



## Followers' News

### Editorial

Our first newsletter seems to have taken quite an effort to get going this season. Establishing contacts and getting articles from potential contributors takes time. I hope a few more of the followers will consider contributing an article.

At last we seem to be getting back to more normal, rugby at the weekend and with Christmas around the corner. Let's hope that the vaccination and booster programme is sufficient to avert any further restrictions. We have had enough disruption due to fringe elements so we do not need another lockdown to spoil Christmas.

The Blues progress this season has been one of highs and lows. We saw six tries against Nottingham a definite high. It is difficult to pick a favourite try out of Deano's try with assists from Tom and Rich or Will Maisey's determined try. Our game at Coventry ended in a definite low losing 15-14 in a game that started well for the Blues but then they could do nothing right.

We hope that the last game of the first half of the season against London Scottish will help us move a bit further up the table.

We are organising a quiz on February 11th 2022 and details will be posted on the web and on social media. We will have a new Quiz master then and I will be interested to find out how good Jacky is at answering questions rather than dishing them out.

Sarah H won the bottle of Champagne for her entry to the Answer Smash Quiz in the last edition. Perhaps a few more people would like to make send in an entry as the chances of winning seem to be greater than in the raffle on the away coach. First correct, or nearest to correct, drawn out will win a bottle of wine.

Our charity this year is the Blues Foundation. For further information please see their website [www.bluesfoundation.org.uk](http://www.bluesfoundation.org.uk). Tom Harwood, the Blues Foundation Manager, has written an article for this issue on page 10/11.

It has been quite a torrid time for the club in the last couple of years. We have depleted our reserves to give the club some extra money during the lockdown to help pay the wages at a time when furlough payments had not quite taken off. Please bring some cash with you to home matches to buy jackpot tickets. This will help our finances and has the potential to help the Blues in future.

Mel Grover

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## Bedford Rugby Followers

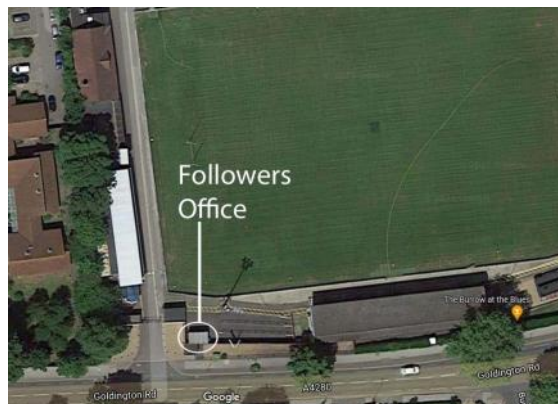
Bedford Rugby Followers Association have been organising away trips for over 70 years. Away trips are organised by our extremely hard-working Outings Secretary, Margaret Appleton, all you need to do is to book and pay for your seat on the coach and turn up at the right time to be whisked away to the match. Arriving at the ground you will have plenty of time to get a drink and food before the game. After enjoying the match just get on the coach back to Goldington Road. No need to worry about drink driving! Details of away travel are displayed at the office and on the [web](#).

To become a member for an adult cost just £5, which you can do at the Followers' office which is located to the right of the main gate. Just complete the [application form](#) and hand over the money to our Treasurer, Geoff Appleton or to any member of our committee. You can find a copy of the application on our website.

Our President, Phil Novis represents us in an official capacity meeting representatives from the Blues Board and other clubs.

Every month we have committee meetings which are organised by our secretary Kevin Sands and chaired by Chairman Andy Cobley.

In addition we run a jackpot at every home game. Sellers are located around the ground about 1 hour before kick-off and the results are announced at half-time. The [results](#) are also put up on a blackboard outside the Followers' office and on our website. Prizes may be collected at the office after the game finishes, or contact Geoff Appleton. Any profits from running the lottery are used to subsidise coach trips or are donated to the club to help with their finances. The Followers' office is between the main gates and the main stand as shown below.



