



Northumberland Rugby Union Newsletter

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'Stronger in Union'



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A very special coaching session with Eddie Jones

We're delighted to say that two of our coaches, Alan Gardiner of Alnwick RFC and Duke McIntyre of Wallsend RFC, were invited at the end of July to a very special coaching session with Eddie Jones. Both recently nominated in the Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer Recognition scheme, this invite saw Alan and Duke gaining invaluable knowledge, contacts and experience from both Eddie and the other attendees. [Click for full story](#)



Duke and Alan pictured with Eddie Jones



A ladies' touch at Tynedale RFC!

Teams from Tynedale, Novos, Alnwick, Ravens Barbarians and Houghton Loo Barbarians enjoyed a ladies' touch rugby festival organised and held at Tynedale on 29th July. The event was a huge success and played with great pace and enthusiasm by all sides, with Novos winning the trophy on the day! We think it's great to see so many women getting involved with rugby in Northumberland!

From Northumberland to World Cup final in 18 months

Will Muir is currently enjoying a highly successful rugby career, having been selected for England Sevens in recent international tournaments during the 2017/18 season. At NRU we're delighted for Will and feel very proud to have been part of his rugby journey whilst he played for the Northumberland Senior Men's team. [Click for the full story ...](#)



Will Muir



Alnwick RFC U15s picking wild oats to fundraise

Turning Japanese at Alnwick RFC

An ambitious plan by Alnwick RFC boys U15's coach, Gavin Ellis, to take the team and parents to the RWC in Japan 2019 is well underway. Gavin, fellow coaches, players and parents are all actively involved with some inventive fundraising to make this dream come to fruition. So far they've picked wild oats and shovelled 30 tonnes of chicken muck, with a dinner dance organised for October. Good luck with your fundraising and keep us posted!

Upcoming Events

- **16 Sept** – The Protector Group Friendly Festival – U16s @ Percy Park @ 10.30 am
- **16 Sept** – The Protector Group Friendly Festival – U15s @ Rockcliff @ 10.30 am
- **17 Sept** – NRU General Meeting @ Alnwick @ 6.30 pm
- **19 Sept** – Senior Cup Quarter Final – Northumbria Uni v Newcastle Uni – venue/time tbc
- **23 Sept** – The Protector Group Friendly Festival – U14s @ Rockcliff @ 10.30 am
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"It means a lot to me to represent the county and be part of such a growing and exciting set up." Member of Senior Women's County Team



Trevor Morrison
NRU President

'Under the Posts' with the NRU President – Trevor Morrison

Why do you enjoy rugby so much?

Rugby has been a part of my life since I was 13 years old and I have gained many lifelong friends.

Which Club did you first play for?

Northern was my first and the only club I played for from 14yrs old and started at 2nd Row before moving to No.8.

What's been your most memorable rugby match?

Winning a Cup final for Northern Panthers against Blyth in the early 70s, which took place at the old County Ground.

Why did you want to become president of NRU?

I did not have any thoughts of becoming President, however I am proud and honoured to do so.

What do you do to relax?

What's relaxing?

What is your profession?

Now retired but I was a Plumbing and Heating Contracts Manager/ Estimator.

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

Visiting all the Clubs in the County and meeting old friends again.

Putting your boots back on

Ray Hill, aged 52 years and 107 days, has just put his boots back on for Percy Park RFC after nearly 26 years, proving you're never too old to still play. We caught up with Ray and asked him how and why he decided to get back involved with the beautiful game.

[Read his story here ...](#)

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