

What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

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1. Yorkshire Cup / additional tables available for lunch in November

Our 1st XV has progressed to the second round of the competition with a home draw against local rivals Malton. This is set for the next non-league date of the season : **Saturday, 18 November** – put the date on your calendar.

This extra fixture brings an additional opportunity to attend one of the popular pre-match sponsorship lunches ; a quality 3-course meal (starter/main/cheeseboard and tea/coffee). The price of £30 per head (tables of 10 are available for £300) includes entrance to the game.

Let's fill up the clubhouse and make sure our first team is given great support before, during and after the game.

Bookings are being taken and anyone interested, or wanting further information, should contact Ali Ulyott in the clubhouse office (01377) 256598 or call Ben Medhurst on 07710 344603.

2. Elvis Event

Simon Culpan has arranged for Elvis to appear at the Club on Saturday, 4 November - Bobby Diamond, sometimes referred to as the 'Black Elvis', has been on the circuit for nearly 30 years and was a semi-finalist in the Elvis Masters 2015.

There will also be other entertainment, and it is sure to be a lively night starting at 6.00pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available on the door. The ticket price includes a pie & peas' supper and a drink.

3. Fixtures for November

1st Team

- 04 November : Huddersfield YMCA [Away]
- 11 November : Malton [Home] - League
- 18 November : Malton [Home] - Yorkshire Cup
- 25 November : Percy Park [Away]

Remember that the kick-off time is now 2.15.

To see what fixtures are happening, look at the Club Diary at driffieldruffc.com/whats-going-on-at-the-club/.

Ideas for content for the Monthly Update are always welcome – just send the idea or 50-100 words to [Brad Webster](mailto:Brad.Webster@driffieldruffc.com).

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Or you can look at each team's progress on the pages at driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/ - just choose the side from the list at the left-hand side.

4. Autumn Internationals at the Club

England will play three Autumn International matches in the Old Mutual Wealth Series in November at Twickenham. Their opponents will be :

- 11 November - Argentina
- 18 November - Australia
- 25 November - Samoa

All games kick-off at 15:00, and will be broadcast live on Sky Sports, and shown on TVs at the Club.

5. RFU National Draw

The Club will once again taking part in this Draw – you may remember that it raised just over £5,000 for the Club last season. This is much-needed financial help for the Club, and your help making it a success is very much appreciated. The club makes 90p tax-free from every £1 of tickets sold as the RFU arranges everything needed to take part in the fund raising: prizes, tickets, instructions, promotional material – even the postage is pre-paid. You can read more at :

englandrugby.com/governance/club-support/facility-development/funding/grand-draw/

In the next two weeks we will be allocating tickets to a series of coordinators, who will distribute tickets to all members : we are making an initial allocation of 4 books of 5 * £1 tickets to each member. We hope that everyone will be able to sell their allocation to friends, family and colleagues. In last year's draw, Selby RUFC raised £18,140 !

Sponsors and stakeholders may want to buy a block of tickets to employees as Christmas gifts – one of sponsors did so last year. If you would like to do this, please contact the Draw Organiser direct : brad.webster@virgin.net .

If you do not live locally and still want tickets to sell or buy, let us know and we will get them to you.

6. Members subs are now due

There continues to be a great response to the reminders that these became payable on 1 September, and we'd like to thank everyone that has paid promptly. If you haven't had time to make your payment yet, don't be shy – 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.

Parents who have not paid their child's membership now need to do so through the age group team manager or coach - payment should be made to ensure they are able to be selected to play in fixtures.

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7. Christmas is coming !

Christmas will soon come around, so it makes sense to let you know that the Club is happy to hold some Christmas Nights. Perhaps your function will be specifically for you, or you just want to take a few tables at a Christmas Night ?

If you have already started to think about organising your works' do, then let Ali at the Club know and she will work with you to plan an event.

8. Fathers and sons at DRUFC

Watching the 1st XV this season has been a roller-coaster, with good wins and nail-biting losses. One thing that can be noticed is the number of players on the field whose fathers have also graced the 1st XV in seasons gone by. Here are examples :

- Ben Lawrence, son of Steve : both played full back
- Joe Robinson, son of father Tim who also played in the backs
- the Dinsdale lads, Ben a wing and James a forward : their father David played inside centre
- back row brothers Rob and George Mewburn take after their father Mark who started off as a wing, and moved up front later
- Paul Dervey moved up to front row, a row forward from where father Dave played
- hooker Guy Brumfield's father Ali was a hard-tackling centre
- Olly Cooper is a bit bigger than his father so plays in the 2nd row, while his dad was a row behind him
- Simon Pettinger at prop : his father did not play his highest level rugby for Driffield but for Old Hymerians, but regularly played against the Woldsmen at prop
- Harrison Dodd's father Graham played prop whilst he plays in the back two rows
- Gary Stephenson is a back but father Alan was a flanker
- Charlie Beachell plays in the forwards like Sam did and still does, but he also started in the centre.

The family connections continue through the years, making Driffield such a home-orientated rugby club.

9. East Yorkshire District development night

Information has recently been circulated to all team managers, coaches and match officials about this event for those involved with club coaching and refereeing, at the Club on Monday, 20 November. The session will provide an opportunity to develop volunteers within clubs, who will go on to support newly-qualified coaches and match officials. This work will go alongside the RFU objective to "Support the growth of new teams through the provision of high quality coaching and refereeing".

If you would like to know more about this free course please talk with one of the coaches or team managers.

10. First Aid training

Training for coaches involved with the Mini / Junior section has been arranged for Wednesday, 15 and 22 November. Please speak to [Dominic Thompson](#) for more information.