

Mistley RUFC Annual Report April 2021-22

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After Covid restrictions were lifted our season started in earnest on the 14th Sept 2021 having been promoted to Eastern Counties Div 1 South. The first two games ended in narrow defeats but with the onset of new players the team's fortunes changed. By the end we came a very respectable 3rd in the league and, as many had written us off from the beginning, yet again we proved that we are a very adaptable and progressive team. The spirit and camaraderie amongst the club of all members is very much down to ability for everyone to help and have pride in their work.

Our 2nd XV known as the Marauders have had mixed successes on the field but never do we not produce a team at a match and regardless of the result we remain upbeat and forthright. Our team players are very much complemented for this.

One of the main factors of the above is down to the 95% completion of Phase One of the Clubhouse. The Bar and eating facilities are now fully functional since the installation of Phase 3 Electricity. There are still a few matters to complete including the tidying up of the ground where the cables were laid. Hopefully we shall be able to commence Phase 2 of the building works and we will be seeking funding through various sources. To date we have entirely self-funded Phase One of the Clubhouse.

The most important part of the club's future planning is to provide facilities for our children/youth members and we have many numbers on our Sunday training days. We are able to do this by the hard work and commitment given by our volunteers and we thank them for this.

We have improved our social media presence and our new website is eagerly awaited. This will greatly assist us in obtaining sponsorship and recruitment.

We will also continue to work closely with the Parish Council and assist where possible. The provision of sport in our close community and as a village side makes us more determined to work harder for all. We always look forward to our annual game with Mistley Cricket Club.

We look forward to the future and our aspirations now are to enhance our facilities with provision of the new pitch with floodlights and advertising hoardings. This is necessary to compete with other local rugby clubs.

We also welcome the Parish Council to our Presidents Day on the 30th April.

Finally, I would like to personally thank our President Mark Towler and our Chairman Bertie Baxter for all they have done to make Mistley RUFC a successful and friendly -family oriented club.

William Meston  
Past President