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**RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Silver Jubilee  
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Official Opening of New Clubhouse

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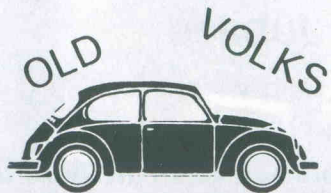
As well as celebrating our Silver Jubilee - the Club was founded in the Bird-in-Hand, Chinnor in 1963 - the day marks the opening of our new £170,000 clubhouse.

A full weekend's programme culminates in today's match between a Chinnor XV and an Invitation side from Cardiff RFC.

We are, as many of you will already know, an ambitious Club, but one dedicated to the principles of rugby, which can be summed up as the participation, the enjoyment and the comradeship of the game, without losing sight of the importance of winning. We are committed to the development of rugby at Chinnor, and as well as fielding seven senior teams including veterans and colts, we run a full complement of mini and junior sides.

Whether a player or a spectator, the committee of Chinnor Rugby Football Club wish you an enjoyable day, and are pleased to welcome you to this unique occasion in the life of the Club.

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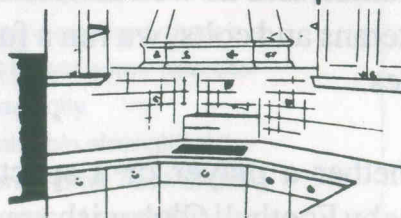
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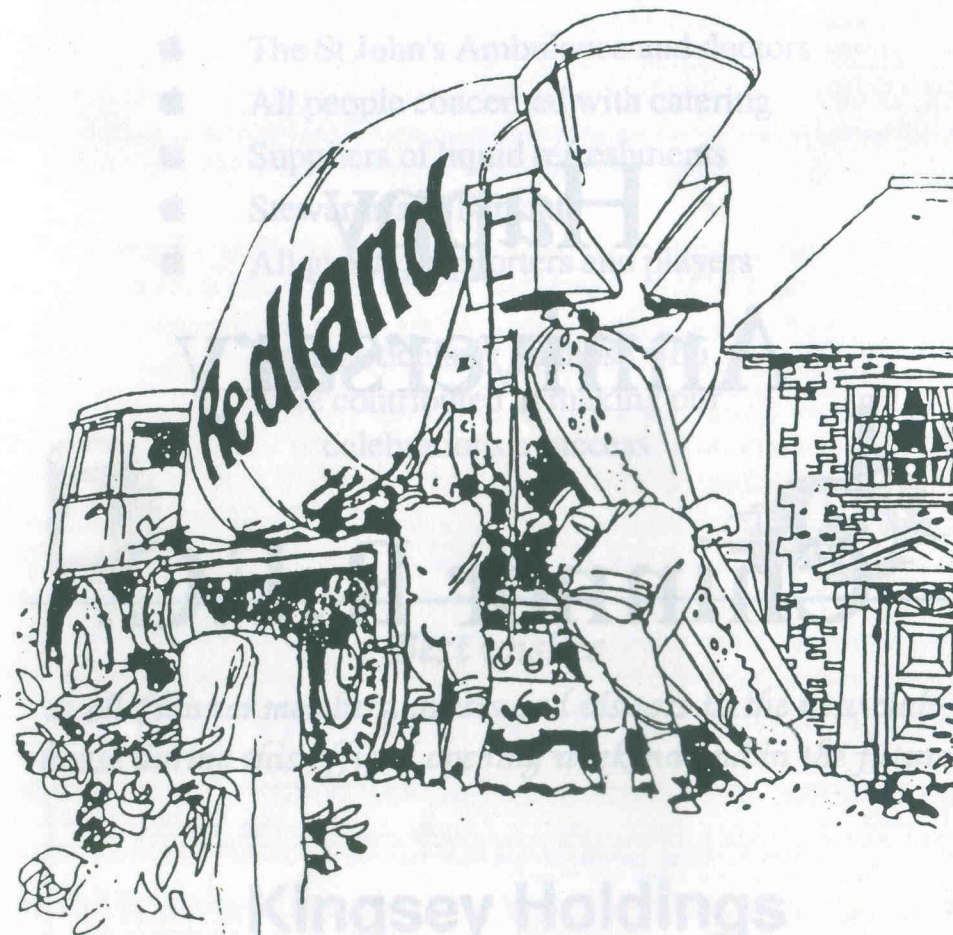


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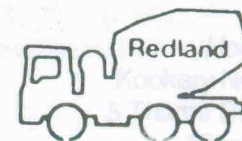
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## Chinnor move into Towersey

