

something of a windfall in that two of our members have agreed to underwrite the cost of extending the building works to include the link block between the bar and the squash court (the highlighted area shown). Of course we will have to repay this in due course so our overall fund raising target has gone up but it makes great sense to utilise the builders whilst they are on site, saving on all the preliminaries. Part of these costs have already been provisionally covered by the offer of a specific (ring-fenced) donation and further sponsorship from Keltray and Costain.

...we reported that we had fund revenue of £447,000 and that we had planned events to raise a further £143,500. But that still left a sizeable gap. I am happy to report that the building works are on schedule and broadly in line with what was expected. We have sufficient to complete the Shell and Core building BUT we still need more to have enough for the fixtures and fittings in order to complete to the standard that we need. There is, however, one fairly major change to the plans that we want to advise you of. We have had

In the last newsletter..

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Construction forges ahead...

but we don't have enough money yet to fit it out

So where are we now?

So where are we now financially? As you can see from the graphic we are currently just under £550,000. A great effort everybody, really well done.

We have planned activities that we confidently expect to raise an additional £82,000. (See list). In addition to this we have a couple of other options currently at a delicate stage of discussions that may net a further £50,000.

We will advise you of these as they come to fruition.

So where does all that leave us?

We still need to raise a lot more to complete all the works

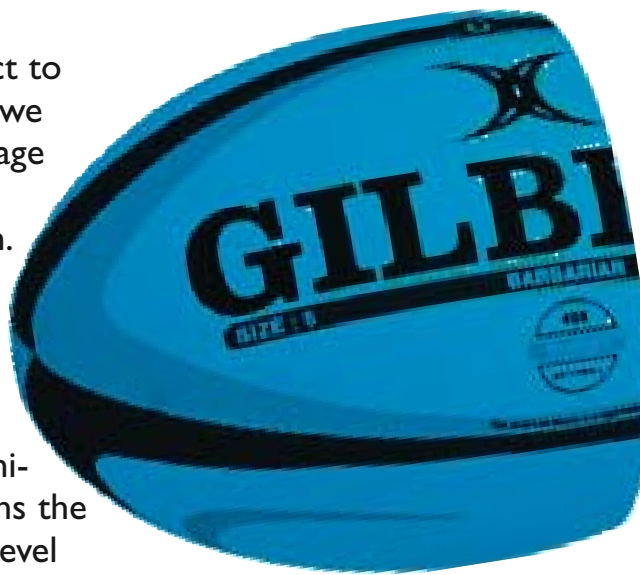
At this point it may be helpful to explain what this technical building term 'Shell and Core' means. Broadly, it means the building will be handed over at its most basic (useable) level but without the facilities, decorations and interior details that we will also need. They will have to follow on later.

Coming back to what we said earlier. We do have enough money to build the basics but we need an additional surge to have enough to do all the interior. Not to mention the additional work we have undertaken for the link block.

If you have been unable to participate in the fundraising so far, or even if you have, please look at the list and get your cheque book out and send us a cheque or come and help us. ALL volunteers are welcome.

We all have a great passion for Guildford Rugby Club, and

Raised: £541,500



Planned events

£82,000

(see 'What's coming up next' below)



we would like you to see where we are with the building works. John Anderson has undertaken to show members around on Saturday mornings.

We will email a process so that he is not swamped but we would particularly like our coaches, parents and team organisers for each age group to come and see for themselves what is happening and share the journey.

We are striving to create a legacy for the future of our club that we can all be immensely proud of and are keen that all our members can see where we are.

Since the last newsletter there have been some fantastic efforts

- The Gala Dinner with Martin Bayfield raised just under £20,000. A film clip of this event is on YouTube if you would like to see it, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/5v6gro5> A really great club night so a big big thank you to all that attended and donated prizes and gave so generously. Guys those that did not attend you missed an absolute cracker.
- The Deano/Best/Easter evening at Surrey Sports Park was well attended and a great informal evening. A real insight into what is going on at the heart of England rugby. The evening raised in excess of £4,000 and again we all had a really great time. Keep an eye out for these events when they are circulated by email. Those that do not attend are really missing out.
- The appeal letter to all our club members has at the latest count just exceeded £16,000 add approx. £4,000 in gift aid I can confidently say we have passed our target of £20,000...just. Can I just point out something here. This club of ours has approx. 850 members and of those 850 members 26 members have made a donation in response to the appeal letter. Yes 26. To those 26 I say thank you for your generosity and spirit. To the others I say where are you?
- The Minis Rugby Roof Rave at Clockbarn proved to be an outstanding success despite the torrential rain outside. The Silent Auction, Raffle and Main Auction raised a stunning £20,000. What a fabulous send off for this years under 12's.
- Well done - to the Stefaniks for their sponsored bike ride - an additional £130 in the pot.
 - to Jacob and Joshua Jones for their 10 mile sponsored walk on the South Downs £410.
 - to Will Barnicoat for his 8 mile bike ride raising £80.
 - to Jack Osborn for cycling the Old railway track from Cranleigh to Guildford and raising £291.

What's coming up next?

- The Fund raising website is finally ready and the Buy-a-Brick campaign will be launched in next couple of days. Keep an eye on this please. Bricks will be available at £20, £50, £100 and a platinum brick at £1000. We have set an ambitious target of £25,000 for this but I would really like to absolutely smash that target. **What can you do?**
- The Youth, Run, Ride, Row scheme has been booked for weekend of 2nd September so watch this space, your emails and the web site how you can participate and help to raise funds for the club. Rod has set a target of £25,000 from this event so we hope that the whole club will get behind him to participate and help to make it happen.
- The Guildford Rugby Club Golf Day has been set for 13th October. To be held at the prestigious and fabulous West Surrey Golf course it will be a day to remember. Club President Ian Pearce and Mike Fabian are organising this so if you want to get involved let him know. More details later.
- Congratulations to the 4 boys from the Under 12 who have been invited to attend the Harlequins academy.
- Well done the Guildford Gazelles who have been promoted.

Have you contributed yet?

We are going to need additional high value initiatives beyond our current programme in order to meet our objectives so if you have ideas please make them known to us. We are already looking at...

A Ladies 10's Festival with special guest beers ● **A Race Night**
Another Black Tie Dinner ● **A Live band night** ● **A Club Xmas Party**



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