

The Swan

New Year ... new pitch

As December rolled to a close the time came for us to move off the Recreation ground and find a new playing home. Our old pitch is still under going repairs and improvements with the help of Swanley Council, so we were starting from fresh.

Gen2 Property Ltd. were particularly helpful in arranging use of the old Hextable school playing fields as were **1SC Guarding Ltd (ACS)** in sorting out access for equipment and works.

So, with a few days before the first match **Brad Smith** and his team from **Swanley Council** sprung into action. A fantastic effort from them has produced a rugby pitch from scratch in just 6 days. Superb effort for which we are very grateful.



Brad, Gary and Jamie: just finished concreting in the post sockets – bang on target!

Mid-Season Review

Perhaps not quite the start that we had hoped for

	Team	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Shooters Hill I	9	6	0	3	257	128	129	28
2	Old Alleynian V	7	6	1	0	238	87	151	27
3	Sidcup IV	8	5	0	3	212	112	100	23
4	Westcombe Park III	8	4	1	3	140	157	-17	22
5	Swanley I	9	4	0	5	180	191	-11	21
6	Beckenham V	8	4	0	4	168	155	13	20
7	Beccehamian III	9	4	0	5	143	165	-22	19
8	Charlton Park III	8	4	0	4	199	211	-12	18
9	Erith I	9	2	0	7	48	269	-221	14
10	HSBC II	9	2	0	7	191	301	-110	12

January 2019

but the new league has proved tougher than expected. Made up of some very established clubs with strength in depth to select from we have won 4 of our 9 games to date leaving us in a respectable mid table position.

That said, there are still only 7 points between us and league leaders Shooters Hill with 9 games to go. Of those 9 games 7 will be played at home which has meant that we have spent a lot of time on the road (specifically the dreaded south circular) which always has a negative effect on squad availability.

It's a strongly contested league in which a number of teams will still see themselves as contenders so the next few games will be vital.

Fixtures

January

- 12th Becchamians 3 Home 2.00pm
26th Westcombe Park 3 Away 2.00pm

February

- 9th HSBC 2 Home 2.30pm
16th Beckenham 5 Home 2.30pm

March

- 2nd Erith Home 2.30pm
9th Old Alleynians 5 Home 2.30pm
23rd Sidcup 4 Home 2.30pm
30th Charlton Park 3 Home 2.30pm

April

- 6th Shooters Hill Away 2.30pm



We are also in the Plate competition with our next fixture to be arranged.

If you are coming to watch the address is:

Howard Centre, 39 Egerton Avenue, Swanley, BR8 7LG. Park up and follow the signs or the big lads in shorts to the pitch!

Post-match frivolities are held at the Red Lion Swanley village.



Swanley Village, Swanley BR8 7NF

Youth

Our youth section continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 10.00am and good fun is had by all.

The coaches work hard to introduce juniors to rugby in a fun and safe environment.



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