



# FISHERMAN'S CUP FINALS DAY



**SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026**



**FISHERMAN'S PLATE 11:00  
OKEHAMPTON v CREDITON**

**FISHERMAN'S SHIELD 13:00  
DEVONPORT SERVICES v BIDEFORD**

**FISHERMAN'S CUP 15:00  
EXETER ATHLETIC v BARNSTAPLE**



# A WARM WELCOME

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## Welcome to Brixham RFC for Finals day of the Fisherman's Cup 2026.

We have 3 games to be played today and I am in no doubt they will be very competitive, exciting and entertaining.

To all 6 teams that have made it this far we congratulate you on your hard work and determination. There is some outstanding talent coming up through the ranks and the level of rugby is just amazing.

I would like to thank a few people for their time, effort and contribution to make today's events possible. Firstly, the main competition sponsors - Brixham Trawler Agents for their longstanding and continuing support.

Kim Hilland - Fisherman's Cup Administrator and all from Devon RFU, and officials who give their time to organise the junior competitions.

This year marks the last for James Kelly who is retiring from DRFU competitions- we thank him for all his hard work over the years.

Devon Rugby Referees Society for providing match officials not just for today but throughout the season.

The coaches managers, admin, parents, friends and family from every club for their support and encouragement not only from the sidelines but in providing transport, kit washing and everything else they do for these budding young players.

We also extend our gratitude to Brixham Youth RFC committee, players and volunteers for their help in the smooth running of today.

Finally to the players themselves without whom there would be no games.



**Louise Arr**  
Chair of Youth  
Brixham RFC



# A WARM WELCOME



## **A word from Kim Hilland U16 Competition Administrator DRFU.**

I spent 36 years in the Royal Navy and became a member of Devonport Services RFC when my son became a player back in 2010 and my younger son joined in 2014.

I have been treasurer since 2010 and have been kit manager & social secretary for DSRFC. I remain involved with the club as my eldest now plays for 2nds and youngest for colts.

I decided to volunteer for Devon RFC and aide James Kelly who was also DSRFC and give back to the youth as I have a passion for youth rugby and seeing the development of young players.

## **This year we have a brand new Fishermen's Cup.**

Following last years 50th year of the competition, it became clear that the original Cup, was getting very full and battered. This year we have been able to purchase a new Cup, that we hope will now go on for the next 50 years.

We have been able to include all the history of the competition, and engraved all its history. The New Cup has been very kindly donated by the very first winning Captain, back in 1975, Mr Andrew Dally, who has dedicated this to his parents, Reg & Joyce Dally who where very much Brixham stalwarts, who are still remembered with great fondness by all at Brixham RFC.

We would like to express, our sincere thanks and gratitude to Andrew and all the family.



**Chris Forster**  
Chairman  
Brixham RFC

# A WARM WELCOME



On behalf of Brixham Rugby Club, I would like to welcome you all to Astley Park home of the 'Fishermen'

As a Club, we are proud to be able to host this incredible occasion. As you will have read in other places, this competition is very much part of Brixham RFC, our history as well as our present and future.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all at Brixham in our age grade section that have put in so much work in preparation for today.

Over the 51 years, that this competition has been going in its various way, we have seen many young men who have gone on to play for the senior teams in many clubs, the county as well as much higher.

Today we warmly welcome players from Brixham teams for a reunion, amongst them; Andrew Blackler, Peter Disney, Ian Vincent, Russel Passmore, Andrew Miller, Paul Miller, Peter Dallow, Chris Jeffries and David Houke, amongst others.

I would like to congratulate all the teams, that have taken part in this years competition and wish Okehampton, Crediton, Bideford, Devonport, Exeter Athletic and Barnstaple all the very best this afternoon. You are all part of history and I am sure you will look back with pride in many years to come as you progress your Rugby journeys.

At this time, last year I wrote about the sad loss of Treve Mitchel, and once again I want to pay our own tribute to the former President of Devon, who sadly passed away earlier this year. Mr Paul Harris, who from Crediton gave so much to Devon at all levels and ages. We give thanks to another Devon Rugby Legend.

Finally I trust you will have a great day and enjoy the 'Famous' Brixham Hospitality and really enjoy the rugby.



**Chris Forster**  
Chairman  
Brixham RFC

# Brixham Youth Rugby Football Club

## STATEMENT OF SPORTSMANSHIP

**The purpose of Brixham Youth Rugby Football Club is to provide a venue for young rugby players to compete in an environment that is safe, challenging, professional and educational.**

### **TEAMWORK. RESPECT. ENJOYMENT. DISCIPLINE. SPORTSMANSHIP**

Each participant is given the opportunity to demonstrate their best ability while maintaining a spirit of respect and cooperation with fellow athletes from various backgrounds.

