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# London Cornish Rugby Club

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME 2023/24 SEASON

**REGIONAL 2 SOUTH EAST**

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

KO 2.15PM

## LONDON CORNISH v OLD REIGATIANS



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# Welcome

FROM THE PRESIDENT TONY "CRASH" LANDER

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Dear All

Today we welcome our friends from Old Reigatians to REMPF for our first home fixture of the season.

Both teams had contrasting fortunes last weekend in round 1 of this Regional 2 South East league. Old

R's ran out as comfortable winners against Sidcup, whilst we were unfortunate losers away to a strong-running Beckenham side, 36-31. I rarely comment on referees' decisions, but how the forward pass in the second half, which resulted in a converted try was not spotted by the ref, when he was up with play, is a mystery to me. At least we came away with a losing bonus point as well as a try bonus point for the five tries we scored in an entertaining encounter.

Old R's are no strangers to REMPF, in fact we have played against each other in league or cup fixtures on 19 occasions during Dickon's tenure as Director of Rugby, the most recent games being during the 16/17 season when we were both competing in London 2 South West, a level below where we currently are. We wish our guests an enjoyable afternoon at REMPF and look forward to hosting them at our clubhouse afterwards.

The season officially got under way on 1st September and I was privileged to be invited to accompany our longstanding Director of Rugby to the Volunteers of the Year Awards event at Twickenham, kindly sponsored by Honda. Dickon had been put forward for an award by Middlesex and was representing the CB against candidates from around the Country for the Unsung Hero Award. This was a humbling event celebrating all that is good about grassroots rugby with so many volunteers explaining what they do for their clubs, members and wider communities. Whilst Dickon didn't win the main prize in this category, he did win the favour of Natalie from Buckingham RFC.

Taking our under-fed DoR under her wing, the lovely lady badgered a somewhat bewildered waiter to ensure Dickon received a second main course as he was evidently still very hungry after the first. Tip for all players and coaches, get to the post-match pasties before Dickon does this afternoon.

Irrespective of last Saturday's result, it was great to see the players back on the pitch. I would like to welcome Reuben Salisbury, Fin Tweedie and Ciaran Johnson, all of whom made their debuts to the club, as well as Jamie Harris (son of '90s player, Paul), Nathan Smith and Tom Webb, who are making their debuts today. It was good to see Rory Ling in the black and gold again and I wish him and all players an enjoyable and injury-free season.

I would like to thank this season's principal sponsors, Gresham Street Partners and Wilton & Bain for very kindly and generously supporting the club. I hope we can offer you value, that you enjoy following the club and that you get involved in a number of our events during the season. We remain on the lookout for additional sponsors, so please contact me if you have an idea, however big or small.

Finally, I ask all those receiving this programme via GMS to consider how you can help the club to a greater extent than you currently do. Please consider coming and watching some of the matches at REMPF. Without doubt there is a direct correlation between the level of support and a positive result.

We usually always host a pre-match lunch to which everyone is welcome to attend. Reach out to me if you would like to. Pay a membership subscription of £60 or make a donation. All funds are very gratefully received. Most importantly, come down, have a laugh with old friends and enjoy our exciting brand of rugby. On that note I will sign off and hope to see you on the sidelines and in the clubhouse during the season.

Best wishes  
Crash

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# 2023/24 League Table

REGIONAL 2 SOUTH EAST

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Battersea Ironsides	1	1	0	0	80	7	73	1	0	5
2	Old Reigatian	1	1	0	0	33	7	26	1	0	5
3	Medway	1	1	0	0	31	17	14	1	0	5
4	Cobham	1	1	0	0	32	22	10	1	0	5
5	Beckenham	1	1	0	0	36	31	5	1	0	5
6	Reeds Weybridge	1	1	0	0	27	12	15	0	0	4
7	London Cornish	1	0	0	1	31	36	-5	1	1	2
8	Old Colfeians	1	0	0	1	22	32	-10	0	0	0
9	Old Alleynians	1	0	0	1	17	31	-14	0	0	0
10	Sutton & Epsom	1	0	0	1	12	27	-15	0	0	0
11	Sidcup	1	0	0	1	7	33	-26	0	0	0
12	Gravesend	1	0	0	1	7	80	-73	0	0	0