We organise some social activities. We are now trying to organise [events](#) such as referee's evenings, quizzes and further low cost events.

A [newsletter](#) is produced every two to three months and distributed by email to members and can later be downloaded from the website. Both the website and newsletter are produced by Mel Grover with help from Solveig and other members of the committee. We have [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts run by Lesley Cornish. Contributions are also welcome from Followers.

The rest of the committee is made up of Chris Deverell and Paul Ibbott who are were elected in July, and have been active promoting awareness of the Followers producing flyers, posters and leaflets.

Finally it has been very difficult trying to keep things together without being able to hold our usual committee meetings during Covid, but we hope things will be more normal going into the new season.

Please [join](#) the most successful away support group in the championship.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/78603593535/>

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### Rogues Gallery of Committee members



Phil Novis  
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Solveig Haywood  
Newsletter



Chris Deverell



Paul Ibbott



Followers Posters/Flyers/Leaflets by Solveig, Chris and Paul .

## Letter from our charity of the year for last season.



Bedford Rugby Followers Association  
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9<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Geoffrey

On behalf of The Matt Hampson Foundation I would like to thank you and Bedford Rugby Followers Association for your very generous donation of £824.00.

The money that has kindly been donated will enable the foundation to continue its work supporting and inspiring young people who have suffered serious injuries through sport.

It will help us to enable our beneficiaries and their families to meet together at "The Get Busy Living Centre" to share experiences and knowledge. They will also benefit from physiotherapy and the opportunity to use specialised gym equipment. The Get Busy Living Centre provides an environment where people are inspired and supported to ensure that they can Get Busy Living!

We are now close to completion of Phase 2 of the development at the Get Busy Living Centre which is the provision of two accommodation units. The new blocks will offer overnight accommodation, turning the centre into a destination for newly injured individuals and their families, offering them space and support to adjust to their new circumstances.

Thank you again for your support.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Cawston'.

P.P. Tommy Cawston  
Chief Executive Officer

***Inspiring and supporting young people seriously injured through sport***

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**The next two away games are at the following grounds.** Previous editions of the newsletter have given an extended version of our guide to away grounds.

### **DONCASTER KNIGHTS on Sat 1st Jan 2022**

The Knights play at the aptly named, Castle Park stadium which is a 22 acre site 4 miles from Doncaster town centre.

In February 1998 Doncaster Rugby Football Club were formally told that they were to receive a £1.8m lottery grant towards the cost of providing three additional pitches and a brand new clubhouse complete with 12 dressing rooms, a weight training gymnasium, a multi-activity suite, dedicated medical/physiotherapy facilities and social areas.

Then in 2008-09 season on the 9th of January, the Knights opened their new De Mulder-Lloyd Stand at Castle Park, a £3m state of the art 1650 seater stand.

### **RICHMOND on Sat 22nd Jan 2022**

When it is played on a Saturday, this fixture is one of the best supported in terms of Away Fans. The Followers always fill a big coach and a large number of Blues fans take the train as it's a simple run down to West Hampstead Thameslink then Overground to Richmond Station where it is a 10 minute walk at most to the Recreation Ground, Richmond. This ground London Scottish is shared with Richmond Rugby Club.

Obviously it is much less bother travelling to Richmond on the coach with the Followers, where you can kick back and enjoy a few 'cold ones' as the coach crawls down the M1, Hangar Lane, Kew Gardens and into Richmond.

However, the reason so many people travel to this one independently is, of course, Richmond, is a real rugby borough. Two Rugby Clubs are next to the town centre and the Stoop and Twickenham Stadium are less than two miles away. Because of this it has some very fine drinking dens popular with rugby supporters of all teams.

