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# Tigers Tribune

## Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association

David Evans, Club Administrator, awarded

### 'Club Volunteer of the Year'

David Evans, Club Secretary/Administrator for 19 years, backbone of the Executive Committee, very vocal supporter, our chief fundraiser and 'grant king' attended the Gloucestershire playing Fields Association AGM, on Tuesday 4th October (which was held at Newlands) with a number of the management committee. David was awarded the honour of GPFA 'Club Volunteer of the Year', which I must say is truly deserved. Without David's tireless work over the last 19 years, we probably would not be at Newlands, and calling this wonderful facility our home. Many congratulations, an honour he was really proud to receive.



David Evans receives award from Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Vice-President of Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association

## Barnstorming Volunteers from GE Aviation land at Newlands

Under the surveillance of Capt Mainwaring, 18 volunteers from GE got their hands dirty as part of a Community Volunteer programme, completing the main 'enhancement items', that were identified as 'summer jobs' needing attention. They included painting the main lounge, walls and radiators, cut and trimmed trees and hedges, mowed lawns. They then flew on to the viewing gallery to do some weeding.

The Club much appreciated the support from GE Aviation and hope that they will continue to enjoy our sport, business and social facilities.



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# Remembered with Honour

In Remembrance week, we remember our former players who served in two world wars.

Club crosses have been placed outside Westminster Abbey and the Garden of Remembrance in the Promenade. A wreath will be laid at the Cheltenham War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday 13 November.

This club will never forget its' war heroes and we will remember them forever at our three sites of tribute at Newlands Park.

Former town players Pte. Arthur Hayling (8th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment) and 2nd Lieut. Charles Lewis (1st/4th Battalion, London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers) were killed 100 years ago at the Battle of the Somme (1916).



Thiepval Memorial

## 'Player's Talk' – Towner's Family

When flanker Ben Townsend came off the sub's bench at Cirencester RFC in Cheltenham's Western Counties (N) League match on 22 October, he became the 1500th player to represent the Town 1st XV, since their formation in 1889.

28 year old Ben is the son of current club president David Townsend OBE, who joined the Tigers in 1993 in a coaching role.

Ben's brother Dan hooked for the club Colts

in 1991 and graduated to the United XV two years later.

Brother Matt captained Cheltenham Colts in 1994 and played full back for the premier side in 1997.

Ben commented, "I first played for the mini and juniors nearly 20 years ago. My dad is very proud that I have reached this milestone in the club's fantastic history."

L to R: David Townsend, Matt Townsend, Dan Townsend and Ben Townsend



## Gloucestershire Sports Awards

**Congratulations!**

**Cheltenham Rugby Club**

**Gloucestershire Sports Awards**

**'Community Club of the Year'**

**Finalist**

**Awards Ceremony**

**Thursday 17 November**

**Gold Cup Suite**

**Cheltenham Racecourse**

Other finalists include:

**Coach of the Year**  
Nigel Twiston-Davies

**Outstanding Services to Sport in Gloucestershire**  
Jonjo O'Neill

**Professional Sports Personality of the Year**  
Charlotte Dujardin

All members welcome to attend the ceremony at Cheltenham Racecourse. Black tie.

For bookings and further details, please contact David Evans. Tel 07970 713585



## YOUR CLUB



We urgently need to fill the following positions in the Club, volunteers kindly step forward. As we continue to grow we need some dedicated assistance to help with the following roles:

**Senior Men's 2nd Team Manager**

**Senior Ladies 2nd Team Manager**

**Colts/U126 Development Manager**

**Club Communications Officer**

More information available via David Evans, Club Administrator.

## Mr Dicky Jeeps CBE



Rugby legend Dicky Jeeps CBE died recently. He opened the Prince of Wales Stadium. Cheltenham RFC played there for 33 years before moving to Newlands Park.



## Ace Groundsman – Dave Lewis

Many thanks to Dave Lewis who has been helping to maintain our 19 acre grounds at Newlands Park this season.

Dave played for Cheltenham Town AFC 'Robins' from 1970 to 1980, scoring 293 goals in 525 games.

After a short spell at Gloucester City, he returned to the town club in 1982.

Since 1990, Dave managed a number of functions at Bishop's Cleeve AFC and completed 26 years service with them.

# Fashion icons are a big hit

Director of Rugby, Tom James and Forwards Coach, Dan Murphy (former Gloucester RFC), now with Harlequins, surprised punters as they stepped out on to the 'tiger' walk at Newlands, celebrating a stunning victory over Bristol Saracens, with the score Cheltenham 43 pts, Bristol Saracens 42 pts.

Whilst players donned the more traditional post-match white shirt and club tie, Tom and Dan looked slightly more fashionable!



# Three Tigers roars

We have started the Multi Use Games Area! or MUGA or Tigers Cage.

As per the Club's strategic plan agreed in February 2016, work has now commenced and we are aiming to have it up and running by January 2017.

A formal strategic supporting document and a 'communications' flyer will be on display shortly, with bookings details.

Watch this space.

Ratters and Towner

# Ladies Team

The Ladies started a new chapter in their development this season with a completely new Coaching set up. Tom Lindsay and Mat Protheroe coming into to steer the 1st XV, Laura Haines and Rez Armenia coming into Coach the U13, U15 and U18s.

The Ladies continue to perform in the Championship and are striving for a top 3 finish this season - which would be a great accomplishment with all the changes. Our second team has recently changed status to being a development team as we continue to get fresh new players joining the squad. Not only do we have new Coach's this staff, but the team has adopted a fresh way of playing, new Captain Emily Kingston is an ex England U20 and Gloucestershire University player.

No fewer than 5 of our girls made it into the U15 and U18 Gloucestershire County squad and our girls section continues to grow. We will be hosting a Pitch up an Play for U13 and U15



girls on the 13th November as well as some after School games on 21st November.

This season is one of change, we are building strong links in the community with the aspiration to build a lasting, sustainable Ladies club - No1 in Gloucestershire.

# Club Christmas Lunch

Saturday 10th December 2016

Start 11.45 for 12 noon

£20 per head – three course

After the match – cheeseboard, mince pies and coffee  
(we shall be playing Old Bristolians – Kick Off, 2.30pm)

All members welcome.

Please contact John Woodward

01242 210371 to book

# In Addition

Any comments, suggestions, copy for the next edition or anyone wanting to advertise in the Tigers Tribune please contact David Evans, Cheltenham Rugby Club, Club Administrator 07970 713585

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