

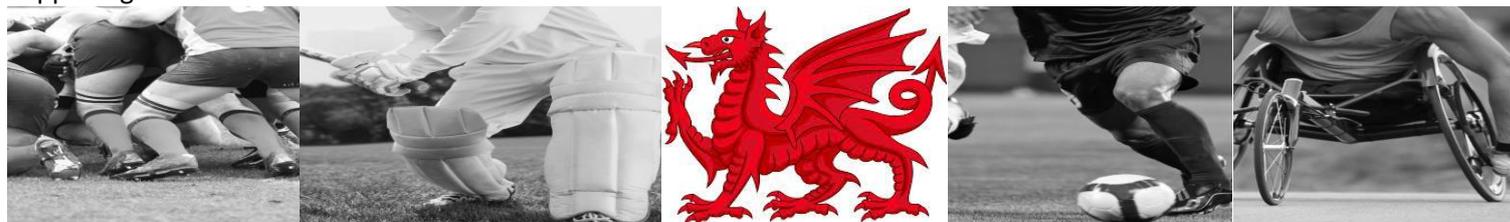


Transform Your Team – 18th September 2017 - A Personal Reflection.

So, what is Sports Chaplaincy all about.

Firstly, a personal note, you might have noticed that I have not been around the club much since the middle of July, this has been due to an injury to my calf muscle - multiple tears. This meant driving, movement and standing have been a challenge. I am now nearly fully recovered and will be around the club again from next week in my role as your Sports Chaplain.

I thought that in this edition I will provide some background to what is happening in Wales. If you go to the sports chaplaincy website www.sportschaplaincy.org.uk you will find what is happening with regards many sports in the UK and chaplaincy. Sports Chaplaincy can also be found in New Zealand, and around the world. Below I provide some information on what is happening in Wales.



Supporting Sports in Wales – Cymru Am Byth

Currently, Wales has 34 chaplains serving in rugby union, football, cricket, boxing and disability sports. This includes the Welsh National Ladies team for both football and rugby union, all the rugby union professional regions, 3 chaplains with Swansea City, plus of course Glamorgan CCC. One of our Welsh chaplains supported the World Para Athletics' games in London last month. But enough from me what have others been saying about sports chaplaincy in Welsh sport. Indeed, a lot is happening.

"Sports Chaplaincy has been of huge personal and group benefit within our female international team camp environments. The support has been provided within all our age group teams and senior squad and has proved to be extremely beneficial for players."

Jayne Ludlow -Women's National Teams Manager Football Association of Wales

"Providing Sports Chaplaincy has become an important part of our approach to equality and ethical behaviours. Aside from providing a friendly, familiar face and an open door to confidential advice and support for everyone, there have also been occasions when our Sports Chaplains have made significant and timely interventions supporting athletes, staff and wider service users through some difficult and challenging times."

Jon Morgan -Exec Director of Disability Sports Wales

"We are delighted with the work our chaplain does with our age-grade players, providing them with invaluable holistic support which aides them in becoming better people as well as better players. "

Andrew Millward -Managing Director Ospreys

"We have been fortunate enough to have a chaplain for over 5 years now. He is now part of the wood work at the region where his work is invaluable to all, from academy to 1st team. His manner and nature are vital components in his chaplaincy work and we couldn't envisage a performance environment at the Blues without him."

Richard Hodges - Elite Performance Pathway Manager, Cardiff Blues

Well Being & Pastoral Care

As your Sports Chaplain @ Glamorgan CC my role is to provide an impartial and confidential point of contact to talk about any matters you may be worried about on or off the field, offering pastoral support. This support is offered to all connected with Glamorgan CC. including players, coaches, staff, volunteers, and families.

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