Starting near the ground, and popular with those travelling with the Followers as they are a stone's throw from the ground are (A Google search of "pubs near Richmond Rugby club" will give you the locations of the pubs below plus a few others!):-

- The Triple Crown
- The Sun Inn
- The Britannia
- The Orange Tree
- Richmond Vault Beer Cellar & Restaurant

### **EALING TRAILFINDERS on Sat 12th Feb 2022**

Ealing Trailfinders play their home games at Vallis Way, Ealing. Like Bedford Athletic and Saracens they play their rugby on a 4G pitch. The clubhouse at Ealing has one of the biggest screens I have seen at a Rugby Ground. The bar stocks Ruddles, Green King IPA, San Miguel and Becks.

There is the normal match day fayre of Hot Dogs, Burgers and Pies which are sold just outside the clubhouse.

For those who fancy their pre-match pint in the slightly cosier surrounds of the snug, the Duke of Kent comes recommended. Boasting "Ealing's Best Beer Garden" this Fullers pub stocks: London Pride, London Pride Unfiltered, Frontier, Sierra Nevada, Fullers Oliver's Island, Fullers craft beer 'Wild River'. To name just a few of their extensive range.

Along the same road as the Duke of Kent you will also come across the Village Inn. This is just past the West Kebab shop. Serving Fullers beers and also favourites such as Butcome Bitter and St Austel's Proper Job. It is a Young's pub so Young's beers are also on draught.

For those who want to kill time a little more athletically, there is a lovely walk around Pitshanger Park, which is bisected by the River Brent.

## Christmas Prize Quiz

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which olden day film star once entered a competition to find his own look-alike and came third?
2. What is the name given to a donkey crossed with a zebra?
3. In October 1999, which (once labelled 'wooden') Hollywood actor was charged with breaching the peace after being found by police playing bongos naked in his own house?
4. How many months have 28 days in them?
5. What is it that bees collect?
6. If you dug a hole through the centre of the earth beginning from Wellington, New Zealand, in which country would you end up?
7. You can sneeze in your sleep. True or False?
8. In which town is the UK Dyslexia Trust based?
9. Which three words appear at the end of a Looney Tunes cartoon?
10. In Texas, it's illegal to swear in front of a corpse. True or False?

### DINGBATS (identify a well-known phrase or saying)

1. What time of the year is denoted by this sequence of letters: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz?
2. CH POORRI
3. hijklmno?
4. Symphon
5. CCCCCCC
6. Bjaockx
7. PotOOOOOOOOO
8. me just you
9. Polmumice
10. Xmascara

### LONDON UNDERGROUND QUIZ (Identify the Station)

1. Well you wouldn't flush it with champagne, would you?
2. Make'em sick
3. It's falling down
4. Doll is capable
5. 1609 metres and stop
6. An angry monarch
7. A slew of siblings
8. Oriental jacket
9. Nobleman captured
10. Recovery is typical

A bottle of wine is offered as a prize for the best answer received by the end of December. Answers by email or handed to a member of the committee. Good Luck.

