

Battersea Ironsides Rugby Football Club (BIRFC) Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 30th September.
Election: President

The following three candidates, listed in alphabetical order, have been nominated to stand for election for the office of BIRFC President under Rules 9.3 and 14.2:

- David Holtom (Smuggler)
- Rob Newman
- David Wright

Richard Smith had been nominated but decided to withdraw from the election post his nomination.

Please note that there will be neither candidate presentations nor membership Q&A's at the AGM.

David Holtom (Smuggler)

I have been a member of the Ironsides since 1983, I have played in every team, apart from the 5th.

I retired at 50 to go into coaching the club to some of its greatest times, so far as president I would like to see club go on from here to be a better whole club, rugby is everything and nothing for we are Ironsides and they are not.

Rob Newman

I have been part of Ironsides Rugby for 20 years with all 3 of my children having played here. I have held many coaching roles within the club as well as numerous Club positions including coordinator for fixtures, first aid, safeguarding, and coach and volunteer development. I have served on the Junior Management Committee for many years and also the Club Management Committee where I have had the privilege of being Chairman for the last 3 years.

During my 20 years I have seen the Club grow immensely and in the last 3 years have seen unparalleled success on the pitch especially in the seniors as well as increased player and volunteer numbers across all Sections, much improved One Club management, better facilities with the imminent development of the Garratt Green Pavilion, a draft new Constitution, the introduction of a Ladies Section and Girls rugby as well as helping to ensure the Club navigates safely through COVID 19.

Our Club has received Awards from Wandsworth and Surrey in this year alone and is currently shortlisted for the Gallagher Club of the Year. It would be the greatest honour to be voted In as President so that I can continue this work to keep our One Club moving forward.

David Wright

I have been involved with the Ironsides for nearly 50 years both in a playing capacity (first team captain of the cricket team for 30 years and first team hooker of the rugby team) as well as chairman of the entire club, During this period I negotiated and secured the lease on the sports ground. This involved raising substantial funds from the membership as well as putting my house up as collateral.

My experience is what is needed to eliminate the total lack of harmony and direction that persists in the club brought about by a few individuals who have more interest in their own power rather than the long term future on Battersea Ironsides.