## Next Fixtures

REGIONAL 2 SOUTH EAST

### SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Cobham v Medway

Gravesend v Old Alleynians

London Cornish v Old Reigatian

Old Colfeians v Reeds Weybridge

Sidcup v Battersea Ironsides

Sutton & Epsom v Beckenham

### SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Battersea Ironsides v London Cornish

Beckenham v Old Colfeians

Medway v Gravesend

Old Reigatian v Sutton & Epsom

Reeds Weybridge v Cobham

Old Alleynians v Sidcup

## Last 1st XV Game

REGIONAL 2 SOUTH EAST

### SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Beckenham 36

London Cornish 31

2T – G Bromage

1T – F Tweedie

1T – R Salisbury

1T – M Edworthy

3C – F Robjohn

## Next Home Game

REGIONAL 2 SOUTH EAST

### SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

Old Alleynians – 2.15pm KO

## Keep up to date

 <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/londoncornishrffc>

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Welcome to the new season and a third new league in 3 seasons for London Cornish as we follow London 1 South and Regional 2 Thames with Regional 2 South-East, which sees us reconnecting with a few old

friends and lining up a couple of new league opponents too in Reeds Weybridge and Sidcup. Our 6th placed finish in Regional 2 Thames last season was the highest we have ever finished in the league structure and was followed by the 2s landing the Middlesex Merit Table Cup with a fantastic win against London Welsh Druids, a fine reward for everyone at the club.

In terms of ins and outs, the coaching team remains much the same as it did last season and, though we have lost a few players with a few moving away/abroad and Tony Pellow taking the step up to Esher, we have also recruited well with more to follow, a few lads blooded last week and a few more to follow today. We continue to be dogged in the early season by weddings, world cup holidays and iron man entries so the shape of the team may take a few weeks to settle down but as the narrow defeat last week demonstrated, we retain our competitiveness and our ability to land bonus points at will, much as we did last season where only Champions H&F landed more than LCRFC.

Reflecting on our 36-31 defeat at Beckenham last week, a key period either side of half time cost us when we conceded a penalty try, a charge down try and lost 2 players to the bin at the same time. We continued with our tremendous ability to finish games at a pace and you suspect that we could have turned it round with another possession but it wasn't to be – the hosts have clearly recruited well since last season (notably from Westcombe Park RFC) and might surprise a few sides on dry ground in the weeks ahead.

Today we welcome Old Reigatian back to the REMPF, them having been a regular opponent of ours until around 6 or 7 seasons ago. They began the season in tremendous fashion thumping Sidcup and will no doubt be ambitious to follow up in similar fashion today, so we will need to play with a little more control than we did last week if we are to carry the day. Welcome to OR's and their supporters and I hope you enjoy the pre and post match.

The sharper eyed amongst you will note that I am not pitch side today and this is one of the rare occasions in my tenure here that I am indeed missing, but not without good reason. I will be down at Camborne Rec this afternoon watching Camborne v Redruth as the pair go head to head in National 2 West league action for the first time in the same league since 1991, more than a decade before I took on the DoR role at Cornish. They are suspecting such a large crowd I have had to secure tickets in advance, though it helps that our Club Secretary here at LCRFC is a steward on match days at Camborne, though he did slightly begrudge having to pick up tickets for a chopper! I have my spies relaying scores to me however so twitter will be updated as will the final score on GMS.

You will no doubt have noticed that our programmes are no longer printed – this is simply a cost/waste issue as we felt that folks tend to discard the hard copies once they have read them and we could save a significant amount by using the digital versions instead. Perhaps one day when our finances allow, we can return to the printed versions and your feedback is always welcome, but for now we go digital.

The forecast is for today to be another burning hot afternoon so please do slap on the factor 50, wear a hat if not playing and rehydrate whenever you get the chance!

Enjoy the game and I will be back in person next time!

Dickon.

# Try Time (pt 1)

2ND SEPTEMBER 2023



# Today's Teams



## Home Team

### LONDON CORNISH RFC

#### STARTING XV

Mathew Hand	<b>1</b>
Ryan Abraham	<b>2</b>
Mark O'Leary	<b>3</b>
Tom Carr	<b>4</b>
Nathan Smith	<b>5</b>
Ed Fink	<b>6</b>
Tom Webb	<b>7</b>
Mark Osei-Tutu	<b>8</b>
Ciaran Johnston	<b>9</b>
Mike Edworthy	<b>10</b>
Robbie Mackay (Capt.)	<b>11</b>
Fin Tweedie	<b>12</b>
Kieran Rodda	<b>13</b>
George Bromage	<b>14</b>
Reuben Salisbury	<b>15</b>

#### REPS

James Harris	<b>16</b>
George Jackson	<b>17</b>
Ben Boorman	<b>18</b>

#### COACHING STAFF

Paul Spivey (Head Coach),  
Cameron Crozier (Coach),  
Gemma Hendry (Physio)



