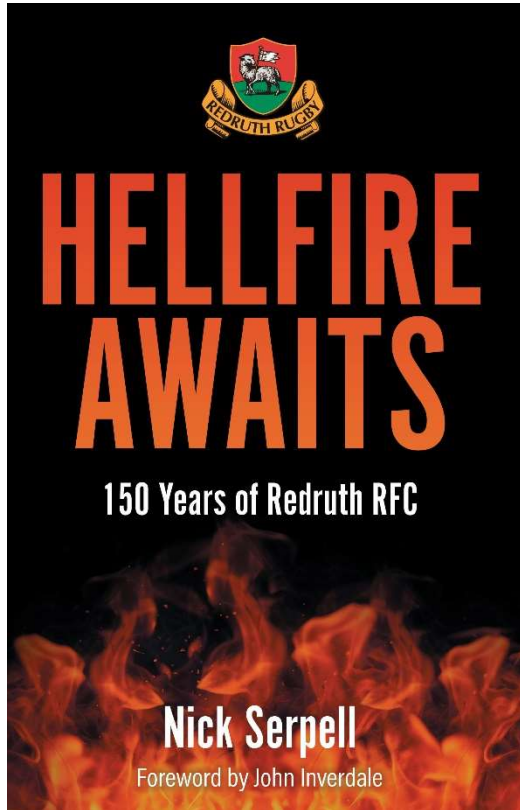




Title information



Hellfire Awaits

150 Years of Redruth Rugby Club

By Nick Serpell

Key features

- Fascinating account not just of the history of the club but the people and the place that made it what it is
- The bitter rivalries between Cornish towns found an outlet in an uncompromising and often violent style of game far removed from the public school playing field
- A book that will appeal not just to the rugby enthusiast but to anyone with an interest in the important contribution sport can make to our social history
- Foreword by broadcaster and rugby enthusiast John Inverdale
- A wealth of historic photos including an 1875 picture of the very first Redruth side
- Major book launch planned for autumn 2024, the beginning of the club's 150th season
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Hellfire Awaits: 150 Years of Redruth RFC is a tale of mud and blood and frequent outbreaks of violence. It's the story of a rugby club founded in a tough and grimy mining town where the game provided a welcome outlet from the trials and tribulations of daily life for both players and spectators. In the early years the club fought for survival as the mining industry collapsed and young men went abroad in their thousands to find work. But it went on to become Cornwall's champion club, carving out a reputation for itself across the game of rugby as a whole. It has produced six England internationals and four Lions. Over the years the club has played some of the biggest names in English and Welsh rugby and hosted a number of international sides, including South Africa, Japan, New Zealand and Tonga. Situated in an area that is one of the poorest in the country, it has overcome the disadvantages of geography and limited finances to find success in the professional era.

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