## BEDFORD BLUES ANSWER SMASH ANSWERS (Pictures replaced by names)

1	1984 hit for WHAM/ <a href="#">Darragh O'Mahony</a>	Freedomahony
2	Morven Christie stars as DS Lisa Armstrong in Morecambe-based crime drama/ <a href="#">Martin Bayfield</a>	The Bayfield
3	a large strepsirrhine primate and the most recognized of its type due to its long, black and white ringed tail/ <a href="#">Scott Murray</a>	Lemurray
4	a 1982 play by the English playwright Michael Frayn. The idea for it came in 1970, when Frayn was watching from the wings a performance of The Two of Us, a farce that he had written for Lynn Redgrave/ <a href="#">Martin Offiah</a>	Noise Offiah
5	Favourite phrase of the infamous Eddie Waring, voice of Rugby for 30 years, often called the GARRYOWEN/ <a href="#">Rory Underwood</a>	Up and Underwood
6	Boxer LEONARD who lost to Roberto Duran in the Brawl in Montreal 1980/ <a href="#">Mike Rayer</a>	Sugar Rayer
7	I met him on a Monday and my heart stood still/ <a href="#">Kramer Ronaki</a>	Da Doo Ron Ronaki
8	a dress worn as a costume in a classical ballet performance, often with attached bodice/ <a href="#">Paul Tupai</a>	Tutuapi
9	Swedish luxury automobile marque headquartered in Torslanda in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Group was founded in 1927 as a subsidiary of the ball bearing manufacturer SKF/ <a href="#">Matt Holland</a>	Volvolland
10	11:45/ <a href="#">Ross Noonan</a>	Quarter to Noonan
11	Fictional English heavy metal band. Michael McKean (as lead singer and co-lead guitarist David St. Hubbins), Christopher Guest (as lead guitarist Nigel Tufnel) and Harry Shearer (as bassist Derek Smalls)/ <a href="#">Pat Tapley</a>	Spinal Tapley
12	Created characters:- Zaphod Beeblebrox, Ford Prefect and Marvin The Paranoid Android/ <a href="#">Dean Adamson</a>	Douglas Adamson
13	The political, cultural, and economic centre of Slovakia. It is the seat of the Slovak president/ <a href="#">Ian Vass</a>	Bratislavass
14	In 1348, the Black Death reached England via merchant vessels calling at this port/city in Hampshire 15 miles west of Portsmouth and close to the New Forest/ <a href="#">Soane Tonga'uia</a>	Southamptonga'uia
15	German confectionery company. The name of which is an acronym formed from Hans Riegel Bonn who formed the company. Created the first gummy candy in 1922 in the form of little Gummy bears/ <a href="#">Mouritz Botha</a>	Haribotha
16	English country house and estate near Luton in Bedfordshire which has appeared in many films including A Shot in the Dark, Never Say Never Again, Four Weddings and a Funeral, Eyes Wide Shut, The Secret Garden, The World Is Not Enough/ <a href="#">Will Hooley</a>	Luton Hooley
17	Place in Cambridgeshire, "Dennis of this place" was a fictional creation of the singer-songwriter Pete Sayers who appeared in weekly visits to this place on Radio Cambridgeshire for almost 20 years/ <a href="#">Nick Fenton-Wells</a>	Grunty Fenton-Wells
18	the second book in C. S. Lewis's classic fantasy series- the magical kingdom of Narnia, entered through furniture/ <a href="#">Liam Roberts</a>	The Lion the Witch and the Wardroberts
19	the largest and lowest-pitched bowed string instrument in the modern symphony orchestra/ <a href="#">Josh Bassett</a>	Double Bassett
20	major character in the 1951 Disney animated feature film Alice in Wonderland. He is a mysterious, pink-and-purple-striped feline/ <a href="#">Mark Atkinson</a>	Cheshire Catkinson
21	Motto of the Three Musketeers/ <a href="#">Matt Allen</a>	All for one and one for allen
22	the world's oldest active sports car race in endurance racing, held annually since 1923 in France/ <a href="#">Leigh Mansell</a>	Lemansell
23	Norwegian synth-pop band formed in Oslo in 1982. Founded by Paul Waaktaar-Savoy (guitars), Magne Furuholmen (keyboards, guitars), and Morten Harket (vocals)/ <a href="#">Norman Hadley</a>	A-Hadley
24	fastback coupé built by ++++ Motor Company between 1968 and 1986 designed by American Philip T. Clark. It used the mechanical components from the Mk2 Ford Cortina and was intended as the European equivalent of the ++++ Mustang/ <a href="#">James Pritchard</a>	Ford Capritchard
25	Jim Henson's most famous Muppet creation, was the star and host of The Muppet Show and played a significant role on Sesame Street/ <a href="#">Budge Rogers</a>	Kermit the Frogers

## Beef: The LION of Bedford

THREE players represented the Lions while they were members of Bedford Rugby Club and the first of them was Gerald Thomas Dancer, known to all as Beef. Yet he never won a full cap for England.

