

NORTH MIDS CENTENERY YEAR 1920-2020



As Chairman of the Centenary Committee, I want to up-date you on the current position. The Coronavirus pandemic has put everything in to perspective; our lives have been changed for the foreseeable future and subsequently our plans for the County's 100 years celebration have been brought to an abrupt halt.

The North Midlands Centenary Dinner at St John's Hotel, Solihull on 20th.June 2020 due to government restrictions has been cancelled.

Whilst a lot of planning, preparation and hard work has gone into organising this event, the current crisis dictates everything, club sustainability and return to play are at the forefront of everyone's minds, these are unique unprecedented times and we do not know when restrictions will be lifted. As such we will not proceed with preparations for holding a replacement function until normality returns.

North Midlands RFU History

Peter Grace has been working hard on this. He had the centenary dinner brochure in draft form and ready for the printer, but has had to abandon this due to the current crisis.

Peter is still compiling a book of the last 50 years, which should be completed later this year. He asks for all North Mids. Clubs to contact him with information and pictures/press cuttings by email; petergrace@hotmail.com

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Initial thoughts and the reasons behind supporting this charity were:

- Support a worthy rugby related charity
- Raise the awareness of Motor Neuron Disease (MND)
- Clubs to enjoy the events they organise
- Raise and promote the profile of North Mids RFU in the centenary year
- North Mids RFU and their clubs to leave a lasting legacy

I believe all these objectives have been achieved even though Covid-19 has interrupted proceedings.

There is sadness that we were unable (through circumstances beyond our control) to complete all the many functions, fixtures and event. having said that and through the phenomenal support of our clubs, just under £30k has been raised to date, with a donation to The Charity of £21,150 already

transferred. A huge thank you to all that have contributed. The Foundation has assured us the money will go to good use and help towards finding a cure for this awful disease.

I would appreciate all clubs who have collection boxes or held events previously to transfer any remaining money to North Mids RFU Charity account (Sort Code: 40-47-17 and account number: 53944573) at their convenience, so we can get the full picture of the fundraising achievement.

It is the intention of North Mids RFU to continue to support The Charity until 30th November 2020, (once things get back to normal) so if your club would like to do a bit of fundraising contact Keith or myself. Doddie merchandise is still available. We are here to assist/help with any events .

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