



Maidstone Football Club  
The Mote  
Willow Way  
Maidstone  
ME15 7RN



SARACENS  
PARTNER CLUB

16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### **Volunteering Roles within the club**

*Dear MFC Member*

Maidstone Football Club is at a critical point in its history. A number of significant milestones are currently being addressed.

1. Our 50-year lease has come to an end and is in the process of being renegotiated.
2. An offer from one of our longstanding supporters, and Vice President, Paul Firmin, to move away from The Mote is being seriously considered. Although progress of this proposition has stalled, there remains a determination by both Mr Firmin and the club to bring the proposal to fruition.
3. The recently announced approach from Quinn Estates regarding an opportunity to move to a site at Detling is currently being investigated.
4. The membership of the club now stands at its highest ever, the Youth Section grows stronger year by year and the relatively new Ladies Section is a most welcome addition.
5. The Senior Section of the club is going through a period where numbers are fluctuating, making it increasingly difficult to field four teams on a regular basis.

Your committees, sub-committees and volunteers throughout the club work tirelessly to ensure that we maintain the high standards we set ourselves. However, as we grow, and the need to become more professional in the running of the club increases, we are finding it more difficult to cover the new roles that are necessary.

In the past, when volunteers have been required to assist with ad hoc tasks, members have stepped forward. It has not gone unnoticed that, in general, the same faces turn up every time. When we have put up the call to fill more permanent roles we have been unable to get members to come forward. This results in either important jobs not getting covered, or existing committee or club members shouldering more responsibility.

This situation concerns me. Firstly, because the shoulders of those carrying a number of jobs are beginning to sag, and secondly because vital roles are left vacant.

I am writing to each and every one of you as members of this prestigious rugby club to ask for your help. If you have any spare time, we have a job for you, be it selling programmes, or co-coordinating ground maintenance team, and a variety of things to do in between. Not all roles are enduring commitments, and for some jobs we are ideally looking for small teams to share the burden. I would

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like to invite you, if you wish to join our Volunteer Bank, to come along to a meeting in the clubhouse on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November commencing 7.30pm. I will outline the various jobs that are open or pending and we will try to match skills/interest to our list. And there could be free beer and pizza on the night.

I'm sure that what inhibits many of you from stepping forward is simply your belief that you, whilst possibly willing, do not have the ability to do the task. Believe me we have jobs capable of being done by anyone.

So come along. I look forward to seeing you then. To help with catering, could you let me know if you intend coming. Please email me [jimtinsley@talktalk.net](mailto:jimtinsley@talktalk.net). Please do not reply if you do not wish to attend. If you would like to but have other commitments on the night, please email me and I will get back to you.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

*Jim Tinsley*

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