## Away Team

### OLD REIGATIANS RFC

#### STARTING XV

Reilly Franklin- Talbot ©	<b>1</b>
Ciaran Nestor	<b>2</b>
Toby Collister	<b>3</b>
Dan Grant	<b>4</b>
Dan Jones	<b>5</b>
Oli Brooks	<b>6</b>
Finlay Lock	<b>7</b>
Will Godwin	<b>8</b>
Harry Sergent	<b>9</b>
Conor Woods	<b>10</b>
Max Nicol	<b>11</b>
Tom Allen	<b>12</b>
Max Coyle	<b>13</b>
Aran Courtney – Walker	<b>14</b>
Lucas Overtoom	<b>15</b>

#### REPS

Ciaran Lee	<b>16</b>
Jonny Long	<b>17</b>
Elliot Anderson	<b>18</b>

#### COACHING STAFF

Doug Cooper (Head Coach)  
Craig Burgess (Attack Coach)  
George Head (Forwards Coach)  
Ian Repton (Physio)

#### MATCH OFFICIAL

Referee: Rob Hitch

# Try Time (pt 2) 2ND SEPTEMBER 2023

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# League Fixtures & Results 2023/24

September	Opponents		Results
2-Sep-23	Beckenham	A	L 36-31
9-Sep-23	Old Reigatians	H	
16-Sep-23	Battersea Ironsides	A	
23-Sep-23	Old Alleynians	H	
30-Sep-23	Medway	A	
<b>October</b>			
14-Oct-23	Gravesend	H	
21-Oct-23	Sidcup	A	
<b>November</b>			
4-Nov-23	Cobham	A	
11-Nov-23	Sutton & Epsom	H	
18-Nov-23	Old Colfeians	A	
<b>December</b>			
2-Dec-23	Reeds Weybridge	H	
9-Dec-23	Old Reigatians	A	
16-Dec-23	Battersea Ironsides	H	
<b>January</b>			
6-Jan-23	Old Alleynians	A	
13-Jan-23	Medway	H	
27-Jan-24	Gravesend	A	
<b>February</b>			
3-Feb-24	Sidcup	H	
17-Feb-24	Cobham	H	
<b>March</b>			
2-Mar-24	Sutton & Epsom	A	
16-Mar-24	Old Colfeians	H	
23-Mar-24	Reeds Weybridge	A	
<b>February</b>			
6-Apr-24	Beckenham	H	

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## THE 100 CLUB

The 100 Club is open to all members.

You commit to paying £5 each month by Standing Order on the 1st of each month into the club's account.

The monthly draw takes place on the first Saturday after the 14th of each month with tickets drawn from a tombola drum.

Each draw will consist of 3 winning tickets:

- 1. 30% of the total pot;**
- 2. 15% of the total pot;**
- 3. 5% of the total pot.**

The remaining 50% is retained by the club.

Details of the winning tickets and the total pot will be available each month on the website.

Please contact Jerry on [jerry\\_rogers1@outlook.com](mailto:jerry_rogers1@outlook.com) to participate and help the club.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

We ask that all members, wherever possible, pay an annual subscription of £60.

It goes without saying that any sum is gratefully received and goes a long way towards guaranteeing our future.

Bank details are below. If paying by bank transfer, then please add your name as a reference.

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# Dates for Diaries



The club is running a full programme of events throughout the season to which everyone is invited.

Please make note of the following:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>CONTACT / ORGANISER</b>
14th October	LCRFC Legends Lunch (many attendees already committed to this, more to follow shortly)	Will Carew-Gibbs william.carew-gibbs@hotmail.com James Turnbull jimmytumble@hotmail.com
14th October	Players' Social	David Chalkley davidchalkley10@outlook.com
11th November	Beer Festival	<i>Currently tentative</i>
2nd December	Players' Christmas Social	Players' Social Committee
13th January	Bill Sweeney (RFU CEO) Lunch	Crash Lander anthonylander@mac.com
3rd February	Players of the '00s reunion	James Turnbull jimmytumble@hotmail.com
17th February	Dukes' Lunch	Mike Lunn mike_aw_lunn@hotmail.com
16th March	'Gally's return' Lunch	Crash Lander anthonylander@mac.com
6th April	Ladies Day	tbc
A Saturday in May	End of Season Dinner	tbc

# Club History

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**London Cornish celebrated its 60th Anniversary last season, having been formed as Cornish Exiles in 1962 by a group of like minded men from God's Country, who met up in Fleet Street's Cock Tavern.**

The club changed its name to London Cornish shortly thereafter and played occasional fixtures in a variety of locations until moving to the current ground, the Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields in the late 1960's. These grounds have been rented to us every season since then by the Wimbledon & Putney Common Conservators. A Conservators rule forbids any matches kicking off later than 1415 on a Saturday. The club moved its training base to Rosslyn Park RFC's all weather surface in August 2016.

