

ESSINGTON RUFC

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SAVE THE DATES!

MAY 2026

-  **Friday, 1st May: Dinner & Awards Night**
-  **Saturday, 2nd May: Mixed Touch Tournament**
-  **Sunday, 3rd May: Chairman's Day**

ESSINGTON RUGBY CLUB

MONDAY'S

Senior Men's Fitness
Training
20:00-21:00

WEDNESDAY'S

Senior Men's Contact
Training
19:30-21:00

THURSDAY'S

14+ Mixed Touch
Training
20:00-21:00

SUNDAY'S

14+ Junior
Training
10:00-11:00

Annual Awards & Dinner Dance

ESSINGTON RUGBY CLUB

Dinner Dance



£35pp
Formal Wear
Player Awards

BUY YOUR TICKET
Essingtonrufc.co.uk

1ST MAY 2026 | 7PM

ESSINGTON RUGBY CLUB, HIGH HILL, WV11 2DW

Taking place on Friday 1st May, the night begins at 7:00 pm and includes a formal three-course meal followed by our annual awards ceremony.

Event Details:

Date: Friday 1st May

Time: 7:00 pm until late

Dress Code: Formal (Suit and tie / Formal dress)

Price: £35 per person

Book here: Essingtonrufc.co.uk

(Menu can be found after proceeding to check out).

Need more info??

Contact us via social media
or essingtonrufc@gmail.com

Club Person of the Season 2025/26 – Nominations Open!

As part of our Club Weekend and the Awards Dinner & Dance, we will be presenting the Club Person Award—recognising someone who has truly gone above and beyond this season.

Do you know someone who has given their time, energy, and dedication to support the club? Whether through volunteering, helping others, this is your chance to recognise them.

We're looking for individuals who have made a real difference throughout the year. If someone stands out as a true club hero, we want to hear about it!

Submit your nomination [HERE](#)

Club Weekend Itinerary

Friday 1st May - Awards & Dinner Dance Evening - Don't forget to vote for the Clubmans Award above. Note that the Dress Code is formal so no jeans please, 'best bib and tucker'!

Saturday 2nd May - Inter Club Mixed Touch Games - Keep your eye on social media for more information.

Sunday 3rd May - Chairman's Day - Information regarding the game will appear on social media.

Chairman's Day – After Match Buffet

As is tradition on Chairman's Day, we invite all members and supporters to bring along an item (or items) of food to contribute to our after-game buffet.

You can find a suggested food list [here](#):

Once the match has finished, the buffet will be opened—with players having first serving, followed by spectators and supporters.

Your contributions help make the day a great success, so thank you in advance for your support—we look forward to another fantastic Chairman's Day!



Tree Planting - The Jones- Nicklin Wood

A great success - 800 new trees planted to replace some of the ones that didn't survive the very dry summer we had. Thank you to those club members that helped.



The poster features two rugby players in red and black kits on a field. One player is in a crouching ready position, while the other is running with the ball. The background is a dark, textured field. In the top left corner, there is a yellow box containing logos for '1911', 'paragon', 'HM', and 'STONE CROSS SCAFFOLDING'. The text 'NEW PLAYERS WANTED' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, 'ESSINGTON RUFC TRAINING' is written in white, followed by 'Wednesdays 7:30 pm' and 'Essington Rugby Club, High Hill WV11 2DW' with a yellow eagle logo.

RUGBY TRAINING

Thinking of trying rugby or getting back into the game?

Essington RUFC welcomes everyone!

Whether you're an experienced player or you've never touched a ball, we want you to come and give it a go.

Come and be part of the team!

Car Park Update - We're Nearly There!

Great progress has been made on the car park following a recent site meeting with Hylton Main, our contractors.

The area is drying out well, and the temporary drains have shown that water is naturally flowing towards the far right corner. The plan is now to install French drains down the right-hand side (starting from where water currently pools), continuing along the bottom edge. This will help direct water efficiently towards the outlet gap in that corner. We are awaiting a quote for this.

