

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was a long wait from my election in March last year to finally beginning to act in the role of Council Member in August; though I was not idle, as you will see from the diary below. In fact, it has been an incredibly busy first season for me as your RFU Council member. So thank you to all those clubs and committee members that voted for me last year and all those people who, individually, expressed their support. Thank you also, for allowing me the privilege of representing you for a second season.

I shall continue to try my utmost to support and assist all Leicestershire clubs in the coming season and to support the interests of the County as a whole.

I said that it had been an incredibly busy year; one of the reasons for this was that, unusually for a first year Council Member (when one is more usually left to tour the various committees to see which takes one's fancy) I was asked to join the new Corporate Governance Code Working Group at Twickenham. This Group was being formed expressly to examine the Government's new mandatory governance code for National Sport Governing Bodies (NGB's) and determine the RFU's response. As it turned out, the Group has been really busy, meeting for days already – and we aren't done yet!

As I did last season I shall continue to visit local clubs at weekends to watch games and chat to committee members and club members alike. Please look out for me and make yourselves known and if you'd like me to come to a match, a meeting or some other function please do let me know as early as possible.

Going forward, please look out for more details on:

- the Corporate Governance Code Working Group proposals, which will culminate in SGM in November
- further detail on the Payment of Players regulation changes
- more GMS improvements
- the player passport app

This is how my season panned out:

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 6 April 2016	LRU General meeting at Belgrave RFC	Attended
Saturday 9 April 2016	Pre-match lunch Market Harborough RFC v Oadby Wyggestonian RFC	Guest of Market Harborough RFC for lunch
Monday 11 April 2017	Women's and Girls' Forum	Attended
Thursday 14 April 2016	LRU Discipline Panel Hearing	Chaired panel hearing

Friday 15 April 2016	LSRUR Annual Dinner	Attended with Discipline Panel
Saturday 16 April 2016	Oadby Wyggestonian RFC v Melton Mowbray RFC	Watched league fixture
Sunday 17 April 2016	LRU Discipline Panel Hearing (Junior Citing) And LRU Junior Finals Day, at Oakham RFC	Chaired panel hearing followed by watching the games
Wednesday 20 April 2016	LRU Management Committee meeting, Ramada Wigston	Attended
Thursday 21 April 2016	LRU Discipline Panel Hearing	Chaired panel hearing
Saturday 23 April 2016	LRU Finals Day at South Leicester RFC	Attended to support event
Sunday 24 April 2016	LRU Junior Finals Day, at Oakham RFC	Attended to support event
Wednesday 27 April 2016	LRU/RFU Energy Evening at Leicester Forest RFC	Attended event
Friday 29 April 2016	Meeting with RDO, Jenna Bonser and Rugby Development Manager for Area 4, Alan Royer at The Marriott Hotel Junction 21	Initial briefing meeting
Saturday 30 April 2016	OWRFC President's Day Lunch/Match	Attended event
Sunday 1 May 2016	Ladies Day event at Leicester Forest RFC v Yorkshire	Attended event
Wednesday 4 May 2016	RFU Competitions Meeting at Syston RFC	Attended
Friday 6 May 2016	Market Harborough RFC Annual Dinner	Guest of Market Harborough RFC for dinner
Saturday 7 May 2016	Leicestershire ats Durham at Gateshead	Travelled away to support the senior LRU XV
Sunday 8 May 2016	LRU Management Committee Away day at Ramada Wigston	All day planning exercise
Saturday 14 May 2016	Leicestershire ats East Midlands at Northampton	Travelled away to support the senior LRU XV
Friday 20 May 2016	RFU Area Facilities Manager, Pete Shaw meeting in South Croxton Followed by: LRU Presentations Dinner, Cosby GC	Attended  Attended
Saturday 21 May 2016	Leicestershire v Northumberland	Supported the senior LRU XV

