



Message from the Chair – May 2026

Paul Eynon, Chair, Interim Chair of Rugby

Hello everyone,

Thank You - It's a wrap!

Although we are done, or almost, until next season, we say a huge thank you to those of our members who have been helping to run the club in the many different and varied roles we have. Please take this opportunity to thank those close to your section or team who have helped make a difference to your club experience.

There is still a lot to look forward to over the summer, have a read!

Coming soon in May...

Our events are a significant revenue stream, generating income during periods without rugby and providing additional support when matches are held. All the money we raise is put back into running our club and providing facilities for rugby. **You are our biggest sales force**, please promote and support our events, bringing your friends and family to Latton Park along with you.



Country Themed Bottomless Brunch: **Saturday 2nd May**

Unlimited Fizz/Cocktail for 90 mins

Live Singer & DJ until 10pm

Chicken Burger & Chips & Chocolate Brownie & Ice Cream

More info: <https://harlowrugby.club/events/country-themed-bottomless-brunch/>



Connie Sosa Invitational

The First Annual Under 11 & Under 12 Rugby Tournament
Celebrating the life and lasting contribution of Connie Sosa to Harlow Rugby Club.

Sunday 3rd May From 10am

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We're proud to host the first ever Connie Sosa Invitational, bringing together Under 11 & Under 12 teams for a special day of rugby at Harlow Rugby Club.

This tournament has been created to honour Connie's memory and celebrate the incredible contribution she made to our club and minis section. ❤️

🕒 From 10:00am, Come down, show your support, and be part of something special.

Friday 8th May: 3rd XV Party night: time to enjoy a social to wrap the season.

Sunday 10th May: Minis, Girls & Youth Presentation Day:

END OF SEASON AWARDS DAY
SUNDAY 10TH MAY
FAMILY FUN ALL DAY!

POLICE + FIRE BRIGADE + BAKE SALE + ICE CREAM VAN + TUG OF WAR + GAMES ON THE PITCHES + BBQ + RAFFLE
PLEASE BRING CASH FOR THE BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

HARLOW RUGBY CLUB PRESENTATION DAY
10TH MAY

U6	09:30 - 09:45
U7	09:45 - 10:00
U8	10:10 - 10:40
U9	10:50 - 11:20
U11	11:30 - 12:00
U12	12:10 - 12:40
Girls	13:00 - 13:45
Colts	13:55 - 14:40
U13	14:50 - 15:50
U14	16:00 - 16:30
U16	16:40 - onwards

ALL WELCOME!

Saturday 16th May: Club Awards night:

CLUB AWARDS NIGHT 2026
Saturday 16th May
7:00pm Start / Food from 7:30pm

WELCOME DRINK • Two Course Meal • 10 & 15 mins

MENU
Roast Beef Dinner
Charlotte Potatoes & Egg Cream
Cheese & Biscuits
Cream Soufflé (optional)

Senior Teams & Volunteers
TICKETS £40 PER PERSON

We encourage all our senior players, referees, volunteers & partners to attend to thank all those who have done so much for us this year. Tickets £40 with a free drink, two course meal and stocks so you can through sponges at the exec. Tickets selling fast over the bar, get yours ASAP to ensure you don't miss out as numbers are limited. Book online here: <https://harlowrugby.club/events/club-awards-night-2026/>



THE ESSEX SKA & REGGAE FESTIVAL

returns in 2026 to LATTON PARK on **Saturday 23rd May** with a Better, Bolder, Bigger Line Up of some of the genres finest performers. With more food stalls, bars and attractions this will be an unmissable event ..



THE BEAT - MUSICAL YOUTH - SPECIAL KINDA MADNESS - THE UB40 EXPERIENCE - THE SKATONICS- SKA N MASH

This will be an unmissable event.. Tickets: <https://www.skiddle.com/e/41171295>

Soutasia presents GROOVE IS IN THE Park

Bank Holiday Sunday 24th May 2026, 2pm till 10.30pm

- Legends of Soul and Disco performing live on stage
- THE REAL THING
- ODYSSEY
- HARRY CAMBRIDGE AS LUTHER
- Plus guest DJs to be announced soon

WE PROMISE YOU AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT

Get your tickets: <https://www.skiddle.com/e/41274936>



Queens of Pop! – **Free Entry!**



Saturday 30th May 8:30pm

Lisa Hammond is a versatile and captivating performer. Her standout productions include an Amy Winehouse Tribute, A Salute to the 40s, Queens of Pop – a multi-tribute spectacular, and her vibrant ABBA duo show, *Gimme, Gimme, Gimme*. With powerful vocals and an engaging stage presence, Lisa brings iconic music to life for audiences of all ages.



