

## What's Happening at the Rugby Club ?

This is our second monthly update about what is happening at the Club in the coming month or two, but first ...

... let's start with an apology if you are getting these emails more than once – the RFU system we use sends an email to the parent of each child in the Mini / Junior section. If we also email other membership categories, including coaches, they also get a copy. We are sorry about this, and have asked the RFU to discuss with the system developers how clubs can trap duplicates. In the meantime, please bear with us.

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### 1. Family Day on Saturday, 2 September

Things have moved on from the original idea, and it is now a much more relaxed affair with free entry for all before 2pm.

Mums, dads, sons and daughters have all been invited to come to a barbecue prior to the opening game of the season. We'd love for as many younger players, and their parents, as possible to be there on the day. This is the first league game of the new season and it would be great if we could all cheer the 1st team to a victory in the opening game. The atmosphere will be relaxed, and shorts will be compulsory!

All children and their parents will have **free admission before 2pm**. After that, **children are free** and adults £5.

- 12.00 onwards : BBQ available
- 13.00 : Under 16s v. Ionians kick off
- 15.00 : 1st XV v. Bradford & Bingley

Children in rugby kit will form a Guard of Honour for the first team before kick-off.

The following will be available on the day :

- U6s / U7s taster session in the 3G cage
- Bouncy Castle
- Cross-bar Challenge?
- Registration for minis/juniors

There will also be an opportunity for all members to pay their subs for the season, and full members will be able to request a membership card giving a 10% discount on bar prices – more details below.

### 2. Ladies Day on Saturday, 16 September

All tables are booked. It will be certain to be a colourful and enjoyable day, with lots of great support as our first team take on West Leeds.

### 3. Other pre-match lunch opportunities

We previously told you about the exciting developments for the pre-1st XV lunches, with Lisa Anderson of Finer Catering ([finercatering.co.uk](http://finercatering.co.uk)) overseeing the preparation of the lunches, including new menus. There are still tables available for these dates :

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October - £20 plus VAT per person
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December and 20<sup>th</sup> January - £25 plus VAT per person.

The lunches are a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon and provide some well-needed vocal support for the 1st team and financial support for the club in general.

If anyone would like to book a table, please email the club at [drufc@aol.com](mailto:drufc@aol.com) or call the club direct on (01377) 256598.

### 4. Members subs are now due

A reminder that these are payable on 1 September, and all remain unchanged except that non-playing membership is £60 per year, £600 for 10-year membership and £1,200 for life membership. The increase for these is because we have to charge VAT on them.

Don't be shy about paying – our membership team (Charles Burdass and John Turner) will be delighted not to have to chase, so make their day by seeking them out.

For many people payment will be easiest by BACS through online banking. The account details to use are :

Driffield RUFC Ltd 40-10-12 61588303 Payment reference <yourname>

If you prefer to pay by cheque please make it payable to Driffield RUFC and post or drop off at the Rugby Club.

### 5. Membership Discount Card

Remember that once you have paid your full membership subs you can request a Members Discount Card giving 10% off all purchases over the bar. At the beginning of the season we will not be able to issue these on the day, but make the request and we will have it ready by the following Saturday.

Existing card holders should note that their card will have been suspended (unless they are life / 10-year members) until they have paid this season's subs. But don't worry – your balance is still on the card ! The sooner you pay your subs, the sooner you can start to use your card again.

### 6. Fixtures for the month

1<sup>st</sup> Team

- 2 September : Bradford & Bingley [Home]
- 9 September : Bridlington [Away]
- 16 September : West Leeds [Home]
- 23 September : Cleckheaton [Home]
- 30 September : Alnwick [Away]

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> team start their season on 2 September with an away game at Scunthorpe.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> team start on 16 September away at Marist.

Remember that fixtures for all senior teams are available at [driffieldruc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/](http://driffieldruc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/)

You can also download a PDF to pin on your wall from [driffieldruffc.com/documents/](http://driffieldruffc.com/documents/)

## **7. Staffing changes**

Alison 'Ali' Ulliyott has joined Veronica in the office. It's the nature of the job that she will get involved in lots of things, but her focus will be on liaison with sponsors and advertisers, and coordinating the range of events and functions that the club lays on.

Many of you will already know Ali – as Mark 'Fez' Ulliyott's wife, and mother of Gracie and Archie. It's great to have her as part of the team. Her normal office days will be Mondays and Fridays.

## **8. New Players**

We are delighted to announce :

- James Watts and Alex Cullen are both returning to the club
- Alessandro Zavatti - a prop - will be new to the club, having moved from Scarborough RUFC
- William Bell will be with us for September before he goes off travelling
- Jake Douglas from Australia will be joining us in November for his 2<sup>nd</sup> season

## **9. Mini / Junior Registration**

As well as being able to register young players at the Family Day, they can also register on Sunday, 3 September.

Renewal Forms have already been printed for returning players, and parents are invited to check the details, make any updates, and pay the subs.

New players must fill in a Membership Form and an RFU Registration Form.