The advent of the League system saw London Cornish begin life in the Middlesex divisions, and there we stayed until 1997/98 when we transferred to Surrey. We steadily rose through the leagues in the noughties, and in our 54th season in 2016/17, after a decade spent at Level 7, produced a stellar unbeaten season to win London 2 South-West. 4 seasons at the Level 6 London 1 South have seen us consolidate our promotion. We remain at Level 6 for the 2022/23 season, but with the RFU's league reorganisation, we will find ourselves playing in Regional 2 Thames. Playing at Level 6 makes us the joint 5th highest ranked Cornish club behind the Pirates, Redruth, Camborne and Launceston. The club runs 3 teams most weekends during the season and have entered a Vet's team into the Middlesex Vet's league for the first time this season.

Our Director of Rugby, Redruth born Dickon Moon, begins his 21st season at the helm in 2023/24; he is very proud to have been part of the successful Bill Beaumont Cup Senior Cornwall County coaching set up in recent seasons. He is an Honorary Life Member of LCRFC.

We are an open club and our players are drawn from across the County and around the globe, but we remain true to our Celtic roots and are proud that plenty of Cornishmen play in all of our sides at the club. Our 3 sides also boast players from Britain and Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere around the globe.

The club crest is half the One-and-All Cornwall logo and half the red cross and sword on a white background of London and we proudly wear the black and gold colours of the Cornwall County XV. Permission for this was kindly granted by the patron of the Cornwall RFU, who is the late H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Most seasons since 1983 we have travelled to Cornwall to play for the Arthur Hunt Memorial Cup. While this used to be against the Cornwall Junior Cup Winners, with our steady progression through the leagues, from season 2010/11 the winners of the Cornwall Senior Cup hosted LCRFC. The trophy was given to the club by the widow of the late Arthur Hunt, who fulfilled most of the committee roles at the club during his time. Plans are afoot to relaunch the competition in the near future, with the help of our vibrant and active LCRFC Cornwall Supporters Group.

Entry to all our home matches remains free, and at league matches we also provide free programmes so supporters (and sponsors!) are hugely encouraged! From 2016/17, LCRFC hosted our opponents at Roehampton CC on Putney Common, a venue we can use exclusively each Saturday during the season.

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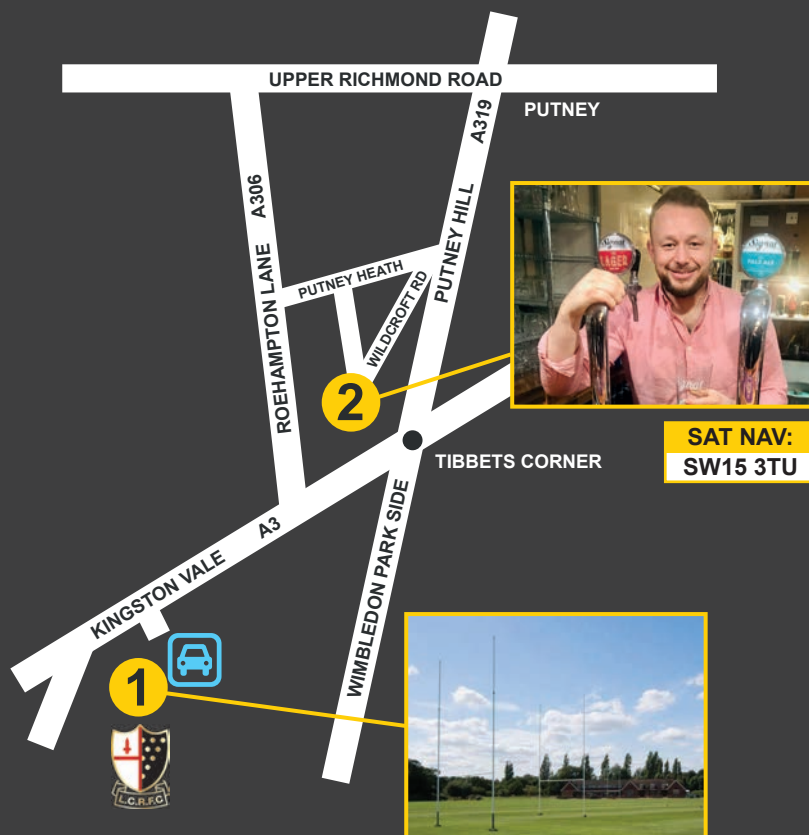
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## 2 The Clubhouse ROEHAMPTON CRICKET CLUB, TELEGRAPH RD, LONDON SW15 3TU

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Take the first exit toward Putney and then the first left onto Putney Heath. At the mini roundabout take left exit onto Wildcroft Road and drive 500 yards up the road to the junction with Telegraph Road. Drive past The Telegraph Inn on your right hand side through the track to the Roehampton Cricket Club on your left, where there is plenty of free parking.

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