

# LLANHARAN RFC

## DAIRYFIELD NEWS

**CIAN 'S STORY**  
 Rugby per se took a back seat for much of the time around Christmas as Cian's story dominated our thoughts. Cian is one of the Dairy Tots under six year olds who has been bravely battling cancer. The Case family moved to the village in 2011 having lived in Manchester for several years and he is a pupil at Llanharan Primary. Cian was admitted into Royal Glam some ago with tummy pains and investigations showed a tumour on the spine. He was rushed to Cardiff where the tumour was removed and this resulted in the loss of movement below the waist - it remains to be seen how much mobility he will recover. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy on his brain and spine.



Cian

Club members and staff have responded wholeheartedly to attempts to raise funds to support the family through a difficult time. Many have donated directly to a special fund set up with a £1000 target which has been exceeded many times over, and an impromptu raffle ran by clubhouse manager Sue raised over £200. A huge success came from the club's Ireland tour committee deciding that they would have a night of fun and games involving the whole gambit of players, parents and supporters, with the proceeds



Cian's sister and brother Dylan and Bethany try their hand at video nine pin watched by dad Richard (on left)



Get well Cian!

going to Cian instead of the tour. The incessant rain may have put an end to action on the pitches outside, but there was plenty of competition inside the clubhouse, and it proved a highly successful evening bringing pleasure and a sense of empathy and helping. The inimitable Rossi (Steve Rossiter) compered matters, as young and old took part. A mega raffle with prizes donated by the touring party, committee and members was also held. The event climaxed with Cian's fellow team chums on the stage wishing him well and singing the club song "Black and Blue is the colour". With the previous raffle, over £1000 was raised during the

intro category. The rest of the blog records his treatment journey so friends and family can be kept informed on progress. SSE SWALEC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP A wet month, with three postponements. The team was naturally peeved to make the long trip to Newcastle Emlyn and find the home side refuse the referee's offer to start the game. Two home games also fell victim to the rain - Bridgend Athletic when the game was on one hour before kick-off only for the heavens to open and leave a waterlogged pitch, and RGC1404 also victim of the elements. Boxing Day did see action at last only for ill fortune to strike again at Beddau. The pack had been reinforced in size and strength with two king sized props in Joel Ringer and Rhys Haines, and 6ft 7ins second row Kieran Martin, returning to the club after a spell in the Netherlands. However, not only were the two front rows forced off with injury just when Llanharan seemed to have the upper hand in the scrums, full back Ben Burgess suffered a bad shoulder injury and he too left.

So, an encouraging deficit of just two points at half time at 10-8 (Sam Edwards try, Harrison Evans pen), became a 53-8 defeat despite the unstinting efforts of everyone. A young, inexperienced squad then suffered a 93-0 cup reverse at RGC1404, but though outclassed, never gave up.

**UNDER 9**  
 Llanharan 12 v Whitchurch 3 Tries -Ajay, Aidan, Louis, Luke, Cohen 2, Thomas 2, Dan, Steffan, Ieuan 2. Defender of the week - Will.

A big thanks to Tom our student ref who is going a brilliant job, and as always a big thanks to all parents and grandparent for braving the weather.

**HVS**  
 Keep up with news at the club on [www.llanharanrfc.org.uk](http://www.llanharanrfc.org.uk) and on Twitter - Llanharan Rugby FC @LLANHARANRUGBY

week. Cian's dad Richard, a club vice president, was present with brother and sister, Dylan and Bethany, mum Lorraine keeping Cian company in hospital. Richard gave a moving update at the end, thanking Llanharan RFC for such a wonderful effort. Mini/Junior officer Alan Jenkins said: "We have shown that, as a rugby playing club, we are all together and right behind Cian." If you want information on Cian, log on to <http://www.ciansstory.uk> and click on the



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