

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has been another busy half season and, as we go into the New Year and the second half of the season, I wish you a Happy New Year and success in all your endeavours.

I have set out below my first half season diary as your RFU Council member together with fixtures for the second half so that you can see what I have been doing and what is coming down the line.

Thank you to all those clubs and committee members that extended hospitality to me and welcomed me at their clubs last year and to all those that, I hope, will do so in the second half of the season. I shall continue to do my utmost to support and assist all Leicestershire clubs and to support the interests of the County as a whole.

Last season I was asked to join the RFU Corporate Governance Code Working Group that was formed to examine the Government's new mandatory governance code for National Sport Governing Bodies (NGB's) and determine the RFU's response. Although we aren't done yet and will continue as a facilitation group, I am very pleased to say that Council accepted the Group's recommendations, as did the RFU Board and the game as a whole; when our final recommendations were approved at the Special General Meeting in November last.

I have continued to take every opportunity to support County sides and 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 or you require my assistance in any way, please feel free to contact me and do let me know as early as possible.

Going forward, please look out for more details on:

- Advice on GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) that come into force in May this year. Some clubs have already made enquiries about these: there was a note in the Community Game update sent out to clubs on 15 December and more detailed advice is expected in February.
- Further detail on the Payment of Players regulation changes circulated by me in the last day or so
- More GMS improvements, electronic match cards and the player passport app

This is how my season panned out thus far:

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 13 June 2017	Area 4 GMS Super Users' Forum, Peterborough RFC	Attended as forum member
Wednesday 14 June 2017	RFU Governance Standing Committee, Twickenham	Attended as committee member

Thursday 15 June 2017	LRU Head Coach Interview/Presentation, Ramada, Wigston	Attended
Thursday 22 June 2017	LRU Management Committee meeting, Ramada, Wigston	Attended as committee member
Wednesday 28 June 2017	LRU AGM at Belgrave RFC	Attended
Tuesday 4 July 2017	RFU Corporate Governance Code Working Group meeting, Twickenham	Attended as committee member
Monday 10 July 2017	LRU Women & Girls Forum meeting at Market Harborough RFC	Attended as council member
Saturday 29 July 2017	Robbie's Rugby Festival, Quorn manning the LRU stand	Attended as council member
Thursday 3 August 2017	LRU Management Committee meeting, Ramada Hotel, Wigston	Attended as committee member
Monday 14 August 2017	LRU Executive Committee meeting, Ramada Hotel, Wigston	Attended as committee member
Thursday 31 August 2017	School Games, Loughborough University	Attended opening ceremony as guest of Secretary of State for DCMS
Friday 1 September 2017	School Games, Loughborough University	Attended girls' 7s as guest of Secretary of State for DCMS
	Site inspection of office premises with LRU Hon Sec, Leicester	Attended
Saturday 2 September 2017	London Double Header, Saracens v Northampton Saints and Harlequins v London Irish	Attended as council member
Wednesday 6 September 2017	RFU Governance Standing Committee, Twickenham	Attended as committee member
Saturday 9 September 2017	OWRFC v Oakham RFC	Attended
Monday 11 September 2017	LRU Women and Girls' Forum meeting at Old Newtonians	Attended as council member
Thursday 14 September 2017	LRU Operating Committee Meeting, Ramada, Wigston	Attended as committee member
Saturday 16 September 2017	Melton Mowbray RFC v Oundle RFC, preceded by Melton Mowbray Colts v OWRFC Colts	Attended as council member
Wednesday 27 September 2017	LRU SGM at Belgrave RFC	Attended as council member
Friday 29 September 2017	RFU Council Meeting and Council Photo, Twickenham	Attended as council member

	Celebratory Dinner for the championship winning LRU ladies, Loughborough	Attended as guest
Saturday 30 September 2017	Market Harborough RFC v Pinley	Attended as council member
Saturday 7 October 2017	Aylestone St James RFC v	Attended as council member
Saturday 14 October 2017	Belgrave RFC v Market Bosworth RFC	Attended as council member
Monday 16 October 2017	LRU PFR Group Meeting, Ramada, Wigston	Attended as group member
Tuesday 17 October 2017	RFU Governance Standing Committee, Twickenham	Attended as committee member
Thursday 26 October 2017	LRU Executive Committee meeting, Ramada, Wigston	Attended as committee member
Saturday 28 October 2017	Syston RFC v Old Northamptonians	Attended as council member
Sunday 29 October 2017	Leicestershire Girls, Southwell RFC	Attended as council member
Wednesday 1 November 2017	BT Sport live podcast from OWRFC	Attended
Saturday 4 November 2017	Barbarians v New Zealand, Twickenham with Stoneygate RFC guest	Attended as council member
Thursday 9 November 2017	LRU Operating Committee meeting	Attended
Saturday 11 November 2017	England v Argentina, Twickenham	Attended as council member
Sunday 12 November 2017	Lutterworth Ladies v Wellingborough and Girls v Old Northamptonians	Attended as council member
Tuesday 14 November 2017	RFU AGP local users' group meeting, Leicester Forest RFC	Attended as group member
Saturday 18 November 2017	Community Rugby catch-up meeting of Council members with Steve Grainger and Rob Briers, Twickenham	Attended as council member
	England v Australia, Twickenham, hosting LRU President and spouse, LRU's valued volunteer and guest and an OWRFC guest	Attended as council member
Sunday 19 November 2017	Leicestershire Girls, Market Harborough RFC	Attended as council member
Friday 24 November 2017	RFU Council Meeting, Twickenham	Attended as council member
	RFU SGM, Twickenham	Attended as council member and as proxy for the LRU and several Leicestershire clubs

