

## What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

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### 1. 1<sup>st</sup> XV Warm-up Fixtures

We have confirmed the fixtures for all our teams, both senior and junior, and posted them on the website. You can see them at :

senior fixtures at [www.driffieldruc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/](http://www.driffieldruc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/)

mini and junior fixtures at [www.driffieldruc.com/whats-going-on-at-the-club/](http://www.driffieldruc.com/whats-going-on-at-the-club/)

We have three warm-up games for our 1<sup>st</sup> XV, as follows :

- Saturday, 11 August v. Lymm [H] – 14:30 KO
- Saturday, 18 August v. Westoe 1&2 [H] – 14:30 KO
- Saturday, 25 August v. Middlesbrough [A]

Why not come down and see how our players are shaping up after their summer training ?

### 2. Family Fun Day on Saturday, 18 August

We are arranging a fun day for all of the family, with music, 'slip and slide', bouncy castles, football penalty shoot-out, orbs, barbecue, outside bar and many activities for all. Further details will be in the Driffield and Wolds Weekly soon.

### 3. 1<sup>st</sup> XV League Fixtures

The League season starts in September with the following fixtures, three of which are at home :

- Saturday, 1 September v. York [H] – 15:00 KO
- Saturday, 8 September v. Pocklington [A] – 15:00 KO
- Saturday, 15 September v. Bridlington [H] – 15:00 KO
- Saturday, 22 September v. Consett [H] – 15:00 KO
- Saturday, 29 September v. Morley [A] – 15:00 KO

The North One East league looks very strong. Morley and Pocklington come down from the league above, whilst York, Consett and Scarborough all join after promotion. The league has only three teams from outside Yorkshire, so there will be five 'derbies' against Bridlington, Malton, Scarborough, York and Pocklington.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> XV start their season on Saturday, 1 September v. York [A]

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

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### 4. Open Day at the Rugby Club

To make sure our League season gets off to great start we have decided to make the first League fixture free to enter - programmes will be available to buy.

To make it a full day we are arranging for O2 Touch, Ladies and Mini / Junior teams to display their skills. There will be an outside bar and a barbecue. We will also be holding Registration sessions for our mini / juniors, and will happily accept subscriptions from both playing and non-playing members.

### 5. Off-Season Update

In case you have not read the article on our website at [www.driffieldruffc.com/2018/07/25/2018-19-season-update/](http://www.driffieldruffc.com/2018/07/25/2018-19-season-update/) here are some key points :

- Rob Mewburn continues as 1st team captain
- Sam Parker will be 2nd team captain
- Rob Norman stays on for the 3rd team
- Pat Kneeshaw and Edward Megginson will be running the 4th team
- A few changes in the coaching set up have taken place over the summer:
- Patrick 'Bash' Burdass has become Chairman of Rugby, overseeing all rugby in the club with a keen eye on the teams below the 1st team
- Stuart Cooper has become Director of Rugby, with his eye on the 1st team squad
- Kyle Dench becomes Head Coach, taking charge of the 1st team squad
- Ali Mac and Oliver Borman take on a second team coaching role to help the second team have a strong season
- Jeremy Harrison takes the role of 3rd team coach
- The season will see a Colts side for the first time in a few years

### 6. Pre-Match Lunches

These continue to be very popular last season, and we are holding them again with seats at £30 (incl. VAT) each. Because there are so many derby games, they are selling fast so we recommend that you call the office soon to book a table.

We are holding two themed lunches :

- Saturday, 22 September : Ladies Day
- Saturday, 6 October : Vice Presidents and Former Players

### 7. Members' subs are now due

A reminder to all members who are not life or 10-year members that subs for 2018-19 are now due and we would be grateful for early payment. We are happy to take your money in a variety of forms :

- By cheque made payable to Driffield RUFC Ltd
- By BACS / online banking to Sort Code 40-10-12, Account number 61588303, reference "Your name"
- Alternatively, using a debit or credit card at the bar.

Please remember that we will reactivate your member's discount card once you have paid for the coming season – any balance is held on the card until then.

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A Mini / Junior Registration Day is being held on Sunday, 2 September.

### **8. Christmas Party Nights**

We have arranged two of these for the coming Christmas, and already sold one out. The remaining date is Friday, 7 December. There will be a 3-course Christmas Dinner, Disco and Late Bar. Tables of 10 are available for £350.

For further details and to book your table please call the office (01377) 256598 or email [drufc@aol.com](mailto:drufc@aol.com)

### **9. New Sponsors**

We are delighted that we have some new sponsors for the coming season, and are always looking for more. Sponsorship of 1<sup>st</sup> XV playing positions is available, and Wholecrop Marketing is sponsoring their shorts. We also welcome new sponsors Cherry Hire, Peacock & Binnington, and Yorkwold Pigpro. If you would like to discuss sponsorship, please contact Ben Medhurst on 07710 344603 or Email: [ben.medhurst@pph-commercial.co.uk](mailto:ben.medhurst@pph-commercial.co.uk)

### **10. Volunteers Needed**

We are always looking for people who can spare just 2 or 3 hours a week to help the club run smoothly. Could you help ? Perhaps helping to update the website, or make sure our social events run smoothly. If you think you can help, please contact one of the Alecadoos on the Executive.

### **11. Data Protection / GDPR**

In case you have not already read and heard enough about this, we updated our Privacy Policy when the new Act came into force. You can see it at [www.driffieldruffc.com/documents/](http://www.driffieldruffc.com/documents/)