Tilly's Tens – Saturday 6th June

Help us spread the word! Please share this with your teammates, friends, and contacts — we'd love to make this year our biggest tournament yet!

The more teams, the better the day... so get involved and be part of something special!

Email us at Tillystens@gmail.com for more information



Highlights from April



Congratulations to Kira Lewis-McGarty

Kira has made the Essex Rugby squad selection. They took on Cambridgeshire on 31 Wednesday 29th April winning well. ❤️💖
Congratulations Kira!

Congratulations to our 2nd & 3rd XV's for reaching their respective merit table finals at Barking Rugby Club on Saturday 25th April. Unfortunately, the 3rd XV lost 14-12 is a very close game almost snatching it at the death. Our 2nd XV scored a last second try to take it to extra time. The conceded a penalty and lost it on the golden point rule. It was a great festival of rugby day at Barking. Roll on the new season and we go one better!





Congratulations to our Ladies team who waited until the last game of the season but have now recorded their first win against Hackney! Finishing on a high, onwards and upwards!



Under 23s

Extremely funny friendly game hosted at Latton Park on Easter Saturday. All the men (23 ish) young men (u23) had smiles and laughter throughout the game. More photos our [Facebook Supporters Group](#) on Harlow colts 24/25 group for those who participated.





Ask the Chair – Tuesday 5th May 8:30pm, Latton Park

The fifth 'Meet the Chair' event of the 2025/26 season. I have varied the evenings I have hosted these events to allow different members to attend.

This is an opportunity to engage on an informal basis with me as Chair of the club and ask any questions you have about the club. To make the club as great as it can be, we would like to come along with your questions and suggestions.



The session is open to all players, parents and members of the club.

300 Club

We have noticed that participation in our 300 Club has dropped. Do you know what it is?

The “300 Club” is a form of fundraising for HRUFC whereby each member is allocated a permanent number, from 1 to 300, and entered in a monthly draw. Members and Non-Members aged 16 and over, pay £5 per number monthly by direct debit and can select as many numbers as desired.



The monthly draw will take place each month. Each month three numbers will be selected at random to win monetary prizes. More info & sign up here: [300 Club Sign Up](#)

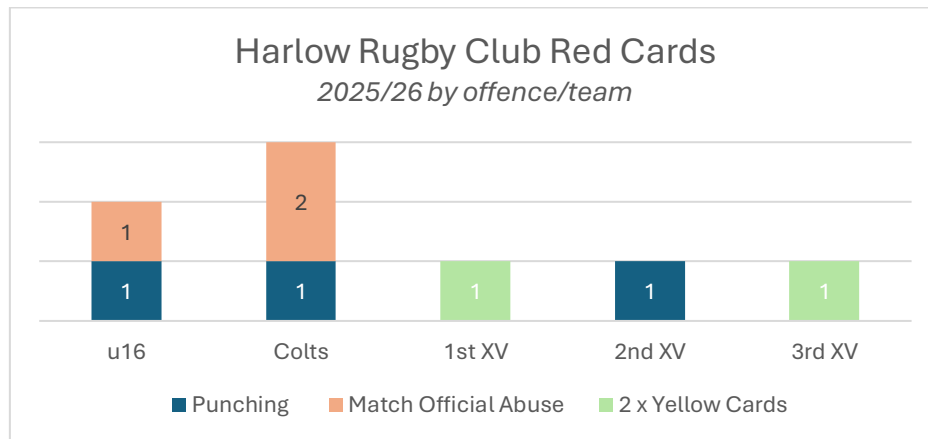
Senior Male Players

7s or 10s tournaments: we haven't entered teams in the past few years into 7s or 10s tournaments. Would you like to? Perhaps you could take a lead in getting a group of players together. If you are interested, please get in touch so we can work how the club can support you.