To help improve access and straighten the left-hand side of the car park, some overhead trees have been cleared—big thanks to Mike, Helen & Dave Brawn for their work on this.

While the aggregate isn't exactly what was originally specified, it has been agreed that it is more than suitable for the club's needs at this stage.



BUY A BRICK

— LEAVE YOUR LEGACY —



For just **£25**, you can personalize your very own brick on our community wall.

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ A special message
- ✓ A dedication to someone meaningful

Your brick will become a **permanent** part of our wall, helping celebrate the people and memories that make our community special.

This is your chance to **leave a lasting mark** and be part of our shared history.

Don't miss out – secure your brick today!

Contact: **JACK HOWARD**
 **07779 005167**

Big Spring Clean – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Friends of Essington Big Spring Clean (including Bea Worley), as part of the national Great British Spring Clean!

Together, we collected an incredible 20 bags of rubbish from around the club grounds and The Nicket—an amazing effort that makes a real difference to our environment.

We're proud to be part of Essington, and it's fantastic to see our Rugby community coming together like this.

Thank you again to everyone involved!



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MONDAY – FRIDAY

9am - 3pm

SATURDAY

9am – 2pm

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Essington Community Centre
Hobnock Road, Essington WV11 2RF

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Quiz Night!



A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Essington Rugby Club Quiz a few weeks ago!

15 teams put their quizzing skills to the test. It ended in a tie between two teams, The Lost Causers & The Neighbours. This led to a tie-break question - how many stars are there on the flag of Brazil! Do you know? If you do send it in to essingtonrufc@gmail.com - you could win a free drink at the club! Anyway - the Lost Causers were closest and won the quiz!

Thanks for your generosity, all of the food has been donated to the food bank. In addition, the £175 raised from the quiz entry fees, along with a very generous £50 donation from Slimming World run by Kim at the club, has also been passed on to help those in need.

The evening wouldn't have been possible without our fabulous Quiz Master, Jonathan Hanson, who kept us entertained all night with a brilliant quiz!

Thank you again to everyone who attended and supported such a great cause — it was a fantastic night at Essington Rugby Club!

Essington RUFC is heading to the
Willenhall RUFC Veterans Tournament!
Sat 4th April 2026
Over 35? Can you play? Are you free?
Contact us at essingtonrufc@gmail.com

Vets Tournament

A Memory from Past Times

Big Dave, an ex Rubery Owen player and now one of the VP's, was chatting about past times. We were talking about the family camps we have had in the last few years. This reminded Dave of a camp the Rubery Owen lads had over 50 years ago. It was decided that they would have a 'Training' camp. 12 or so players set off to the beach at Borth, North Wales and set up a big bell tent on the beach. The idea was to improve their skills, the only problem was going to the pub and stopping out drinking till the early hours. No one particularly wanted to do any training the next day!! Do any of the old Rubery Owen players remember any more details?



Election of the Staffordshire RFU Council Member - Update

The voting went out to 27 Staffordshire clubs and 25 clubs voted. There were 3 candidates. Mike Bezus, Becky Davies and Becky Williams. There was a tie between Mike Bezus and Becky Davies so it was down to Staffordshire Rugby Union to cast their vote, but before this stage was done Becky Davies decided to step down. So Mike Bezus will be our voice at Twickenham as Staffordshire's RFU Council Member starting from the 1st August 2026.

Match Report – March & April Update

The end of April saw the club unfortunately unable to fulfil the fixture against Bloxwich due to a number of injuries in key positions and reduced player availability.

However, March was a strong and positive month, with three fixtures played.

A visit to Aldridge Rugby Club saw Essington come away with an impressive 38–7 victory, with tries from Greg O, Andy B, Phil B and Jack H. Unfortunately, Aldridge have since withdrawn from the league. This follows Stoke 2nds, who also dropped out earlier in the season.

