



## **Aaron Boyce Memorial Greater Birmingham 7s Tournament**

### **Birmingham - Rugby '7s' support Guide Dogs**

A rugby '7s' tournament in Birmingham, in memory of a talented young player, will raise money for Guide Dogs on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Organised by Selly Oak Rugby Club and taking place at Moseley Rugby Club's Billesley Common Ground, Yardley Wood Road, Birmingham, B13 0PT; the tournament marks the second anniversary of the tragic death of Aaron Boyce, a 16-year old rugby player from Kings Norton, Birmingham.

Aaron's family has strong links with both Selly Oak and Moseley Rugby Clubs, who, after the success of last year's inaugural tournament, will again use the event to raise money for the family's chosen charity – Guide Dogs.

Catrin Peace from Guide Dogs' fundraising department says:

"We are extremely grateful to Aaron's family and the two rugby clubs for choosing Guide Dogs as their charity. Team sports are all about working together to achieve success; very similar to the partnership between guide dogs and owners, which allow blind and partially sighted people to gain greater freedom and independence.

"It costs £10 a day to breed, train and support each of our 4,600 guide dog partnerships, and as we receive no government funding, the support from Selly Oak and Moseley Rugby Clubs will make a real difference to our local services."

On behalf of Guide Dogs, Trustee Professor John Hilbourne was recently presented with a cheque for £7,732.20; money raised at last year's inaugural tournament. The ceremony took place during the half time interval of Moseley's National Division One fixture against Exeter Chiefs on Saturday, 10 March.

The event which is free to attend is being organised as a family day out, commencing at 10.30am with the final scheduled for 6.30pm. There are various family orientated off field activities organised throughout the day with the rugby being followed by a barbecue, disco and Oasis Tribute band playing in the evening.

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