

What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

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1. Yorkshire Cup game v. Sheffield Tigers on Saturday, 10 November

This Saturday sees us welcome Sheffield Tigers for the second round of the Yorkshire Cup, with a 2.15pm kick-off.

We are not providing a lunch before the game, but why not get a group of friends together and come along to the game ? We also plan to show the England v. New Zealand All Blacks game, the first time these two teams have met since 2014.

Details	Played	Won by England	Won by New Zealand	Drawn	England points	New Zealand points
In England	24	5	18	1	321	470
In New Zealand	15	2	13	0	210	354
Neutral venue	1	0	1	0	29	45
Overall	40	7	32	1	560	969

2. 1st XV Fixtures for November

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

- 3 November v. Scarborough [A]
- 10 November v. Sheffield Tigers - YC [H]
- 17 November v. Cleckheaton [H]
- 24 November v. Huddersfield YMCA [A]

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

The only tables left for a pre-match lunch for this season are on 17 November – the Cleckheaton game. 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 druffc@aol.com or call on (01377) 256598.

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4. England Rugby Grand Draw

The England Rugby Grand Draw is returning for the 2018/19 season. Since its launch 16 years ago, the draw has raised almost £7 million for the community game, with almost 600 clubs and schools participating every year. There are no costs or risks associated to the draw - all draw material is provided free of charge by the RFU, and for every £1 ticket sold, the club or school keep 85p with funds raised available to utilise on new kit, equipment, coaching or any other beneficial resource.

Raffle prizes this year include a £10,000 top prize, £1,000 and £500 cash prizes, signed shirts, tickets for Twickenham fixtures and many more. The next draw will be on 10th April 2019, with RFU President Chris Kelly officiating.

As in previous years, we are asking coordinators throughout all sections of the Club to distribute tickets for all our members to sell. Over the last two years, members have raised over £9,000 through the Draw for the Club. The money raised has been set aside for improvements for car parking and related work. We plan to apply for funding from the local authority to help pay for the work, and need to provide match funding for it. The more we raise, the more we can apply for. Our target for this year is to raise over £4,000 again.

5. RFU Support for getting younger players involved

The RFU recently funded a development day to encourage under 12s to get involved in rugby, as we have a dip in player numbers in that age range. The whole of the Driffield School year were at the club, taking part in a range of activities in the hope that some of them would take up rugby.

6. Subs due for Vice Presidents and Non-Playing Members

Response to the payment of subscriptions for the year continues, and all 225 Mini Juniors have paid. We are, of course, keen for the 35% of non-playing members and Vice Presidents who have not been able to pay their subs when they get the opportunity. 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.

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.

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

7. Ladies Rugby

Our own Ladies' team continues to grow in numbers. This fits with the RFU's women and girls strategy, which aims to :

- double the number of participants by 2021
- increase the number of women's teams by more than 75% to 800
- the number of active women's clubs to more than 400
- get more women involved in the sport as referees, coaches and volunteers.

Ideas for content for the Monthly Update are always welcome – just send the idea or 50-100 words to Brad Webster.

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Ranked number two in the world, the Red Roses and their three Quilter Internationals will excite fans this November as the squad builds towards the 2021 Women's Rugby World Cup.

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 :

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

Alternatively, 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. RFU Touchline newsletter

Have you subscribed to the online version of the RFU newsletter - Touchline? If you don't know how, here's a simple three-step guide.

1. Log in to your user account (login details are in the footer of the emails sent from DRUFC) by clicking on Login in the top left hand corner of the screen on englandrugby.com
2. Once logged in, click on your email address in the top left hand corner of the screen to bring up your user profile
3. Select the Interests & Newsletters tab on the right hand side of the screen and tick the box for Touchline in the Newsletters section and click save