

## **Match Programme:**

### **Saturday 6 October 2012 : Stirling County v Currie (RBS Premiership)**

#### **President's Message**

A very good afternoon and welcome to Bridgehaugh for our RBS Premiership encounter with Currie. If this is anything like our last home match against Aberdeen, when the teams shared 84 points in a highly entertaining draw, then we will be in for another enthralling 80 minutes.

A warm welcome to Currie President John Muir, his committee, coaches, players and supporters, and to our match officials, I hope you enjoy our Bridgehaugh hospitality.

The men from Malleny, under the direction of Head Coach Ally Donaldson, have like ourselves experienced the ups and downs in their first six matches of this highly competitive Premiership, and will certainly provide a stern test. Last week, at Meggatland we were a bit out of sorts, and will be looking to get ourselves back on form this afternoon.

If the decibels from the stands today are a few octaves higher, that may well be due to our many women-folk who will be enjoying our inaugural County's *Ladies Lunch*. Welcome ladies, I hope you will enjoy the fine fayre and entertainment on offer, and we look forward to you lending your vocal support to the lads – they won't dare let you down.

This afternoon, we are rightly recognising and thanking many of our volunteers, too numerous to mention by name, without whom County simply wouldn't function. On behalf of the committee, players, coaches and members, I would like to express our appreciation for all the efforts that you put in to our Club – a big thank you.

The wet weather continues to take its toll, and last Sunday disappointingly washed out the 'Meet in the Middle' mini rugby tournament. I would like to thank our mini convenor Rob Morris, coaches and parents, whose tireless efforts in organising this prestigious event and preparing the pitches were thwarted at the eleventh hour by an overnight deluge.

Next weekend we make our debut in the British & Irish Cup against Neath from the Welsh Premiership. We are planning a weekend of entertainment at Bridgehaugh, as we host our friends from West Glamorgan, starting on Friday evening (12 October) with a social evening, followed by pre-match lunch in the Marquee on Saturday, followed by post-match activities – best book your place for lunch now to avoid disappointment.

Tomorrow afternoon (Sunday) our unbeaten Women's rugby team entertain Watsonians in a top of the table Premiership clash – why not come down and lend your support – kick-off is at 2pm.

I also welcome our near neighbours and local rivals Bannockburn RFC who play Bridgehaugh RFC this afternoon in the Caledonia - Midland League.

I hope you all enjoy your rugby and your afternoon at Bridgehaugh.

Kevin Robertson  
President