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*"... After the last AGM the new Committee were very conscious of the lasting effect they would have on the future development of the Club. The previous season had been outstanding in every way. We had purchased a building, disassembled, transported, and stored it in Chinnor, and negotiations had started with the Towersey Playing Field Management Committee. Profits from our social activities were much higher than in previous years, and playing records were indeed records. The Club had been excellently publicised on local radio, and in both local and national newspapers, and an unparalleled tour had been enjoyed in Hoylake. We were however beginning to lose the support of the Vice-Presidents, and it was becoming increasingly obvious that we had outgrown our present facilities. ..."*

*"... Whitbreads, the purveyors of the ales whom we seem likely to*

*continue with, have offered a substantial loan towards the fitting out of the bar and clubroom. In effect the loan will lessen as more beer is drunk. An added to all good clubmen, perhaps? ..."*

*"... The Clubhouse progresses, but not as quickly as necessary ... it would appear that Austin Matthews needs to ... trip lightly between the pile of bricks exhorting the wrath of the gods to exorcise a certain proportion of people from their mid-morning slumber to enable them to appear at working parties ..."*

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*"... We enter the season as always with certain changes, the greatest being that this year we have (we*

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<b>Steve Prosser</b>	<i>Chinnor, Sale &amp; Oxfordshire</i>
<b>Patrick Jobson</b>	<i>Chinnor</i>
<b>Dominic Byrne</b>	<i>Chinnor</i>
<b>Mike Poulson</b>	<i>Henley, Leicester &amp; Oxfordshire</i>
<b>Johnny Vaughan</b>	<i>Chinnor, Henley &amp; University College Cardiff</i>
<b>Mark Rose</b>	<i>Aylesbury, Wasps &amp; England 'B'</i>
<b>Tim Bell</b>	<i>Harlequins, Public School Wanderers &amp; Middlesex</i>
<b>Neale Provan</b>	<i>Chinnor, Harlequins &amp; Oxfordshire</i>
<b>Gary Porter</b>	<i>Chinnor &amp; Buckinghamshire</i>
<b>Mike Gibson</b>	<i>London Irish, Ireland &amp; The Barbarians</i>
<b>Gary Pudwell</b>	<i>Chinnor, Northampton &amp; Buckinghamshire</i>
<b>Jimmy Mark</b>	<i>Chinnor &amp; Oxfordshire</i>
<b>Martin Hoble</b>	<i>Harlequins, Middlesex &amp; The Barbarians</i>
<b>Ian Seymour</b>	<i>Chinnor</i>
<b>Bryn Evans</b>	<i>Chinnor</i>
<b>David Hampden</b>	<i>Chinnor</i>
<b>Sean Reid</b>	<i>Chinnor</i>
<b>Robbie Jones</b>	<i>Chinnor &amp; London Welsh</i>
<b>Paul Buckland</b>	<i>Chinnor, Exeter University &amp; Buckinghamshire</i>
<b>Richard Jarvis</b>	<i>Chinnor</i>
<b>Warren Churms</b>	<i>Chinnor Exeter University &amp; Letchworth</i>





# Chinnor

Eddie Young

Paul Hancock  
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Dominic Byrne

Mike Poulson  
Johnny Vaughan

Mark Rose  
Tim Bell  
Neale Provan

Gary Porter  
Mike Gibson †

Gary Pudwell  
Jimmy Mark  
Martin Hoble

*Replacements:*

Sean Reid  
Dave Hampden  
Warren Churms  
Robbie Jones

Richard Jarvis  
Paul Buckland  
Bryn Evans  
Ian Seymour

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Full Back

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Centre  
Wing

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Flanker

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Second Row

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Prop

Referee  
John Burton

† Denotes International

# Cardiff



*From:*

Steve Blackmore †  
Justin Burnell  
Richie Collins †  
Gerald Cordle  
Steve Crandon  
Tim Crothers  
Malcolm Dacey †  
John Dunleavy  
Mark Edwards  
Dai Evans  
Ceri Thomas  
Ray Giles †  
Owen Golding  
Ian Greenslade  
Kevin Hopkins †  
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Alun Philips †  
Mike Rayer  
Mark Ring †  
Gareth Roberts †  
Mark Rowley  
Howard Stone  
Jeff Whitefoot †