Saturday 25 November 2017	Council members meeting with RFU Directors without portfolio, Twickenham	Attended as council member
	England v Samoa with LRU Discipline Panel guest, Twickenham	Attended as council member
Wednesday 29 November 2017	LRU SGM and clubs' meeting, Belgrave RFC	Attended as council member
Thursday 30 November 2017	Telephone interview for RFU Diversity & Inclusion Working Group membership	Telephoned in as council member
Saturday 2 December 2017	Loughborough Lightning RFC v Hartpury College RFC	Attended
	Loughborough RFC v Coalville	Attended
Sunday 3 December 2017	Leicestershire Girls at Kettering RFC	Attended
Saturday 9 December	Market Harborough RFC v OWRFC	Attended
Tuesday 12 December 2017	RFU Board awayday dinner at Hinckley RFC	Attended as council member and guest
Saturday 16 December 2017	Birstall RFC v Spalding	Attended as council member
Monday 18 December 2017	LRU catch up meeting with RDO, Jenna Bonser, Leicester and Alan Royer, Area 4 RDM	Attended as council member
Saturday 30 December 2017	Big game 10 Harlequins v Northampton at Twickenham	Attended as council member
Saturday 6 January 2018	Leicester Lions v Hinckley	
Wednesday 10 January 2018	RFU Governance Standing Committee, Twickenham	
Saturday 13 January 2018	Anstey RFC v Aylestone Athletic	
Thursday 18 January 2018	LRU Operating Committee meeting, Ramada, Wigston	
Saturday 20 January 2018	Sileby RFC v Mansfield RFC	
Thursday 25 January 2018	LRU Executive Committee meeting, Ramada, Wigston	
Saturday 27 January 2018	Quorn RFC v Coalville RFC 2's	
Friday 2 February 2018	RFU Diversity & Inclusion Working Group, Twickenham	
Sunday 4 February 2018	Italy v England, Stadio Olimpico	
Friday 9 February 2018	RFU Council Meeting, Twickenham	
Saturday 10 February 2018	England v Wales, Twickenham	See below
Sunday 11 February 2018		
Saturday 17 February 2018	Oakham RFC v Stewarts & Lloyds RFC	

Sunday 18 February 2018		
Friday 23 February 2018		
Saturday 24 February 2018	Scotland v England, Murrayfield	
Sunday 25 February 2018		
Monday 26 February 2018		
Tuesday 27 February 2018		
Saturday 3 March 2018	Vipers RFC v Leicester Forest RFC	
Sunday 4 March 2018		
Tuesday 6 March 2018	Midlands Counties meeting, Broadstreet RFC	
Friday 9 March 2018		
Saturday 10 March 2018	France v England, Stade de France	
Sunday 11 March 2018		
Saturday 17 March 2018	England v Ireland, Twickenham	See below
Sunday 18 March 2018		
Wednesday 21 March 2018	LRU Clubs meeting at Belgrave RFC	
Thursday 22 March 2018		
Saturday 24 March 2018	Leicester Forest RFC v Northampton Casuals	
Monday 26 March 2018		
Tuesday 27 March 2018		
Saturday 31 March 2018		
Wednesday 4 April 2018		
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Saturday 14 April 2018		
Friday 20 April 2018	RFU Council Meeting, Twickenham	
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Tuesday 1 May 2018		
Thursday 3 May 2018		
Friday 4 May 2018		
Saturday 5 May 2018	Army v Navy match, Twickenham	
Sunday 6 May 2018	RFU Cup Finals, Twickenham	
Tuesday 8 May 2018		
Wednesday 9 May 2018		
Saturday 12 May 2018		
Tuesday 15 May 2018		
Thursday 17 May 2018		
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Sunday 20 May 2018		
Thursday 24 May 2018		
Friday 25 May 2018		
Saturday 26 May 2018	Aviva Premiership Final, Twickenham	
Sunday 27 May 2018		
Friday 1 June 2018		
Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 June 2018	London 7s, Twickenham	
Friday 8 June 2018	RFU Council meeting and AGM, Kensington	
Tuesday 12 June 2018		
Wednesday 20 June 2018	RFU Governance Standing Committee, Twickenham	

***For England's two home 6N matches this year:**

England v Wales, on Saturday 10 February 2018 and

England v Ireland on Saturday 17 March 2018

I shall be parked up at the front of Cardinal Vaughan Car Park, just over the bridge from the West Car Park Fan Village, and serving complimentary drinks and food from the back of my car before both matches for all Leicestershire Clubs, players and Rugby folk. I should be displaying one, if not two, of the LRU flags to make me easier to locate.

Please do drop by to say hello and indulge, the more the merrier.

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