



Llandaff North Rugby Sports & Social Club

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Dear Member, Supporter and Sponsor of Llandaff North RSSC

Firstly and most importantly we hope you are all keeping safe and well during this unprecedented crisis. It has and will be for some time yet a period of unease and uncertainty and we wanted to now make contact with our Club Members, Supporters and Sponsors to let you know how Llandaff North RSSC is fairing and to say we are thinking of you all.

The abrupt requirements to cease all rugby activity and to shut the Clubhouse on the 21st March seems a lifetime ago. We missed out on the Wales vs Scotland 6 Nations match and felt the shock of our season finishing in such a dramatic fashion for all sections. While we have abided with the rules imposed on the Club we have never the less been active on sections of social media in keeping in contact and have recently held a number of Zoom meetings to begin to plan for the future.

Importantly we can report that the Club has been in hibernation financially, with Richard Davey ensuring all our accounts have been maintained and those essential bills paid to ensure we remain commercially robust and healthy. Our Bar staff, under our Club Manager Maria Griffiths have been furloughed under the Governments scheme which has allowed us to support what will be our key priority when we are able to begin opening up.

While no indication of when we can all meet up in the Clubhouse is available to date, we have started to plan for how we might, in a feasible manner open to ensure all our members and staff remain safe and well. It will inevitably be different to our time-honoured method of enjoying the unique North hospitality but it will be no less than usual in that it will be support and provide camaraderie for all members and for the good of us all. Issues on social distancing and how many members can access the clubhouse at any one time are all features we are assessing and we will in the next few weeks be issuing further guidance.

One aspect that has been encouraging is how the different sections have responded and kept the Club Spirit alive. The M&J section coordinated by Eliot Gould, undertook a virtual walk from the club to our Scottish friends at Liberton. In fact they walked 4291.57km in 2 weeks; which is the distance in a straight line past the North Pole from the Clubhouse and they raised £470. The money will be used for rugby equipment for the whole club; a fantastic effort.

The Senior men's squad and the Youth team have been setting themselves fitness challenges which have become quite competitive; a good sign for the season ahead when we get going. In addition we have had some really exciting player returns and new joiners which gives the club a real boost for a strong and combative set of teams. With a strong and broader coaching management team we are really chomping at the bit to get going. Let's hope we can start training soon!

While the community game of rugby is some time off in its full form the professional game may return sooner. The Pro 14 is planned to start in August and we await confirmation on the International matches. The Wales vs Scotland match in Cardiff was postponed the day before the due date and we continue to check with the WRU on what will happen as many of us are holding tickets. In order to help our

members, supporters and sponsors who hold tickets we are looking to see if we can coordinate any reticketing or refunds when we get direction. We will let you all know when this is clearer.

If the Autumn games and next year's 6 Nations run as planned, then Wales are due to host some fantastic matches. We at the North fully intend to offer our usual hospitality, while being conscious of the welfare conditions necessary to ensure all are catered for in an enjoyable and safe way.

The Community game of Rugby in Wales is recognized as the lifeblood of the game in Wales and can act as a focal point for much coming together. With the current restrictions on daily life having imposed on all our community we want to play our part fully in the opening up of Llandaff North.

We here at Llandaff North want to just get on with what we do; supporting the mini, junior and senior sides week in and week out. But we are looking to do more by being that hub that supports all members and our community as and when we can. As Warren Gatland said in his BBC Wales Podcast before returning to New Zealand, He feels that Llandaff North is his Home Club here in Wales; he's in good company!

So while we as a club are rising to the challenges we need our members, supporters and sponsors to come with us on the new journey of rugby and community. Whether you want to play in our senior sides, bring your son or daughter to Mini & Junior sessions, cheer the teams on or enjoy the famous 'North' Hospitality we want to hear from you on what you want. Our revamped website will act as the vehicle for our continuing dialogue, so please use it actively and we can respond together to make our Club Great Again.

Social and playing membership fees remain at last year's levels and our patrons or sponsorship packages give great additional value.

The club looks forward to welcoming you again over the next 12 months but in the meantime please keep Safe and Well.

Regards
The Club Directors
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