Born in Ford End Road, Queen's Park, in 1911, Beef started his working life as a dairyman with his father. Briefly they ran a tobacconists' shop, then they into the building trade. "Building work really hardened me for rugby," he said, "I became a bricklayer and my mates at the time were local boxers like Johnny Seamarks and Reg Perkins. We used to train together. The 1930s were marvellous years for sportsmen."

By 1936 he had represented East Midlands and Barbarians and played in England trials. On one of his three Baa Baas tours he shared a room in Penarth with Prince Obolensky, the Rosslyn Park and England winger. He played against the New Zealanders of 1935-36 and saw all the great players of the day.

"It never bothered me that I might have been with famous players or whatever, and it's only now when I think back that I realise how good some of them must have been. I enjoyed playing so much and that's all I wanted to do. It didn't matter who it was for or with Beef was a popular tourist and got on well with the Barbarians. When the team for the Lions tour to South Africa in 1938 was due to be announced, he had a feeling he'd be in it even though he'd been overlooked by England. The men who chose the Lions were often the men who chose the Baa Baas.

"It was a marvellous tour, and the hospitality was terrific," he said, "I didn't spend a halfpenny until I started buying presents to bring home. I even made friends with a man from Coventry, Jimmy Giles, the scrum half. The front row was Eddie Morgan, Swansea, Bill Travers, Newport, and Gerry Dancer Bedford. We played together in most of the games. They were great days. I remember them well."

The Lions lost the first two Tests 26-12 in Johannesburg and 19-3 in Port Elizabeth and on the way to Cape Town for the final game they had a big party.

"All the papers wrote us off," he recalls, "But we actually won. I reprieved myself when I scored a try because earlier my name was mud when a pass I made was intercepted and the South Africans scored."

When he got back home near the end September, Beef decided to take a rest, after playing non-stop rugby for 12 months. However the East Midlands selectors were soon knocking on the door and before long it was time for another round of England trials. He was selected for the first but left out of the second. "I asked Arthur Marshall what the excuse was that time. He told me that the selectors reckoned I wasn't fit enough. What a laugh. Not fit enough after a year's rugby and a Lions' tour If I had been everything, they wanted me to be I would have been a complete team."

On the outbreak of War in 1939 Dancer enlisted in the Royal Air Force, and he continued to play sporadically for the R.A.F., Bedford and the Barbarians as well as in Service Internationals. He continued with Bedford after the war until finally retiring at the end of the 1947-48 season. In all he made 317 appearances for the club and scored 25 tries. In International Rugby his record was 3 caps, scoring one try. After retiring Dancer became Landlord of the Seven Wives pub in St Ives, Cambridgeshire (then Huntingdonshire). He died in August 1991.



## Bedford Rugby Followers Association - Programme Notes 23 November 2021

Today we welcome all our friends from Richmond RFC, a similar, old, traditional club, and in particular some 'old boys' who perhaps would like to show us what they learnt here. Our last home match saw our Boys in Blue easily pierce the Knights armour delighting the almost 3000 evening crowd. Will Maisey's surreal pass to Rich Lane to score, definitely the highlight.

Two weeks ago, Blues took on Ampthill for the third time in six weeks, this time it mattered, it was a league game away and we took the five points home in style. Bedford supporters overwhelmingly voted Magical Matty Worley deserving of the MOTM champagne.

We the Followers would like to put on record our appreciation of what Nos (of Nos's Nosh) has done for the club during the last 24 years, just so much for so many. I remember him feeding the players out of his own pocket during our 'tough' time. Not only is he a larger than life character but one of the Blues loudest supporters. There will be many who can still hear his shout of "H I N - K O"! (Winger James Hinkins). Thanks Nos, I for one will miss your chilli after the game.

