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1. Ist XV fixtures for March

Our League season continues with three games in March, of which three are home (all being well) :

- 03 March - Huddersfield YMCA (Home) - postponed
- 10 - Malton & Norton (Away)
- 17 - Huddersfield YMCA (Home) – rearranged fixture (to be confirmed)
- 24 - Percy Park (Home)
- 31 - Hull (Home) – Yorkshire Cup (to be confirmed)

The Yorkshire Cup semi-final game against Hull, originally planned for Saturday, 24 February and then for Saturday, 17 March is pencilled in for Saturday, 31 March (Easter Weekend). This will depend on whether Hull have to play any postponed League games, which take priority over the Yorkshire Cup.

Sponsorship lunch tables will be available at the usual price, and existing bookings have transferred where it is convenient. There will be some spare tables, so please contact Ali at the club if you would like to book one.

2. Six Nations Fixtures

There are two remaining weekends of fixtures in the 2018 tournament. The Saturday games will be shown on the screens at the Club, so you can come along for a drink while you enjoy the games.

- Saturday 10 Ireland v. Scotland at 14:15
France v. England at 16:45
- Sunday 11 Wales v. Italy at 15:00

- Saturday 17 Italy v. Scotland at 12:30
England v. Ireland at 14:45
Wales v. France at 17:00

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3. Mini Junior Rugby Touring season

Tours are a long-standing tradition of rugby clubs, and our mini junior section has arranged the following (weather permitting) :

- this weekend – U13s on tour to Worcester (subject to the 'Beast from the East')
- Saturday, 17 March – a Wetherby side at Driffield for a 10.30 kick-off
- Saturday, 24 March – U11s will play a curtain-raiser against Mold before the 1st XV play Percy Park
- Saturday, 21 April – U11s to St Neots
- Saturday, 21 April – U14s to Rotterdam with 60 children and parents

4. RFU National Draw

The bulk of the tickets were sent off by the deadline : the Club has hit its target of £4,444 of sales, which means that we have made £4,000 towards improvements at the Club. A massive thank you goes out to all the draw coordinators who distributed the tickets and collected the money back in. Also to every one of you that bought tickets, and sold them to friends and family.

The club cannot maintain the excellent facilities it has without fund-raising – it is surprising how much it costs to run a club that relies on matches on Saturdays and Sunday for most of its income. Your help making it a success is very much appreciated.

We have negotiated an extension to the deadline for the 'stragglers' who may have left their tickets in the bottom of their kit bags, or under a heap of paper on your desk. If you have not already sold or bought your allocation, please do so as soon as you can and get the money and stubs to the Club. We will make sure they are entered into the Draw.

5. Tesco Bags of Help

Any of you that shop in Tesco in Driffield may have noticed that one of the three good causes in the current scheme is our U14s team – congratulations to them. Tesco's customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Thursday, 1 March to Monday, 30 April. If you would like to support their bid, the coaches, team managers and players would be delighted if you placed your tokens in their 'bin'.

Tesco will tell the U14s at the end of May 2018 how much funding they will receive. The project with the highest number of votes will receive up to £4,000, the second-placed project £2,000, and the third-placed project £1,000.

The scheme is open to any good cause; submissions are vetted and three are selected for each round. If you were thinking of making a bid to a subsequent funding round, it would make sense for us to ensure that different sections of the club are not competing against each, so please let the Chairman know about your proposal.

6. DRUFC Annual Golf Day

This regular club fund-raising event will take place on Friday, 18 May at Driffield Golf Club. The day costs £200 for a team of four players, and includes green fees, a two-course meal and prizes. If anyone is interested please contact Ben Medhurst on 07710 344603 or email ben.medhurst@pph-commercial.co.uk

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7. NatWest Rugby Force Weekend

The club has once again signed up to this annual event, which will take place on Saturday, 23 and Sunday, 24 June. The weekend brings members to the club to make improvements ahead of the new season. Clubs that register for the weekend can receive a range of benefits from online toolkits, to marketing and communications advice and access to special offers – all to help clubs make the most of their weekend.

Further details about what / where / when our event will take place will be in a future Club News, but in the meantime why not pencil in the weekend. We hope to get people from all sections of the Club there : players of all ages, all types of rugby, and non-players too.

8. Mini Rugby Festival

A reminder that this annual event will take place on Sunday, 15 April when we expect to host games involving teams at all age groups from Under 7 to Under 12. Last year the event was attended by over 800 players, and raised over £4,500 towards club funds.

Please remember that the organisers will be looking for volunteers to fulfil roles like marshalling the car parking from 8:30 to 11:00 in the morning. It would be very helpful if you can make a note of the date in your diary, and keep some time free to help. Further details will appear in future Club News, or you can speak with [Dominic Thompson](#).

9. Players' Dinner

This will be held on Thursday, 29 March – contact the club for more details.

10. Harper Adams v Newcastle Agrics

We hope to hold this game during the Bank Holiday weekend, on Sunday, 27 May – pencil it in your diary.

11. Quilter Cup Junior Party Offer

Are you looking for a special end of season trip for the club's young players? Why not take them to England v Barbarians on Sunday, 27 May 2018 when the two teams compete for the new Quilter Cup at Twickenham Stadium. You can see England in action from £10 for juniors and £15 for adults – if you would like a junior party application form, please email Adrian Harrison at adrian@dee-atkinson-harrison.co.uk

All other club groups can book up to 20 tickets online at EnglandRugby.com/tickets

12. Kit 4 Clubs

Mitsubishi Motors, the official performance partner to England Rugby, is offering clubs across the country new kit and playing equipment produced by Canterbury and Gilbert. Clubs can earn new playing kit and training equipment when members bring in their old vehicle for an appraisal and take a test drive in any new Mitsubishi at their local Mitsubishi Motors dealer.

The link to help us earn money towards new kit and equipment courtesy of Mitsubishi Motors is : mitsubishi-cars.co.uk/kit4clubs/england/appointment/724

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