## The Cardiff Team

Steve Blackmore	Cardiff & Wales
Justin Burnell	Cardiff & Welsh Youth
Richie Collins	Cardiff, Wales & The Barbarians
Gerald Cordle	Cardiff
Steve Crandon	Cardiff & Wales B'Squad
Tim Crothers	Cardiff, Glamorgan and Crawshays
Malcolm Dacey	Cardiff, Wales, The Barbarians & British Lions
John Dunleavy	Cardiff & Welsh Youth
Mark Edwards	Cardiff & Cross Keys
Dai Evans	Cardiff, Oxford University & Wales U23
Ceri Thomas	Cardiff & Welsh Youth
Ray Giles	Cardiff, Wales & The Barbarians
Owen Golding	Cardiff, Glamorgan & Crawshays
Ian Greenslade	Cardiff, Glamorgan & Crawshays
Kevin Hopkins	Cardiff, Wales & The Barbarians
Geraint John	Cardiff, Wales B' & World XV
Andy Moore	Cardiff & Welsh Schools U19
Richard Mynott	Cardiff & Welsh Schools U19
Robert Norster	Cardiff, Wales, The Barbarians & British Lions
Mike Parry	Cardiff & Welsh Youth
Alun Philips	Cardiff, Wales, The Barbarians & British Lions
Mike Rayer	Cardiff & Wales B'
Mark Ring	Cardiff, Wales & The Barbarians
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## **Chinnor move into Towersey** (continued)

*hope) a home of our own. While trying not to dwell on the miseries of non-support on this venture, we have still a great deal of work to be done. It must be stressed at this point that the great bulk has been completed, but as we all know the finishing touches take a surprisingly long time. Your support would be welcome ..."*

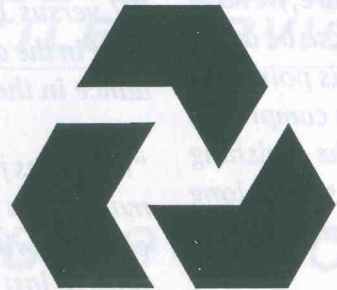
*"... The Clubhouse appears to be the godsend it was purported it would be, excepting the generally unfinished state, and of course the heating. The bar is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights, Saturday nights and Sunday morning and night. Takings are high, much to the credit of the hardworking bar committee. On the subject of work, as we are now employing a cleaner, much of the after-match cleaning duties will be nullified, but a list of finishing-off jobs is now being drawn up. Each member will be given his particular task to do, and will be expected to complete this within the next two weeks.*

*"A tentative date of Sunday, November 19th has been arranged as the official opening day. This will*

*take the form of a cheese and wine party at midday, followed a Chinnor XV versus Public School Wanderers [sic] in the afternoon, ending with a dance in the evening.*

*"News has just reached us of confirmation of a loan from the RFU, and coupled with the other grants reported last month we are at the moment in what I presume to be a state of financial euphoria. Alas, not so reports our harassed Treasurer with dewlap lip and moistening "Bills", he murmurs in mortified tones "are mounting". This of course leads very nicely to a subscription, which are now due"*

*There cannot be many Clubs who can boast two momentous occasions such as these, where through their own efforts, they have been able to build their own Clubhouse, twice, within twenty years. We should not perhaps become too carried away trying to learn lessons from a past, and altogether dissimilar set of circumstances, but we can at least enjoy the irony implicit in the above excerpts.*



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We offer our congratulations to Chinnor Rugby Club on their Silver Jubilee and the completion of their new clubhouse, and are pleased to be associated with this celebratory match

## Chinnor RFC - A Brief History

Chinnor RFC was founded in the Bird-in-Hand, Chinnor in 1963 by Frank Angel and a disparate collection of drinking associates. Rugby Clubs and local breweries have always been closely interlinked, and Chinnor RFC is no exception. In fact the motif of Chinnor RFC, which is displayed on a range of publications, ties and trophies, is drawn from the sign of the pub, and recalls the Club's origins.



During the early years facilities were spartan: teams changed in the Chinnor Reading Room, and two tin baths were available for the players. Social activities after the game took place initially in the Bird and later at the Crown.

As the Club expanded it acquired the use of White's field in Chinnor for matches and Bledlow Cricket Club fulfilled the role of changing-

rooms and clubhouse. Unfortunately these were about two miles from the pitch, not an attractive prospect in mid-winter!

The first major landmark was reached in 1970, when the Club obtained a lease on two pitches, increased on a temporary basis to three, at Towersey Playing-Fields near Thame. A condition of the lease was that Chinnor were to provide a clubhouse and changing facilities. In 1971 the old clubhouse, a wooden building, originally an army hut, was opened, and Chinnor RFC had its own albeit modest home for the first time. The clubhouse immediately proved to be successful - in fact its very success has played a major part in the need to provide larger and better standards of accommodation.

