



**SUPPORTERS'  
CLUB**

**President: John Hall**

**“About Us”**

### **Bath Rugby Supporters' Club (BRSC)**

BRSC is one of the largest independent rugby supporters' clubs dating back over 25 years, having been formed in 1997, some 18 months after the game turned professional. Our aim then was to maintain links between the club, its players and the supporters during the amorphic period of early professionalism.

Prior to the game turning professional, rugby clubs relied upon their volunteers to act as an integral part of the club's management and structure - Bath Rugby was no different. Post professionalism brought new challenges to both the supporters and the clubs – the potential for a disconnect between the two was obvious and thus Bath Rugby Supporters' Club came into existence.

BRSC is and always has been, independent from Bath Rugby, a supporters' club run by supporters. Today we exist to identify, understand and promote the interests of Bath Rugby and our Members, providing services and activities for all who support Bath Rugby.

We are proud of our status as an independent supporters' club, and we are a separate entity from Bath Rugby Club with a separate membership scheme. We enjoy an excellent, and much appreciated working relationship with Bath Rugby.

We have a matchday gazebo, located in the supporter's village, which is staffed at each home game, from when the gates open to 30 mins before kick-off.

Allez Bath.

You can find out more about BRSC and how to join us on our website at [www.allez-bath.co.uk](http://www.allez-bath.co.uk)

## Bath Rugby Family

BRSC recognises and maintains a close working relationship with Bath Rugby, Bath Rugby Foundation, and the Bath Rugby Ladies teams. We provide feedback to the main club from a supporters' perspective, raise funds for the Foundation and actively support and sponsor the Ladies' teams.

## Charity Work

BRSC is proud of its fund-raising efforts and our members have generously donated to our chosen charities over the years. Last season we reinvigorated our charitable efforts which saw a very credible £3200 raised, a figure that was double our last pre-pandemic amount. We began a new partnership with Bath Rugby Foundation at the start of the 2023-24 season and they have become our permanent charity for the foreseeable future.

The bulk of our fundraising derives from raffles and a Lottery, and we are very grateful to Bath Rugby and local businesses who provide us with such fabulous prizes. Last season our portfolio of prizes included signed rugby shirts, hospitality with the Bath Rugby President, tickets for WOMAD 2024, a tour of Farleigh House and a tour of Peter Gabriel's recording studio in Corsham. In all we had nearly 30 prizes that members won, last season.

## BRSC Events

BRSC organises a variety of rugby specific events that are either free (to members) or have a small cover charge. Some of our recent events have been:

**Rugby World Cup Preview** with Ollie Lawrence, Cam Redpath, Nial Annett, Chris Clote, Louis Hennessy, and Fergus Lee-Warner

**Legends Evening** with John Hall, Jeremy Guscott, Nigel Redman and David Trick.

**Annual Awards.** The BRSC Awards evening is the highlight of our season. Each year we give out a number of awards, 7 of which go to players from Bath Rugby and Bath Rugby Ladies, these include, amongst others, Player of the Season, Try of the Season and Young Player of the Season. We announce the winner and where possible present the award in person at the Awards dinner. Tickets for the dinner, normally, held in August, have become a much sort after commodity and the evening provides our members with the opportunity to meet the players and coaches in a relaxed convivial environment.

## **Matchday Presence**

BRSC has a gazebo that is staffed at each home game. This is located on the outfield near the Swift Half.

## **Website**

A comprehensive website is maintained at [Allez-Bath.co.uk](http://Allez-Bath.co.uk), we keep the website updated with all our latest news.

## **Discounts**

BRSC has a close working relationship with local businesses, many of whom provide discounts to our members and help with sponsorship. A full list of discounts is on our website and range from food and drink establishments to local craft, gift, fashion and jewellery shops.

## **BRSC Committee**

BRSC is run by a committee of 12 volunteers who organise the events, operate the matchday BRSC gazebo, administer the club and its membership functions, negotiate discounts from local businesses and liaise with Bath Rugby Management, Bath Rugby Foundation and the Bath Rugby Ladies teams.

## **Farewell to Players and Staff**

BRSC likes to recognise long serving members of Bath Rugby and those who have been at the club for at least 5 years are given a small gift to say thank you, when they move on to pastures new. We normally present these pitch side after the last home game of the season.

## **Wider Rugby Forum**

BRSC partakes in the Premier Rugby Club supporters' forum which represents each Premiership Club. We have also provided pundits for local charity radio stations and provide the supporters' views to the local/national press and magazines.

## **2023-24 Events**

All events are notified to members by e-mail and will appear on our website. Bookings can be made via our membership platform, Membermojo (MM). See our [Guide](#) to MM

## **Cardiff Rugby v Bath Rugby**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Transport via coach and a match ticket for only £50pp (non-members £60pp).

### **Ask The Ref**

Date to be confirmed.

**Ask the Ref** is a member's favourite with the highly entertaining local ex-referee Tony Spreadbury. After retiring as an international referee, Tony went on to become the head of the RFU referees and is now EPCR Head of Match Officials, being head of the referees for European club competitions. This very amusing evening provides an insightful look at the game from the "man in the middle".

### **Legends Evening**

Date to be confirmed.

**David Trick** organises a great night with some of the past favourites from The Rec. This is a fundraising night for the Bath Rugby Foundations "Sponsor a student" program. Ticket price to be announced.

### **Annual Quiz**

Date to be confirmed.

Fierce rivalry between the teams makes this a fun night. Pit your wits against teams from Farleigh House and the Academy players.

Further events will be organised throughout the season. All events take place in the Clubhouse, at The Rec (unless otherwise advised).

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