Each match involves youngsters and adults in their different roles as players, coaches, referees and spectators. All those involved in the event are expected to uphold an equal sense of respect and cooperation. This spirit is demonstrated by fair play amongst athletes, positive encouragement from coaches, impartial judgments from officials and respectful enthusiasm from spectators.

The behaviour of the adults is crucial to the successful educational aspect of the game. Adults act as models for our children. We therefore consider, swearing, physical gestures, the condemnation of coaches or officials, or any behaviour that is disrespectful to the RFU Code of Conduct, to be unacceptable. Such infringements jeopardise the quality of experience for the players.

We ask that all participants keep this vision of our purpose in mind.

**THANK YOU.**



RFU Code of Conduct



# A LITTLE HISTORY

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On Sunday 27th April 1975 the first final of the new format took place between Brixham RFC and Paignton Rugby Club. The final was won by Brixham with a score of 10 points to 0.

That day the teams played for the Charlow Rowe Cup, named after the captain of the Brixham team that won the Devon Senior Cup in 1932.



The original cup was presented by Captain Stan Haddy of the Merchant Navy, a keen follower of Brixham, and Under 16 Rugby in the South Devon Area; the final of the Cup competition continued to be played annually here at Astley Park, Brixham.





- 1860** Rugby Union Football was introduced to Brixham.
- 1896** Brixham start playing at Great Gate Park in Rea Barn Road, our present home. In the Devon Junior Cup Final Brixham lose 3-0 to Tiverton Heathcote.
- 1932** Charlo Rowe captains Brixham to another Devon Cup victory, defeating Paignton 5-0. Two local men, Messrs Astley and Smardon purchased the ground and gave it back to the town on the understanding that the Club should play on the ground free of rent and rates for as long as the Club was in existence A privilege we enjoy to this day. Great Gate Park was renamed Astley Park in recognition of the work Bernard A F Astley did for the club in buying the ground.
- 1952** Following his death a memorial for Henry Smardon was built and the gates and payboxes erected at the club would be known as Smardon Gates.
- 1965/66** The formation of the SPRATS XV for under 16's was the formation of the youth section.
- 1975** Fishermen's Cup established for rugby between U16s of South Devon Clubs
- 1975 & 1996** Brixham won the first 2 years of Fishermen's Cup and Mini Rugby was introduced to Brixham.
- 1990** Brixham Ladies Rugby was formed.
- 1994** U16s win the Fishermen's Cup beating Ivybridge in the final
- 2015** After over 80 years Brixham win Devon Senior Cup v Newton Abbot 39-31 at Newton Abbot. A proud day for the club.
- 2019** Brixham Ladies Sirens rugby team reformed plus three youth girls sides set up.
- 2022** Under 16s win Fishermans Cup Shield beating Withycombe in the final. 1st XV finished 7th in South West Premier League.



# TO START 11AM KO FISHERMAN'S PLATE

**OKEHAMPTON**

MAROON | AMBER



**CREDITON**

BLACK | GOLD

1. Seth Gillard
2. Archie Guscott
3. Cayden Kinkead
4. Joshua Dawes
5. Oli Walker
6. Sam Symons
7. Tyler Day
8. Charlie Mathewson-Coombe
9. Tom Stacey
10. Kieran Saunders
11. Jayden Stevens
12. Will Patterson
13. Aldon Hair
14. Joel Donaldson
15. Arthur Hicks

#### Finishers

Harry Taylor, Rafe Langbridge,  
Louis Biddulph, Noah Stevens,  
Leo Gilbert, Kieran Gliddon,  
Ryan Poole, Aiden Spinney

#### Team Manager:

Maria Taylor

#### Coaches:

James Stevens  
Clare Hooper  
Ian Langbridge

#### First Aid:

James Stevens  
Clare Hooper

1. Kyle Parker Boyen
2. Jack Burrow
3. William Gale
4. George Mogford
5. Teddy Clarke
6. Oscar Philip
7. Billy Dymond
8. Ben Wonnacott
9. Max Day
10. Toby Pennington (c)
11. Kyle Hookway
12. Darron Longley
13. Coby Webster
14. Matthew Vance-Lambourne
15. Archie Davidson

#### Finishers

Josh Mears, Rory Bannister,  
Liam Risdon, Jacob Kyffin,  
George Saunders, James Gulley,  
Sam Murphy, Charlie Mills

