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Your Club Committee

Know your committee.

The Executive Committee of the club for the 2018-'19 season is as follows:

President:	Ger Brennan
Vice President/Youths Co-ord.:	John Treacy
Vice President:	Brendan Markey
Hon. Secretary:	Brendan Conroy
Hon. Treasurer:	Gavn Kelly
PRO:	Sinead Kelly
Club Captain:	Gavin Doyle
Women's Captain:	Sarah Hendy
Minis Co-ordinator:	Phil Keogh
Club Steward:	Brian Berry
Committee Member:	Alan Harding
Committee Member:	Sabrina Mannion
Chairman:	Mark Bergin

Club members are always welcome to contact committee members for information about their club. Please also check in on Facebook or on the club website www.athyrugbyclub.com for club updates.

Club News

Keep up to date on happenings around the club.

Floodlights



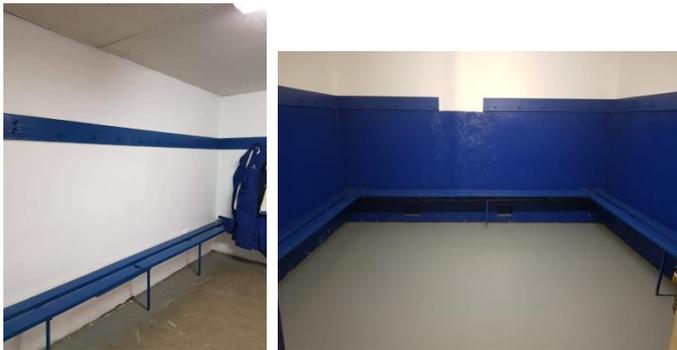
The Executive Committee are delighted to finally announce that work has commenced in the Club on the new match grade floodlights for the Firsts pitch. It has been a long, drawn out process from receiving the Capital Sports Grant in early 2017 to officially breaking ground in recent weeks.

The final stages of the acquisition process have taken place, the ground works have been completed and the new lights are due onsite in November.

This is both a huge undertaking and a huge achievement for the Club. It will improve our overall facilities immensely and allow for us to not only offer night-time matches for our own teams but put us in the running to host other neighbouring club matches. The lights and poles have been delivered to Ireland and pitch installation works are expected to be carried out in November.

Changing Rooms

Great work has been carried out in recent weeks on painting the walls and floors of our changing rooms. We are very lucky to have the changing room complex that we have after development work in recent years and the new paint job on the old changing rooms has made a great improvement. Thanks to Ger Brennan for co-ordinating and thanks to Gavin Doyle, Pat Doyle, Martin Nolan and TUS staff for all their efforts.



Senior Rugby News

What's happening with senior teams.

1st XV

The club 1st XV are competing this season in the Leinster League Div 2B. Up to November 4 the team have played 5 games, winning 3 and losing 2. Upcoming fixtures include Portarlinton at home Nov 11, Midland Warriors away Nov 25 and Balbriggan away Dec 2. Kick off Nov Matches at 2.30pm and Dec matches at 2pm.

2nd XV

The club 2nd XV are competing in the Metro League Div 8. Currently the 2nd XV are played 2, won 2. The fixtures in this league are generally played on a Saturday and upcoming fixtures include Terenure College away Nov 10, Sillorgan away Nov 17, Dublin University at home Nov 24 and Bective Rangers away Dec 1. Match kick off times normally 2.30pm.

Senior Womens XV

The club Senior Womens Team compete in the Leinster League Div 4 and to date have played 6 matches winning 2 and losing 4. Upcoming fixtures include Greystones away Nov 11, Tullamore away

Nov 25 and Longford at home Dec 2. Kick off times for senior women's matches are normally 1pm.

All support is welcome at all matches.

Minis & Youths

Cubs, Minis and Youth Sections in Full Flight

The cubs, minis and youth sections of the club are fully up and running with great numbers of boys and girls participating at all levels. More detailed reports on each section will follow in following newsletters. Numbers in the cubs and minis sections are numbering around 215 with around 195 players in the youth section. For details on training times, matches, etc. please contact Phil Keogh (Minis) or John Treacy (Youths).

Athy U14's recently hosted Llangwym RFC from Wales in a very enjoyable match played at the Showgrounds. The Welsh visitors prevailed on a score of 24 – 10 but could have been closer as Athy boys finished the game very strongly.



Registrations

Always welcoming new members.

Club Registration is now due for the 2018/2019 season. Membership rates remain the same as the previous two years and can be paid in full by cash or card or by Direct Debit. Please see below for rates:

- **Senior Adult** €140
- **Youth** €85
- **Minis** €70
- **Cubs** €20
- **Student/Unemployed (Adult)** €75
- **Family (1 Adult & All children)** €200
- **Associate Member** €65

For the 2018/19 season, Athy RFC has been chosen by the IRFU to trial a new membership database system called Clubhouse.

Going forward, this new system will allow for club members to register, update their details and pay their membership through an online portal. To allow the club to use the system effectively we are asking all current members to confirm their contact information when registering. If you have not done so already please contact Peter Goggin at cwo@athyrugbyclub.com.

In The News

The club profile.

Each year we hope to grow the profile of Athy RFC both within the local community and the wider rugby community. With this in mind we aim to highlight our club in as many areas as possible. So far this season we have been featured as the Club in Focus in the Irish Independent Rugby Supplement. Check out the link here:

<https://www.independent.ie/sport/rugby/leinster-rugby/we-are-very-excited-for-ioey-after-his-move-to-munster>

We also had one of our Senior Women's players, Jane Morrin, showcased on the Leinster Women's rugby Social Media pages. A photo of Jane holding one of her children during the Athy v Tallaght game in September was a huge hit on the Leinster Women's page. Jane has 7 kids, all bar one play rugby underage, 5 daughters and 1 son from age 17 down to 7. Her husband is also a former Athy player. One of her daughters will be 18 at end November and will join Jane on the senior team!



Fundraising

Your Club Your Country

The IRFU 'Your Club Your Country' annual draw tickets are now on sale. Tickets are €10 each and ALL proceeds go directly to club funds. In addition to the range of fantastic prizes in the draw Athy RFC has put up two additional great prizes of a pair of Six Nations tickets for England and France. These prizes will be drawn from tickets sold by Athy RFC. Please contact any committee member or coach for tickets to buy or sell. This is a very important part of our annual fundraising and all club member support is needed.



Club Information

How to find out more about your club

The club will be publishing this newsletter every month in order to keep members and supporters better informed of the very wide range of club activities. Should any member need information on any aspect of club activities please contact the club PRO Sinead Kelly (pro@athyrugbyclub) or Hon Secretary Brendan Conroy (honsecathyrfc@gmail.com) or any committee member.