The second game of the month saw Essington host Newcastle (Staffs), producing a dominant 57–0 win. This match highlighted exactly what the squad is capable of at full strength. Tries came from James H (3), Jesse H (2), along with further scores from Andy B, Greg O, Phil B and Alex B. Squad depth was a real positive, with 26 players available—although only 20 could be selected on the day. One player also represented Penkridge, who were short on numbers. This could provide a pathway for the future, allowing players to gain valuable match experience elsewhere while remaining available for first team duties.

With growing numbers, this approach could help lay the foundations for developing a second team—strengthening the club overall and helping to avoid the challenges faced by sides such as Stoke 2nds and Aldridge.

The final fixture of March saw Essington travel away to Telford 2nds, coming away with a 34 - 26 win, rounding off a busy and encouraging month for the club.

Rugby Update – End of Season & What's Next ?

As we approach the end of the men's contact season, here are the remaining fixtures:

- 11th April – Trentham 2nds (Home)
- 18th April – Burntwood 2nds (Away)
- 25th April – Whitchurch (Away) – Final game of the season

Also coming up:

4th April – Veterans Tournament at Willenhall Rugby Club - see previous page for info.

Looking ahead, the Mixed Touch Season kicks off at the end of May and runs through June and July as part of the Staffordshire Mixed Touch Tournament.

If you'd like to get involved, come along to Touch training every Thursday evening at Essington Rugby Club. Whether you're finishing the season strong or looking to get started with touch rugby, there's plenty to get involved in—see you there!



Pitches - Update

We had planned to begin improvement works on both pitches and the training area. The initial phase included verti-draining to aerate the ground, improve drainage, and enhance overall soil condition. This was to be followed by a weed & feed treatment, with the training area then being reseeded.

Unfortunately, recent activity has caused significant disruption. After the groundsman filled in deep holes on the second pitch, they were dug out again the following day—most likely by large dogs being exercised on the area. In addition, motorbikes have been riding across both pitches and the training area, causing further damage.

Had we gone ahead with the verti-draining, it would have loosened the surface. This would make the pitches even more vulnerable—motorbikes would quickly destroy the surface, and it would be easier for dogs to dig it up.

With this in mind, it was decided that proceeding at this stage would not be the best use of club funds. Spending £3000–£4000 on work that is likely to be undone would not deliver the improvements we need. There is also a problem with dog mess on the pitch, which seems to be worse than ever. At the moment there is a lot of head scratching on how to proceed!

Miss Playing Rugby? Want to Get Involved in Rugby?

Try Mixed Touch!

Do you miss rugby but don't want full contact rugby? Or are you looking for a fun way to get fit or just socialise? Then mixed touch rugby at Essington Rugby Club is for you! Open to anyone aged 14 and over, our mixed touch sessions are inclusive, fun, and a great way to enjoy rugby in a relaxed environment.

Looking ahead, the Mixed Touch Season kicks off at the end of May and runs through June and July as part of the Staffordshire Mixed Touch Tournament. Check out the dates below.

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Staffordshire summer touch series, calendar of 7 hosted events:

- Fri 22nd May - Stone
- Fri 29th May - (half term)
- Fri 5th June - Newport
- Fri 12th June - Cannock
- Fri 19th June - Rugeley
- Fri 26th June - (break)
- Fri 3th July - Essington
- Fri 10th July - Veseyans
- Fri 17th July - Stafford
- Fri 24th - (Schools break up)



Essington RUFC Seeks Media Team Volunteer

Essington RUFC is looking for a creative and enthusiastic individual to join our Media Team! We're seeking someone who can help us produce engaging social media posts, share match updates, celebrate our players and teams, and raise the overall profile of the club across all platforms. If you have an interest in media, marketing, or content creation—and want to get involved in your local rugby community—this is a great opportunity to gain experience and make a real impact. Interested? Get in touch with Phil Breakwell, our media guru and Vice Chair.