Discipline

As a club we received eight red cards during the 2025/26 season. I'm sure you agree that this number is too high and we will need to present to Essex RFU our plans to prevent future issues arising having reached the “8 incident” threshold.

We run 21 teams across the club, only a small number have received red cards.



The actions we are taking include:

- Discuss under 16s & under 17s (Colts) disciplinary issues at Colts Presentation night to re-enforce our expectations.
- Organised a sports psychology session in June for the 2026/27 Colts
- Sanctions in place for next year's Colts team:
 - Any red card results in game cancellation the following week
 - Reminder, all games recorded on Veo
 - Match reports to include parents' code of conduct.
- Follow up with Essex Discipline and encouraging a Disciplinary Chairs meeting.
- Engage youth teams to address discipline, using the coaching curriculum, and player/parents' expectations to support their transition from Minis to Youth, Youth to Colts and Colts to Seniors.

Bar access - Reminder:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the area behind the bar is strictly for bar staff only. For safety, licensing, and operational reasons, **no club member must not enter this area under any circumstances**. We kindly ask all members to respect this rule and the staff who are working hard to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone. Entering staff-only areas creates unnecessary risks and places our bar team in a difficult position.

Please note that failure to follow this instruction may lead to further action being taken. Continued or repeated breaches may result in members being barred from the premises for non-playing purposes.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and well-run club.



AGM – Wednesday 24th June 8:30pm

Date for your diary, our AGM is set for Wednesday 24th June at 8:30pm. Full agenda to follow but will include:

- President's Opening Remarks & Apologies for Absence
- Approval of Previous Minutes and matters arising
- Financial Report
- Chairman's Report
- Rugby Report
- Appointment of Auditors and Bankers
- Resolutions
- Appointment of Executive Officers
- AOB
- President's Closing Remarks

Club shop

It may be coming to the end of the rugby season, but we are only just starting with the summer. Keep the sun out of your eyes with our new baseball caps arriving in the shop in the next week @ £10.



Open & Urgent Roles

- **Help Leafleting** – We have been notified that several people across the town don't realise that we have a rugby club at the heart of Harlow. To raise our profile over the summer we plan to deliver leaflets to several of the newer areas in Harlow as well as some of the areas around our club if you are willing to help deliver these leaflets please get in touch and we can assign an area to you.
- **Grants Manager** – Can you help us research and apply for grants? We have some key strategic projects where grant funding will be the difference between making these come alive or they remain ideas. There are resources available, but we need someone to coordinate applications. If you're interested, you'll have plenty of support from the Executive. As examples,
 - Grants are available for us to take opportunities hosting community events where the funding can be split across organisation, an event leader and facility rental.
 - Facility upgrades, in some cases grants are available for us to improve our facilities, this often involves matched funding.



URGENT: Rugby Management Roles

We are currently seeking a Chair of Rugby, but this role can be split into manageable parts. Could you help in one of these areas? If so, please get in touch with me.

- **Coaching Co-ordinator** – Ensure all our players have a positive experience at Harlow, following a curriculum supported by appropriate training.
- **Schools Co-ordinator** – Help us develop a vibrant schools programme, secure funding, and oversee its operation.
- **Walking Rugby Co-ordinator** – Could you help us re-launch walking rugby for the club?
- **Under 15s Head Coach** (*under 16s 2026/27*) – Our under 15s side folded in 2025/26 and we are looking resurrect the side link a phoenix being reborn. We have a core group of players that need a head coach to give them direction and help them grow participation and recruit new members from schools and the local community.
- **Chair of Rugby** – Oversee the above roles and help shape the future of rugby at Harlow. I am happy to mentor you or even share the responsibilities as you settle in.

Personal note

Wow what a season! **Thank you and well done** to all of you who have made these events and rugby happen, we simply couldn't do it without you!

It's our club if you want to make something happen for your team, section, group, ***please consider this your invite to make something happen*** and make a positive contribution. If you need some help, please ask and we can help point you in the right direction.

I look forward to seeing you around the club soon.

Paul Eynon

Chair & Interim Chair of Rugby

Harlow Rugby Club

