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**Upcoming Fixtures (subject to confirmation):**

- 8th Oct - Plymouth Uni 1sts (A) - BUCS
- 15th Oct - Exter Uni 3ds (H) - BUCS
- 22nd Oct - Swansea Uni 2nds (A) - BUCS
- 29th Oct - Brighton 1st - (A) - BUCS
- 1st Nov - Bristol Meds (H) - NAMS
- 5th Nov - Southampton Uni 1sts (H) - BUCS
- 12th Nov - Cardiff Met 3rds (A) - BUCS
- 15th Nov - Peninsula (TBC) - NAMS
- 19th Nov - Bristol Uni 2nds (H) - BUCS
- 22nd Nov - Southampton Meds (TBC) - NAMS

**Upcoming Social Events:**

Old Boys Special TBC  
(Llanrumney / Cameo)

Meds Xmas Dinner TBC  
(TBC)

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# 2014-15... A big season for the Meds



## The Meds 'A,B,C' - Alumni, BUCS and Communications

Dear All,

After 2013-14's rather 'unfortunate' absence from BUCS through no fault of our own, I'm delighted to say that this year the boys will be back at the top table of Student sport - right where they belong. A massive thank you must go to the hard work of Huw (in his 21st year as Coach and 'Mr.Meds'!) and the rest of the team in getting the Meds reinstated for the coming season and for the seasons to come.

Many of you donated your hard-earned cash to cover the club's (not insignificant) legal costs and secure a competitive future for the club. TO ALL OF YOU A HEARTFELT THANKS! Justice was done, but the battle is not over. The fight to maintain the Meds as the vibrant, modern, competitive club, which gave us all so much when we were students, goes on. Watch this space.....

For all ex-Meds the connections we have with the club runs deep - *'Once a Cardiff Med, always a Cardiff Med'*.

However, as our lives become busier and more complex it becomes harder to cancel your clinic in Bangor or the Wednesday afternoon surgery in Newcastle Emlyn to pop along and watch the BUCS game! We as alumni still feel the connection and the need to show our support. We can still boast a network of old boys to die for and when we can we get ourselves to matches .

In the current climate, I think we need to reinvigorate our bond with the club - I'm planning to organise a few 'Old Boys Specials'; dates in the fixture list highlighted as Alumni get-togethers. The plan is start by cheering the lads on watching the game, followed by a social evening for players and alumni at a local Cardiff Members club of ill repute! (Hide the Pernod!)

Dates to be confirmed shortly but I hope we get a great turnout!

Keeping us old farts up to date

with events at the club is a mammoth task. This year we're hoping to move the club further into the digital age. Tom Porter has been appointed 'Communications Officer' for the club and will regularly post info on *Twitter* (no that's not a typo) about fixtures, results and generally interesting or funny Meds-related matters. I've also stumbled onto social media and will do my best to keep you all informed of goings on and innovations at the club. For those of you acquainted with *Twitter* follow us on:

[@IHCardiffmeds](#)

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There's also the Website....

[www.cardiffmedicalsrfc.co.uk](http://www.cardiffmedicalsrfc.co.uk)

And 'That Face Book'....

[www.facebook.com/CardiffMedsRFC?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/CardiffMedsRFC?fref=ts)

**Let's get as many Old Boys as we can signed up - spread the word to all Old boys you know - let's all stay up to date and keep involved with the club we all love!**

## A personal note from President Chopper.....

I first encountered the Meds as a fat, useless but self-aggrandising Outside-Half in 1991. 23 years later, here I am as Honorary President for the season. I bet you're all chuffed!

In all seriousness, this role is a massive honour and if by the end of the year we all feel more

connected to the club as Old Boys, I will have done my job. Let's all make this season the one that we re-engaged ourselves with the club emotionally and physically.

Finally, a massive **Happy 80th Birthday to Meirion Roberts**. The word legend is overused but in Meirion's case

it doesn't do him justice. For generations of us Meirion didn't just coach the Meds, he WAS the Meds. Happy Birthday Mei from all of us whose rugby careers and lives you touched (despite making us drink all that Pils!!!!)

*Chopper*