



Northumberland Rugby Union Newsletter

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Spain's Women's XV v Northumberland Presidential Women's XV - 6th Dec @ WBR RFC

Northumberland is to play host to an international training camp for Spain's Women's XV in early December. Currently ranked 9th in the world, NRU continues to work closely with Spain's national squad as a result of the Rugby World Cup 2015 legacy programme and have assisted them to improve their game and organisation. The team will arrive on 3rd Dec and receive coaching at Northumbria Uni & Newcastle Falcons, culminating in an opposed training session at Novos on 5th Dec @ 7pm and a friendly match against Northumberland President's Womens XV on Thursday, 6th Dec 2018 at Whitley Bay Rockcliff at 7.30pm. We urge you all to come along and support - it's not often our County gets the chance to play a national side!



**Wishing you all a rucking good
Christmas and 2019 from all at
Northumberland Rugby Union**



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Tynedale Panthers U15s

Team of the Month Winners - October 2018

Huge congratulations to Tynedale Panthers U15s for winning Team of the Month Award for October. Read more about the team [here](#) and why they were worthy winners. They win 20 tickets to the European Challenge Cup courtesy of Newcastle2019.com. Remember nominations are now open for November, [just click here for more details and enter your team.](#)

Our very own 'Unsung Hero of Sport'

On 27 Nov Gosforth stalwart and Club President, John Tucker, was presented with an 'Unsung Heroes of Sport' award by Sport Newcastle. This award recognises that few sports people would achieve their ambitions were it not for the unsung volunteers who work behind the scenes. John's award reflects his long service both to Gosforth FC [now Newcastle Falcons] and the fledgling Gosforth RFC and the enormous amount of work he has undertaken looking after the pitches and match day arrangements. [For the full story click here](#)



John Tucker
Gosforth RFC

Upcoming Events

- **2 Dec** – County U18s v Cumbria @ Penrith @ 2pm
- **5 Dec** – Spain's Women's XV opposed training @ Novos @ 7pm
- **6 Dec** – Northumberland Presidential Women's XV v Spain's Women's XV match at WBR @ 7.30pm
- **12 Dec** – Senior Cup Semi Final – Ncle Uni v Morpeth @ Novos @ 7.00 pm
- **16 Dec** – County U18s v Cheshire @ Preston Grasshoppers @ 1.15pm (North Festival)
- **21 Dec** – Senior Plate Final – North Shields v Ponteland @ KP @ 7.30 pm



Terry O'Neill
County Treasurer

'Under the Posts' with Terry O'Neill – NRU County Treasurer

Which Club did you first play for and what position?

Whilst at school I joined Ponteland, playing school rugby in the morning and club rugby in the afternoon at openside flanker, then 4 years at Headingley before returning to Ponteland as a scrum-half.

What's been your most memorable rugby match?

The 1980 England grand slam win at Murrayfield for Bill Beaumont's team & with some Ponteland friends 'scoring a try' on the pitch at midnight after a night in the Murrayfield clubhouse!

What's your rugby highlight?

Coaching 8-18 yr olds at Morpeth & County - seeing them develop as players, capped by the honour of being County President.

What's your aspiration for rugby in Northumberland?

Long term financial sustainability for clubs with increased number of teams.

What was your profession?

Retired company director responsible for unit management and international business development.

What do you do to relax after a busy day?

Gardening and DIY, followed by a good glass of whiskey!

What are you looking forward to most in the next 12 months?

Enjoying my rugby role supporting the County and my family.



Wallsend U12s take to the hallowed turf of Twickenham

As part of the Quilter Kids First campaign, Wallsend RFC were invited to Twickenham in November to play a game of touch rugby on the pitch at Twickenham before the England v New Zealand match against Scarborough RFC. They then acted as guard of honour as the players came out and finished their exciting day by watching the match. This tremendous experience has left an indelible mark on both the players and the coaches and will be a day that none of them will ever forget. [Click here to read more ...](#)

Value Recognition Award for Douglas Hamilton

Congratulations to Douglas Hamilton, who was recently invited to Twickenham to receive an award as a Valued Volunteer, as part of the Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer Recognition Programme. Many of you will know Douglas from his numerous volunteer activities at Tynedale and also his involvement with NRU. Douglas thoroughly enjoyed his day at Twickenham and getting to meet Eddie Jones.



Douglas Hamilton with Eddie Jones

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