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1. Yorkshire Cup game v. Hull Ionians on Saturday, 6 October

This Saturday sees us welcome a team from Hull Ionians in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup, with a 3pm kick-off.

We are laying on a pie and chips lunch at £10 per head at 1.30pm instead of the usual three-course lunch - the price includes the £5 entry fee. Why not get a group of friends together and come along for a bite to eat before the game ?

It will be a great help if you could email the Office with how many seats you want to drufc@aol.com or call on (01377) 256598.

2. 1st XV Fixtures for October

We have three home games out of the four for our 1st XV in October, as follows :

- 6 October v. Hull Ionians [H]
- 13 October v. Percy Park [H]
- 20 October v. Malton & Norton [A]
- 27 October v. Braford & Bingley [H]

Fixtures for all our teams, both senior and junior, are posted on the website at :

- senior fixtures at www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/
- mini and junior fixtures at www.driffieldruffc.com/whats-going-on-at-the-club/

3. Tables for lunch in October

The only tables left for 'sponsorship lunches' in 2018 are for the games on 13 and 27 October. If you are looking for a table, or thinking it is too good an opportunity to miss, you can book a table by contacting Ben Medhurst, or email the Office at drufc@aol.com or call on (01377) 256598.

The Ladies Day lunch on Saturday, 22 September sold out very quickly, so anyone who missed out may want to book tables on one of these days ?

4. Walking Rugby at Scarborough on Saturday, 3 November

Scarborough RUFC now play Walking Rugby for the over 50s. Tom Gillon from the Club has invited an

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over-50s team from Driffield to play a game in their Sports Hall – K.O. 12 o'clock - prior to the 1st XV Match on 3 November.

If you would like to put in a team please call Tom on (01723) 362529.

5. Ladies Rugby

Did you know that we now have 25 ladies registered to play senior rugby, and they have 14 fixtures during the season. You can read more at :

<https://www.driffieldrufc.com/ladies-xv-results/> and <https://www.driffieldrufc.com/ladies-rugby/>

6. Subs due for Players and Non-Playing Members

There has been a great response to the payment of subscriptions for the year, with over 210 Mini Juniors already paid up. Most senior players that have played so far have also paid up, and those that will start playing soon are encouraged to get their subs paid early. Please remember that the RFU insurance does not cover playing members until they have paid in full for the season, or have set up a Standing Order to cover the full subs.

We are, of course, keen for the 40% of non-playing members and Vice Presidents who have not been able to pay their subs too. This can be by these methods :

- Cash
- Credit/debit card or cheque : payable to Driffield RUFC Limited
- BACS to: Sort Code 40-10-12 ; A/c no 61588303 ; Quote reference "Player/member surname". It would also help if you could send an email to drufc@aol.com confirming a bank payment sent.

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.

7. Referee Shortage

The East Yorkshire Referee Society has written to explain that there is a current shortage of referees for Saturday games, and the reasonable possibility of Saturday merit league second / third team games not having a Society referee, and being forced to use a club referee.

Some older referees have retired whilst others have still are injured or suffering general 'wear and tear'. The RFU runs Young Match Official programmes, and this might produce some new referees for us in due course but any young referee who shows promise will be quickly upgraded and rightly so.

The Society holds Training and Development evenings on the last Wednesday of each month at Beverley RUFC starting 7.30pm. Club referees are welcome to attend these meetings free of charge. There is no pressure for a club referee to join the Society.

We all have a part to play in making sure that referees enjoy their visit to Driffield, even if we do not always agree with their decisions

8. Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for people who can spare just an hour or two a week to help the club run smoothly. Could you help with our 1st XV games at home :

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- Selling programmes / charging entry fees on the gate
- Marshalling car parking
- Selling raffle tickets?

Or 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.

9. O2 Touch Halloween Disco

O2 Touch members have arranged this event for Friday, 2 November.

- 18:30 to 22:30
- Entry is ticket-only, at £3 for children and £5 by ticket for adults, and includes food – hot dogs for the children and pie and peas for adults
- There will be fancy dress, disco, games and prizes
- Tickets will be numbered, and include entry into a raffle
- The bar will be open

Tickets will be available over the bar, or on Touch Rugby sessions on Monday and Fridays.

10. National Rugby Survey

As the new season kicks off, the RFU wants to hear from players of all ages, coaches, match officials, volunteers and supporters across the game to find out what motivates them to be involved in rugby. Great officiating is essential for the game and telling them about your experiences can ensure they continue to provide the best offering for officials and players across all forms of rugby and all age groups.

The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete and will enter you into a prize draw to win one of five pairs of tickets to Barbarians v Argentina on Saturday, 1 December at Twickenham. The survey closes on Monday, 5 November and winners will be announced by Friday, 23 November.

www.englandrugby.com/survey/