Someone else we will miss is the quieter but still very influential, Blues photographer for over 20 years, Nigel Rudgard. Sitting on the hallowed grass in all weathers taking amazing action pictures used on all our media platforms. His favourite was of Billy Twelvetrees swallow diving over the try line to the chant of 'Amanda-Jane' (his local lingerie shop sponsor) from the stand. Thank you too Nigel, a true professional.

Lastly, who has noticed our brand new sign, 'AWAY MATCHES BOOK HERE'? On top of our office between the Main Gate and the Eagle Stand.

Our next away game is at Hartpury RFC buried deep in the Gloucestershire countryside. Not easy to find, so join us for a hassle free coach journey with like-minded fans. The following trip is our eagerly anticipated weekend in Penzance to support the team playing Cornish Pirates. Families, couples, singles, all are welcome, even players families have joined us in the past. (Who remembers Nick Fenton Wells' brother entertaining us?) We have made memories and there are many more to be made in the future too. Come join in, contact Margaret on 01234 354708 or email [g.appleton@btinternet.com](mailto:g.appleton@btinternet.com). More info on [www.bedfordrfa.org](http://www.bedfordrfa.org)

COYB's

Solveig Haywood

BRFA Committee Member

## Bedford Rugby Followers Association - Programme Notes 6 November 2021

I would like to give a big welcome today to the players and Supporters of Ealing Trailfinders RFC. Ealing sit top of our division and have handed out some big defeats recently, so we will need our 16<sup>th</sup> man at Goldington Road more than ever to help the boys pull off a good result. Our last home match finished in a disappointing defeat to Richmond in front of another good crowd in excess of 2700.

Last Saturday we took a coach of Followers to deepest Gloucestershire to take on Hartpury RFC. We had an enjoyable day in the picturesque setting that is Hartpury College. The beer and food was good, and what a brilliant performance from the boys. Will Maisey was our MOM, but any one of the team could have won the award. Every one of the 23 players put the below par Richmond performance to bed with great forward play and scintillating backs moves. Onwards and upwards!

We "The Followers" raise funds to help subsidise our away travel costs, as well as giving the Rugby club financial support. This season we are supporting the Blues Foundation charity. Our main way of fundraising is through selling jackpot tickets. We position ourselves at key locations around the ground on home match days. Cash prizes are there to be won, so please dig deep into those wallets and purses; you could be the next big winner.

Our next away trip is the annual pilgrimage to deepest Cornwall to play the Pirates. The kick-off is at the slightly unusual time of 12.30pm on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> November. This will make our yearly trip to the Admiral Benbow pub en route to the match somewhat difficult, but I'm sure we can call in there after the game, or perhaps on the Saturday evening. Unfortunately, we also sadly hear that the Alexandra Inn near the Mennaye ground has closed permanently, so another tradition will cease. The gathering of so many Blues fans in the Alexandra before a match has happened every year since I have been a Follower. However, I'm sure we will find an alternative, and move on.

The coach leaves Bedford on Friday 19 November 2021 at 08:00 am. Why not sit back and get escorted to the hotel. The trip is a two-night stay returning on Sunday afternoon. Costs are as follows:

- Shared double room and fare £180 per person.
- Single room and fare £250 per person
- Fare only £100 per person.

For all away matches, please book via Margaret Appleton in the Followers Office, telephone 01234 354708, or email [g.appleton@btinternet.com](mailto:g.appleton@btinternet.com). Our office is the grey building between the main gates and the stand, just follow the arrows. Details of away trips will also be found on our website [www.bedfordrfa.org](http://www.bedfordrfa.org).

COYB's

Andy Coble

BRFA Chairman

## The Blues Foundation

*As our chosen charity of the year Tom Harwood produced this article. Proceeds from our Quiz on 11th February 2022 will be donated to this worthy cause.*

Firstly, all of us who are part of Blues Foundation are incredibly grateful for the support of the Followers this year, we are very lucky to have an extremely generous and supportive #BluesFamily who have really got behind our charity since our launch 20 months ago. At this point it's a nice chance for us to reflect on the past 12 months in what continues to be turbulent times, but we are really proud of the impact we have had, but also how the Foundation has grown and continues to into 2022.

