

# *Welcome note from the Chairman*

## *Welcome to Sutton Coldfield Mini & Junior section 2014/15 Season*

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the coming season at Sutton Coldfield Mini & Junior Rugby Football Club at the Roger Smoldon Recreational Ground here in Walmley.

SCRFC was one of the first clubs in the country to promote mini and junior rugby starting back in 1971. We have for many years successfully run teams from under 7 through to under 17. This season will see us back at full strength running a team in all of these age groups and with the decline of rugby in many schools, this is a great achievement and one that all of us should be proud of.

We are a community based rugby club and it is important that our members and visitors view us as the club of choice within our surrounding area. Please make a point to make visitors to our club feel welcome so they enjoy their experience while at the club.

It is important for us all to be aware of the core values of rugby and strive to achieve these at all times so we can ensure we keep this wonderful game flourishing and enjoyable for all to play or are involved in the sport.

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Enjoyment
- Discipline
- Sportsmanship

Over the last few years we have had a steady growth in playing membership across a number of the age groups. This is a great achievement but it has also forced a number of age groups to operate two teams within the age group to ensure the children get fair game time. This can sometimes be a struggle and I would request you all support the coach's in their role to get all children fair game time. Our fixture secretaries work very hard to ensure we have a full fixture list for the season with quality opposition across the age groups whilst also entering the minis teams into a number of tournaments throughout the season and our junior teams from under 14 to 16 in the North Midlands cup.

Last season we again had a number of players selected and play for Greater Birmingham with a few players making it to North Midlands. This I believe is not only a reflection of the commitment and skill of the players but also a reflection on the high level of coaching we provide at SCRFC.

Sutton M&J section is run by unpaid volunteers who give up their time to run the club or an age group and without the time and dedication of these volunteers it would not be possible for the club to operate and function and I thank you all for this continued support and commitment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all those parents/guardians not yet involved to become an active volunteer either within your child's age group or with the wider M&J committee or club roles as I am sure you would find it enjoyable and rewarding to be part of this great community rugby club.

I am confident this season will be another successful one for all those children and adults involved within the club both on and off the pitch.

Keith Wells

Chairman of the M&J Club