Wednesday 25 May 2016	Season review meeting and dinner with RFU Community Rugby Director, Steve Grainger and Council Member, Malcolm Wharton in Lutterworth	Attended
Thursday 26 May 2016	Discipline Panel end of season curry, Leicester	Attended
Wednesday 1 June 2016	LRU Management Committee meeting, Ramada Wigston	Attended
Thursday 2 June 2016	Pre – RFU Council meeting discussion on draft PRL Agreement, Kensington	Attended at request of Malcolm Ross, whose last Council meeting this was
Friday 2 June 2016	RFU Council meeting and RFU AGM, Kensington	Attended as alternate for Malcolm Ross
Wednesday 15 June 2016	LRU PFR Planning meeting, Ramada Wigston	Attended
Wednesday 22 June 2016	LRU AGM, Belgrave RFC	Attended
Thursday 14 July 2016	LRU Management Committee meeting	Attended
Thursday 11 August 2016	AGP discussion with Pete Shaw and Club representatives	Attended
Monday 15 August 2016	LRU Management Sub-Committee Chairs meeting, Ramada Wigston	Attended
Wednesday 31 August 2016	Informal discussion and dinner with new Council Members, Twickenham	Organised
Thursday 1 September 2016	Council Members' Induction at Twickenham. A full day with two out of three of the other new Council Members; meeting Directors and team leaders responsible for different areas of the RFU's operation and being briefed on activities and operations	Attended
Saturday 3 September 2016	London Double Header Twickenham	Hosted LRU Chairman and spouse as guests
Monday 5 September 2016	LRU Women's and Girls Strategy meeting at Coalville RFC: Urgent meeting to address the need for a defined strategy to help grow the female game in the County	Attended
Thursday 8 September 2016	LRU Management Committee meeting at Ramada Wigston	Attended
Saturday 10 September 2016	Hinckley v Sale and clubhouse opening	Guest of Hinckley RFC for lunch at the official opening

		of their new clubhouse
Thursday 15 September 2016	Meeting Jenna Bonser and Luke with the representatives of a Leicestershire Club to discuss accreditation	Attended
Thursday 22 September 2016	RDO Jenna Bonser and Alan Royer meeting in Loughborough	To discuss the RDO Focus work
Sunday 2 October 2016	LRU Clubs' Conference, College Court	Attended to talk to club representatives
Monday 3 October 2016	Women's and Girls' Forum meeting at Coalville RFC	Attended
Saturday 8 October 2016	Argentina v Australia	Hosted member of Oadby Wyggestonian RFC
Friday 14 October 2016	RFU Council meeting, Twickenham	Attended
Sunday 23 October 2016	NFL: New York Giants v Los Angeles Rams	Hosted LRU Competitions Officer
Saturday 12 November 2016	England v South Africa	Hosted family and LSRUR Secretary
Saturday 19 November 2016	England v Fiji	Hosted LRU Press and PR Officer
Saturday 26 November 2016	Family wedding	Away weekend
Saturday 3 December 2016	England v Australia – Unable to attend as recovering from surgery.	Provided Secretary of Oadby Wyggestonian RFC with match and meal tickets
Sunday 4 December 2016	LRU Women's and Girls' Tournament, Syston RFC – Unable to attend as recovering from surgery.	
Saturday 10 December	South Leicester RFC v Luctonians and pre-match luncheon	Attended as a guest
Tuesday 27 December 2016	Harlequins v Gloucester	Family trip
Friday 6 January 2017	Corporate Governance Code Working Group at Twickenham	Attended afternoon meeting

Tuesday 24 January 2017	RWC Area 4 Legacy meeting and dinner, Falcon Hotel, Uppingham	Attended evening meeting
Monday 30 January 2017	LRU Planning, Funding and Reporting (PFR) meeting in Wigston	Attended evening meeting
Friday 3 February 2017	RFU Council dinner to entertain the FRU Committee, Syon Park House	Attended
Saturday 4 February 2017	England v France	Hosting personal guests
Wednesday 8 February 2017	EGM of the LRU Management Committee	Attended evening meeting
Friday 10 February 2017	WRU Council dinner at Millennium Stadium	Attended as a Guest
Saturday 11 February 2017	England vs Wales	Away weekend
Saturday 18 February 2017	Ashby v Buxton league fixture at Ashby	Attended
Thursday 23 February 2017	LRU Sub-Committee Chairs meeting, Wigston	Attended evening meeting
Friday 24 February 2017	RFU Council meeting, Twickenham	Attended all day meeting
	Harlequins v Leicester league fixture at The Stoop	Attended as a guest
Saturday 25 February 2017	RFU Council dinner to entertain the Italian RU Committee, Royal Chelsea Hospital, Chelsea	Attended
Sunday 26 February 2017	England v Italy	Hosting LRU Immediate Past President and spouse together with LRU President Elect and spouse
Monday 27 February 2017	All day Corporate Governance Code Working Group Meeting at Twickenham	Attended
Saturday 4 March 2017	Oakham RFC v Market Harborough league fixture and pre-match luncheon with LRU and RFU Presidents	Attended as a guest
Sunday 5 March 2017	LRU AGR Finals Day at Vipers RFC	Attended
Thursday 9 March 2017	LRU Management Extra-ordinary meeting, Ramada Wigston	Attended
Friday 10 March 2017	Met RFU IT Director to discuss GMS, Twickenham	0800 meeting
	All day RFU Corporate Governance Code Working Group meeting, Twickenham	Attended
	RFU Council dinner to entertain the SRU Committee, Great Fosters	Attended

