

## ACADEMY R.F.C.



*The President Mr Drew Emery  
requests the pleasure of the company of*

*at a Gala Dinner  
to celebrate 50 years of B.R.A.F.P./Academy R.F.C.  
at  
the Clubhouse, Hydepark, Mallusk  
on Saturday 25th March, 1995*

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*President's Reception  
From 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.  
Dress - Black Tie*

### **Kyle guest speaker at Gala Dinner**

To mark the 50th anniversary of Academy Rugby Club a Gala Dinner is to be held at the Clubrooms, Hydepark, Mallusk,

Newtownabbey on March 25, 1995 and guest speaker will be former Irish International rugby player Jack Kyle.

# 50th anniversary celebrations

In 1945 BRA FP RFC was formed and for the next 20 years they made steady progress through the League, playing their rugby at Hydepark and quenching their thirst at the Bellevue Arms.

In the 1996/67 seas they were elevated to Senior Status having won most Junior tro-

phies and it was around this time that they moved their social base to Salisbury Avenue.

Following this promotion the club preformed well with a number of successes in League and Cup competitions.

In 1976, in an attempt to attract a greater number of players,

BRA FP became an open club and with a new name - Academy RFC.

At the beginning of the eighties a club house was built at Hydepark beside the pitches and at first everything looked fine but with the high interest rates around this time Academy were forced

to sell their pitches for housing.

With no pitches of their own they were forced to relinquish senior status and return to the Junior League, and it was at this stage that there was speculation that the club would even fold but the members rallied together and

since then there has been a new spirit in the Club.

In each of the following seasons at least one of the teams fielded has won their their league and and at the present time the first and second and third XV are top of their sections.

To mark the 50th anniversary a Gala

Dinner is to be held at the Clubrooms, Hydepark, Mallusk, Newtownabbey on March, Newtownabbey on March 25, 1995.

Any ex-members wishing to attend should contact - Mark Cooper, Academy RFC, c/o Academy Sports Club, Hydepark, Mallusk, Newtownabbey.



*Drew Emery (president) presents Jack Kyle with a commemorative silver at the Academy rugby Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner. 13255.*

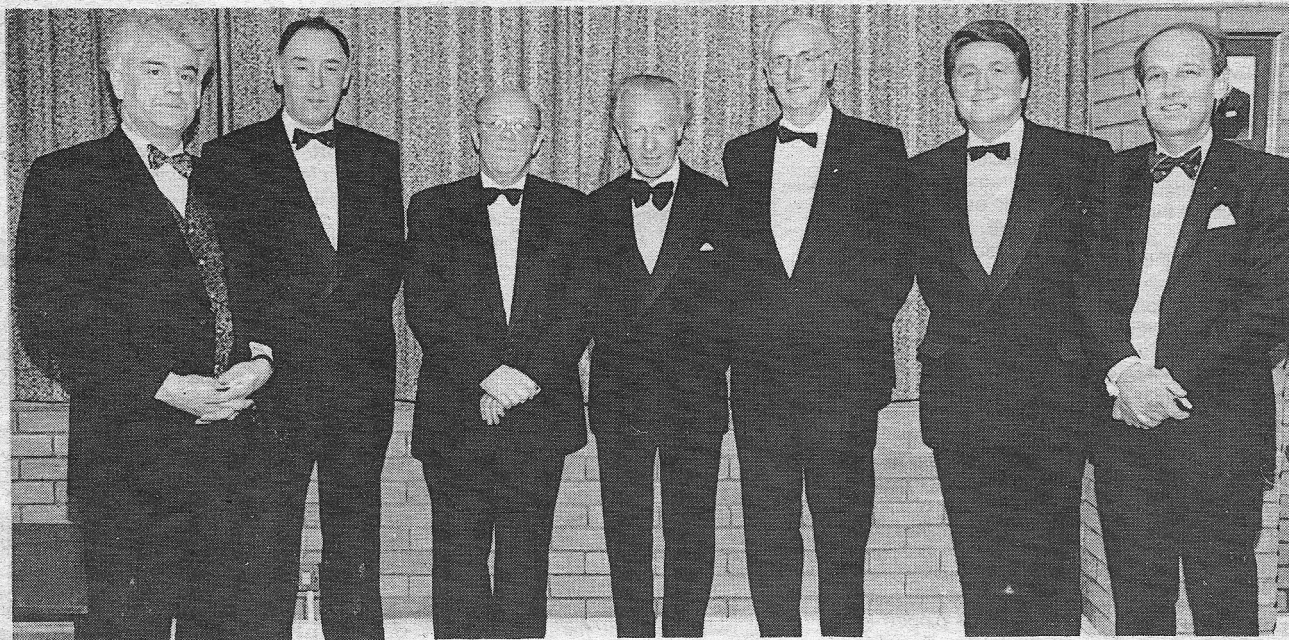


*Graham Lynn, Brian Lutton, Mayor Jim Robinson and Ivan Wallace (vice president) pictured at Academy Rugby Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner. 13253.*

# Academy Rugby Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner



*Bill Andrew, Jonathan Allen, Paul Graham (capt) and Michael Bradshaw pictured at the Academy Rugby Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner. 13252.*



*Colin McIlhenry, Drew Emery, Stanley Perry, Jack Kyle, Robert Reid, Bill Brennon and Ivan Wallace enjoy themselves at Academy Rugby Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner. 13254.*

