



Dear Member,

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Surrey Minis "Call To Arms" : Sunday April 18th Landrover Surrey Mini Festival at Dorking

Firstly a huge well done and a big thanks to everyone for the collective efforts so far this season. It's too early to write the season's history, but there's been much to enjoy and be proud of, most recently the Valentine's Day WAGS Lunch and The Pride of Lions Night which was a fabulous evening. Thanks to Juddy, Jim, Charlotte and Gavin for their effort with Lions Night and Spreckers for his continuing work on the pre match Lunches.

But now the most significant weekend of the Club's season is fast approaching with the annual Surrey Festival once again being held at the Club on Sunday 18th April.

The Festival is the single most important event in the Club's season from a fund raising perspective as well as in honouring the obligation and onus on us as a Club to put on a high quality event for the boys and girl mini rugby players of Surrey. Marc Boughton and his team have once again done a brilliant job with all the pre Festival arrangements and administration, **and now it's our turn. Here's what you need to do:**

- If you are a Mini Parent contact your age group co-ordinator and sign up for your age group volunteer list. There is a whole range of jobs that need to be done including age group control, pitch marshalling, helping with the BBQs, Kitchen Rota, Sweetie bars and so on. There's a lot to be done but it's a great team and really great fun.
- To be successful as always we need helpers from Club members from far beyond the parents of the children who are playing in the Festival.
- We need help from other Mini parents, from Junior parents and former Mini Parents and members across the Club. There are literally hundreds of Dorking members who have enjoyed the Surrey Festival in the past and who benefit from the funds we raise from the day who simply need to give something back and help the Club on its biggest day.
- The set-up for the Festival starts at 10.00am on the Saturday when we need help to mark the pitches, stake the car park, erect the control tents, put out the bins etc etc. None of it is very difficult but unavoidably it is fairly labour intensive.
- On the day of the Festival help is needed from 7.00am to ensure that everything is in place as the vast numbers of players, parents and supporters arrive at Dorking.
- Once again we will be relying on the senior players to marshal the car parks. Armand, Newks and Saus will once again be the recruiting sergeants, so sign up now – please, please don't wait to be asked.
- And finally we need as much help as we can muster for the post Festival clear-up from around 5.00pm at the close of the competition so we can quickly restore the Big Field to its clean and tidy normal state. Far too often the clear up is done by a small number of incredibly familiar faces. Please make a note in your diary and spare an hour so we can have many hands and make this far lighter work than in previous years.

We have a fantastic volunteer culture at Dorking that is the envy of many sports clubs across the South East. Please can you take this call to arms seriously and do your level best to join the team and once again make the Surreys at Dorking an event that we can all be proud of.

Thanks for your support and see you on the 18th.

Shaun