Saturday 11 March 2017	England v Scotland	Hosting LRU Secretary and spouse
Friday 17 March 2017	Flight to Dublin	
	IRU Council dinner at Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire	Attended as a guest
Saturday 18 March 2017	England vs Ireland	Away weekend
Sunday 19 March 2017	Return flight to East Midlands	
Wednesday 22 March 2017	LRU SGM at Belgrave RFC.	Attended
Friday 24 March 2017	Meeting with RFU Facilities Officer Peter Shaw for AGP update and discussion, Golden Fleece, South Croxton	Meeting
Sunday 26 March 2017	Travel to Twickenham for overnight stay because of early meeting tomorrow	
Monday 27 March 2017	RFU Corporate Governance Working Group meeting	Attended morning meeting
Tuesday 4 April 2017	RWC Area 4 Legacy meeting, LFC	Attended evening meeting
Thursday 6 April 2017	Pre-Council meeting to look at Corporate Governance Code Working Group proposals, Twickenham	Attended evening meeting
Friday 7 April 2017.	RFU Council Meeting.	Attended all day meeting
Saturday 8 April 2017	Bath v Leicester at Twickenham	Old players' reunion
Friday 21 April 2017	LSRUR Referees 'Dinner - Andy Goode	Attended as a guest
Sunday 23 April 2017	Leicestershire Ladies XV v Cheshire at Coalville RFC	Attended to support the Ladies LRU XV
Thursday 24 April 2017	LRU PFR Meeting	Unable to attend
Friday 28 April 2017	RFU Nominations Panel end of season interview	By Skype
Sunday 30 April 2017.	Leicestershire Ladies XV vs Warwickshire.	Travelled away to support the Ladies XV
Tuesday 2 May 2017	Pre LRU Management Committee meeting to discuss PFR, Ramada, Wigston	Attended
Thursday 4 May 2017	LRU Management Committee, Ramada, Wigston	Attended
Friday 5 May 2017	Market Harborough RFC Senior Club Dinner	Attended as a guest
Saturday 6 May 2017	Leicestershire Men's XV v Staffordshire at Lutterworth RFC	Attended
Sunday 7 May 2017	Leicestershire Ladies XV v Eastern Counties at Lutterworth RFC	Attended

Tuesday 9 May 2017	Club Volunteer Awards dinner and Colts and Senior County Cup Finals at Welford Road	Attended
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Player Development Sub-Committee, Twickenham	Observed
Tuesday 16 May 2017	RFU Governance Code Working Group meeting	Attended afternoon meeting
Thursday 18 May 2017	LRU Discipline Panel Curry Night	Attended as a guest
Thursday 19 May 2017	LRU Volunteer Awards Evening	Attended
Saturday 20 May 2017	Leicestershire Men's XV v at Oakham RFC	Attended
Sunday 21 May 2017	Leicestershire Ladies vs Oxfordshire Ladies at Banbury	Travelled away to support the Ladies XV
Thursday 25 May 2017	Catch-up briefing with RDO, Jenna Bonser, Sainsbury's Enderby	Attended afternoon meeting
	Season wash-up conversation and dinner with Dinner, with Steve Grainger, Malcolm Wharton and the new incoming CGB Chairman, Rob Briers	Attended evening meeting
Friday 26 May 2017	Oadby Wyggestonian RFC to present an LRU Volunteer award	Attended evening function
Saturday 27 May 2017	Crown Plaza Hotel, Heathrow as stand-in Team Manager for Leicestershire Ladies	Attended overnight
Sunday 28 May 2017	Acting as team liaison for both senior county sides in their respective County Championship Finals matches. Collect Men's accreditation from Twickenham at 0700 hrs. Travel to Richmond to liaise for the Ladies then back to Twickenham to liaise for the Men	Liaison Officer for both teams
Thursday 1 June 2017	Drinks reception and lunch at the Goring Hotel followed by a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace	Attended as a guest
	Travel to Kensington for pre-Council meeting	Attended evening meeting
Friday 2 June 2017	RFU Council meeting followed by RFU AGM	Attended afternoon meeting
Tuesday 6 June 2017	Midlands Counties meeting, Broad Street Old Boys RFC	Attended evening meeting
Tuesday 13 June 2017	Area 4 GMS User Group Meeting, Peterborough RFC	Attended evening meeting
Wednesday 14 June 2017	RFU Governance Standing Committee, Twickenham	Attended afternoon meeting

Friday 16 June 2017	Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the Year Awards	Attended evening event as a guest
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