



Merrick announces sponsorship of Dorking RFC

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Merrick Real Estate's brand will be seen throughout Surrey rugby over the next 3 years as it announces its sponsorship of Dorking Derelicts - the veteran's rugby side of Dorking RFC.



The new shirts have already seen action, including on the Derelicts tour to Fowey in Cornwall (see Property Week article below) where, in best touring tradition, the Derelicts lost out on a close fought match - following a heavy night out on the town on the preceding evening!

Mark Norris, Derelicts player and Managing Director of Merrick Real Estate commented:

' We are delighted with our association with Dorking RFC - a great local club in the heart of Surrey where competitive rugby is played across an all-age spectrum, including us 'over-35's'! The club has many strong business connections and we look forward to Merrick developing its brand further through our sponsorship.'

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Dorking Derelicts turn du Maurier devotees

Ludgate has uncovered an amusing deception perpetrated by Mark Norris, managing director of Merrick Real Estate.

Norris, who captained the Dorking Derelicts rugby squad against Fowey on 17 May, had to travel five hours with his team from Dorking to Cornwall. To avoid the problems that usually go with booking travel for a rugby team, he reserved the train tickets under the name "Daphne du Maurier Memorial Tour", as the game coincided with the Du Maurier Festival Society's Fowey Festival of Words and Music. The team even furnished themselves with du Maurier's *Jamaica Inn* for the journey to appear legitimate.

Unlike the novel's heroine, Mary Yellan, the team did not save the day and unfortunately lost the match because of overenthusiastic festivities the night before.



Jamaican me crazy: Norris (left) and team masqueraded as literati