#### Team Manager:

Claire Burrow

#### Coaches:

Andrew Pennington  
Dan Wonnacott  
Craig Philip

#### First Aid:

Andrew Pennington  
Sophie Wonnacott

**Match Official: Ayden Cutland**

# NEXT UP 1PM KO FISHERMAN'S SHIELD

DEVONPORT SERVICES

RED | BLUE



BIDEFORD

RED | WHITE

1. Rowan Kirke
2. Theo Pennington
3. Jack Taylor
4. Harry Bedford-Smith
5. Joel Medland-Fisher
6. Benjamin Alldridge
7. Oliver Palmer
8. Maxwell Orton
9. Jake Whysall
10. Oliver Flowers
11. Ewan Collyer
12. Logan Early
13. Archie Ingle
14. William Bowden
15. Ashton Powell

#### Finishers

Samuel Ferriman, Toby Roberts,  
Toby Nankivell, Thomas Williams,  
Jacob Bratt, Reuben Palmer

#### Coaches:

Ben Fisher  
Phil Flowers  
Stu Collyer  
Nick Ferriman  
Ben Pennington  
Chris Palmer  
Jay Early

#### First Aid:

Amy Early  
Kerry Lynch

1. Ed Wensley
2. George Morris
3. John Davenport
4. Adam Norman
5. Harland Moore
6. Henry Davis
7. Henry Hamilton
8. Harry Parker
9. Oli Cornish
10. Finn booth
11. Jake Maund
12. Seb Cackett (c)
13. Alfie Fisher (vc)
14. Thomas Reed
15. Archie Johns

#### Finishers

Josh Mears, Rory Bannister,  
Liam Risdon, Jacob Kyffin,  
George Saunders, James Gulley,  
Sam Murphy, Charlie Mills

#### Head Coach:

Kevin Booth

#### Coaches:

Stuart Pickard  
Simon Norman  
Matt Cornish

#### First Aid:

Kevin Booth

Match Official: Chris Burhop

# MAIN EVENT 3PM KO FISHERMAN'S CUP

**EXETER ATHLETIC**

GREEN | BLACK | WHITE



**BARNSTAPLE**

RED | BLACK

1. Rory Graham
2. Samson Hughes
3. Clark Faber
4. Noah Williams
5. Charlie Snell
6. Sam Rezai
7. Zhi Yang
8. Cameron Edghill
9. Dylan Jones
10. Eddy Carpenter
11. Louis Tillen
12. Ollie Lister
13. Jimmy Snelson
14. Harry Barr
15. Ethan McCabe

#### Finishers

Seb Norton, Oscar Trevylan,  
Caelan Knowles, Alex Tipper,  
Toby Beadell, Charlie Wood,  
Cameron Jeffery

#### Team Manager:

Luke Tillen

#### Coaches:

Luke Tillen

Ben Lister

Bryn Jones

Samuel Willams

Dave Barr

#### First Aid:

Stacey McCabe, Keiran McCabe,  
Jemma Edghill, Becca Barr

1. Harry Baker
2. Joe Mullens
3. Jackson Poole
4. Alexander Vogler
5. Tyler Jenkins
6. Rowan Marquardt
7. Will Argent
8. Toby Smith
9. Blake robins
10. Finley Martin
11. Charlie Lyng
12. Tom Shaddick
13. Joseph West
14. Spencer Harris
15. Rex Hibberd

#### Finishers

Dexter Chambers, Ake Nyathi,  
Charlie Squance, Taya Friend,  
Nathaniel Baird, Logan Bauress,  
Max Woosey, Barnaby Matthews,  
Angus Candlish, Dylan Davies  
Charlie Dore-Lemon, Harry Cohen

#### Team Manager:

Lucy Shaddick, Steve Bauress

#### Coaches:

Ed Day

Paul Shaddick

Gary Candish

Mark Baker

Mark Woosey

#### First Aid:

Paul Martin, Paul Shaddick

**Match Official: Clinton Mill**

# 2025 WINNERS & RUNNERS UP

**KINGSBRIDGE**



**EXETER ATHLETIC**



**TOPSHAM**



**IVYBRIDGE**

**YOU ALL PLAYED A PART  
IN THE HISTORY OF  
THE FISHERMAN'S CUP**



**DEVONPORT SERVICES**



**WITHYCOMBE**

# PLEASE REMEMBER...

Young people under the age of 18 are not allowed to purchase any alcoholic drinks and it is an offence to buy such drinks for them. Equally, they may not drink any alcoholic beverage on the premises - which includes the whole of the grounds.

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TO ALL TEAMS**