2021 has seen us launch, test and embed several projects and initiatives that tackle inequalities around health and wellbeing, crime reduction, as well as address digital poverty and mental health challenges in disadvantaged areas of Bedford and county wide. Our holiday programmes have reached over 450 disadvantaged young people through Easter, Summer and also continues in the Christmas Holidays. We have distributed 1,120 meals throughout these programmes too, combating holiday hunger and physical inactivity in children. This has been delivered at community venues across the county in Bedford, Sandy, Flitwick, Shefford and Dunstable.

Our Tackle LIFE early intervention programme is now fully embedded at Goldington Road and works closely with Bedfordshire Police, Bedford Borough Council and schools to support children at risk of offending or with challenging behaviour. We have now supported 30 children through this scheme and provided mentoring, enrichment activities and workshops to guide them onto the right path.

Our ABILITY Blues project runs weekly in partnership with Autism Bedfordshire and will continue into the New Year, as well as the Foundation expanding our disability sport provision alongside Bedford Borough Council on Saturday Morning from the Spring. Our INSPIRE programme is reaching 60 young people aged 16+ per week, offering personal development and enrichment activities to support their employability and personal skills.

Away from projects and wellbeing programmes, our community initiatives have contributed to some of Bedford Borough's biggest challenges in 2021. We had a fantastic response to our call for second hand devices and collected 450 laptops and tablets that were donated to schools for children who could not access education at home in lockdown. We have delivered over 3000 meals to community organisations and donated 450+ items of sports equipment and clothing which had then been donated to schools and charities for families who might struggle to purchase brand new items.

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2022 is shaping up to be very exciting and impactful as our Foundation continues to grow and expand. Thank you again to all the Followers for your support, please feel free to SUBSCRIBE to our newsletter, and if you feel you can support our charity click on the DONATE button on our webpage.

Many thanks,

Tom Harwood  
Blues Foundation Manager

<https://www.bluesfoundation.org.uk>

Remember to put the **11th February 2022** in your diary to come along to the Quiz in support of the Blues Foundation. If you have any items that you are happy to donate for the raffle, to support the Blues Foundation, then please leave them in the Followers office at any home game or pass to a member of the committee.



## Help fill this space for our Next Issue

### Members Forum

We would like to include articles submitted by members on this page. Please send any contributions by email to:-  
[bedfordrugbyfollowers@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordrugbyfollowers@gmail.com)

We reserve the right to edit any contribution to make it suitable for publication.

### Bedford Blues fixture list

Jersey Reds	40	v	Bedford Blues	28	25th	Sep	2021
Bedford Blues	31	v	Doncaster Knights	23	1st	Oct	2021
Ampthill	34	v	Bedford Blues	43	9th	Oct	2021
Bedford Blues	32	v	Richmond	37	23rd	Oct	2021
Hartpury University	19	v	Bedford Blues	42	30th	Oct	2021
Bedford Blues	14	v	Ealing Trailfinders	50	6th	Nov	2021
Cornish Pirates	39	v	Bedford Blues	24	20th	Nov	2021
Bedford Blues	40	v	Nottingham	9	27th	Nov	2021
Coventry	15	v	Bedford Blues	14	4th	Dec	2021
Bedford Blues		v	London Scottish		11th	Dec	2021
Bedford Blues		v	Jersey Reds		26th	Dec	2021
Doncaster Knights		v	Bedford Blues		1st	Jan	2022

The Followers aim to support and assist Bedford Rugby in various ways as determined by the Committee and by proposals carried at an AGM.

- We run coaches to mainland away games to provide support unequalled in our division.
- We run a Jackpot at home games to provide funds for the club and as cash prizes.
- We assist with ground maintenance each summer and support when necessary to clear snow and the debris left behind after our fireworks displays.
- We organise social events and help promote events held by the club.

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