUR STEELMEN



"There was standing room only at the Riverside Suite on the evening of Thursday 29th April when around 150 EVRFC members gathered to hear the management team outline the present financial situation and plans for the future, both on and off the field.

President Mark Powell, Jonathan Jones and Peter Thomas told members that the decreased funding from the WRU as a result of relegation translates to a huge loss of £68000 in income. As Mark stated, "This club is ours, there is no rich benefactor to come and rescue us any longer. It is up to us, the members, whether we succeed or not."

The message, loud and clear, was that all supporters need to raise money for the club, by personal donation, by renewing (maybe even upgrading) their own membership, by persuading lapsed members to return, recruiting new members, selling lottery tickets, securing more sponsorship from local businesses, by using the club as a social setting for entertainment and refreshment.

Although the news about the finances was received sombrely, the mood of the meeting was positive - helped in no small part when Malcolm Baker pledged £1000 from the Former Players' Association - with many suggestions from the floor. It was also raised when Peter Thomas announced that Neil Edwards and Kristian Owen are returning to the club as coaches and are already working on player recruitment and planning for a promotion campaign next season.

Just think: the club has about 500 members. If we each raised - in whatever way we can - an extra £200, we'd give the club a new income of £100,000. It really is time to show how much Ebbw Vale Rugby Football Club means to us!"

Please also consider any sponsorship opportunities that may exist, each board on the ground contributes £250 to the cause, or £75 per match ball.

As well as financial aid, the club is looking for volunteers to step forward and assist in various projects and roles that will develop the club and its facilities further.

The following documents are your opportunity to play your part in saving our great and historic club, please do whatever you can, no matter how small, it will make a difference!

"ONE CLUB, ONE CAUSE, ONE PASSION"

FRIENDS OF EBBW VALE RFC

The scheme is aimed at replacing the loss of the WRU income and overcoming the debts inherited from the professional era.

Please fill in the financial commitment that you are able to make, on a monthly (please circle amounts) or lump sum basis and return to the club address.

Single Payment £

Monthly Payments

£100

£75

£50

£25

£10

Unspecified Amount £

Your Details:

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email address

Your Bank Details

(if contributing through direct debit)

Bank

Account Number

Sort Code

Please return to:

Ebbw Vale RFC, Eugene Cross Park,
Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 6AZ

Thank you for your support

To donate on line:

Ebbw Vale Rugby Club Ltd
Sort Code 52 41 08
Account Number 87654415

Ebbw Vale RFC Lottery

The lottery has been running for 10 months and the jackpot stands at £3700. This is a simple and inexpensive method of increasing club funds.

1) Buy your ticket for just £1 from one of the local outlets The Welfare; Louis' Fish Bar (Remo's) in Bethcar Street; Premier Store in Badminton Grove; Val's shop in Waunlwyd; Rugby Heaven at Festival Shopping; Carini's in Beaufort; Glyncoeed Shops).

2) Choose four numbers out of twenty four.

3) Sit back and wait for the lottery draw on Saturday evening to see if you've won!

The jackpot started at £1000 and will roll over weekly if there is no winner (currently increasing by £100 each week!)

Alternatively you could select your numbers, as many lines as you like, they will remain in the drawer each week and pay via Standing Order to:

Ebbw Vale RFC Share Club, Lloyds TSB.

Account Number

Sort Code

To set up your standing order please use:

Sort Code 30 92 97

Account Number 01881881

Could you sell tickets at your place of work or if you have any further ideas to promote the club lottery please contact :
Chris Jones 07765 181517 or email Chris at
c.h.jones@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The club is keen to hear from individuals who are able to assist in the following areas

Development of Junior Rugby

Contact Andrew Phillips at ajp665@hotmail.co.uk

Ground Development / Criteria via Grant Assistance

Contact Dr Andrew Rogers on 07770 575585 or
arogers@glam.ac.uk

Club Marketing – both Rugby and Social Club

Contact Peter Thomas/Ruth Pratten 01495 302995
admin@ebbwvalerfc.co.uk

Club Administration

Contact Peter Thomas/Ruth Pratten 01495 302995
admin@ebbwvalerfc.co.uk

Sponsorship - Do you have any business contacts or friends who may be able to sponsor, can you assist in managing this important source of revenue.

If so Contact Steve Young on 07866 725762

or at youngs1@orange.net

or Jonathan Jones on 07815 151757

or at jonathan.jones@kautex.textron.com

Club Lottery - Contact Chris Jones 07765 181517

or email Chris at c.h.jones@hotmail.co.uk

Meet the Coaches

On Thursday 27th May from 7.30pm in the clubhouse we are holding a **Meet the Coaches Evening**. This will be a chance to catch up with Neil and Kristian and find out their plans and aims for the coming season. There will be a small charge of £10 for this with all proceeds going to the fund raising efforts. Also included in this price is a Curry Rice & Chips meal, for further details please ring the clubhouse on 01495 302995.