On the playing side, Chinnor's outstanding achievement came in 1977, when they won the Oxfordshire Cup for the first time and represented the County in the John Player Cup, the youngest club ever to do so. After winning one round against Lewes, Chinnor were narrowly beaten by United Services, Portsmouth. In

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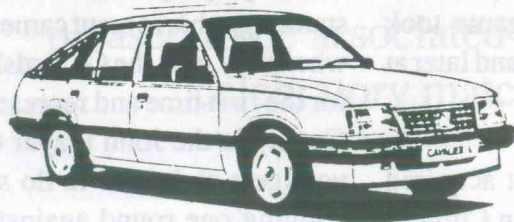
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more recent times the 1st XV contested the final of the Oxfordshire Cup again in 1985, being narrowly beaten, 12-17, by our great friends and rivals, Henley.

The Club regularly runs seven sides including veterans and colts, the last of which has won its version of the County Cup in 1982, 1984 and 1986, and has featured in several other finals. Much of this success has grown from the emphasis the

Club has placed on Mini and Junior rugby, with well over one hundred boys (and girls!) training and playing on Sunday mornings.

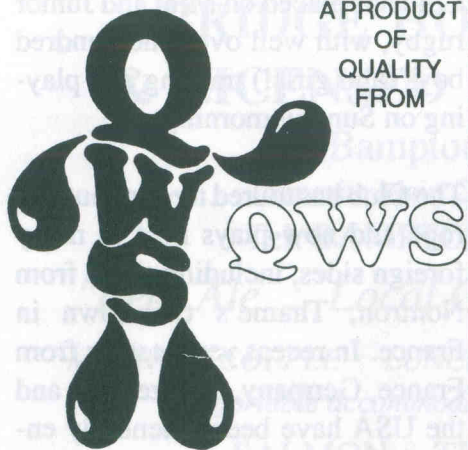
The Club has toured throughout Europe and now plays host to many foreign sides, including those from Nontron, Thame's twin-town in France. In recent years teams from France, Germany, Switzerland and the USA have been splendidly entertained in Chinnor's clubhouse.

## The Coming of Age

It will be apparent that Chinnor RFC has come a long way in its 25 years. While every club looks back with fond memories on its early formative years, it is to the present and the future that our energies must be applied. As the Club approaches its 25th birthday, we can have confidence in our potential because of the enthusiasm and commitment of our members. Its eventual level of achievement will be determined mainly by the standard of our new facilities and the quality of our surroundings.

It is as a result of its continued success that the Club now owns bigger and better facilities for the nineties and beyond. Chinnor has established a reputation for hospitality that is second to none, and our new clubhouse will enable us to attract more players and allow us to reach greater levels of achievement.

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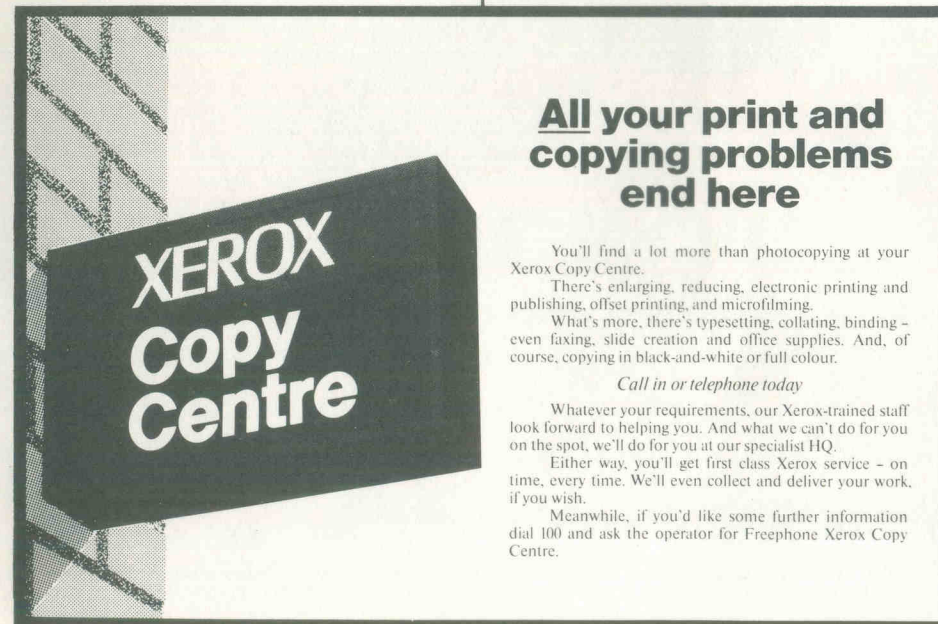
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