

What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

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1. Southern Districts Colts – Touring Team match on Wednesday, 5 December

Driffield RUFC has a long history with this [Club](#) based in southern Sydney, and has exchanged players for many years. Their Colts side is currently touring the UK and is stopping off for a game in a weeks' time, which will kick-off at 18.30 on the floodlit pitch.

Because of the late rearranging of their tour, **we need volunteers to offer a bed for the night for one or more of the 32-strong tour party.**

The proposed timetable is :

- late afternoon : Southern Districts arrive for pre-match prep
- 18:30 : kick-off
- 21:00 : meal in the club house for players and Alecadoos (**can anyone wanting to eat let us know in good time**)
- followed by a few drinks, before departing to various billets
- Thursday morning : meet at the club for full English breakfast and farewells to the Aussies.

2. 1st XV Fixtures for December

We have two home games for our 1st XV in December, as follows :

- 1 December v. Morpeth [H]
- 8 December v. West Leeds [A]
- 15 December v. Pocklington [H]
- 22 December : no fixture

You can see fixtures for all our teams, both senior and junior, on the website :

- 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. England Rugby Grand Draw

Distribution of tickets is well under way – we have already allocated almost 1,500 books. If you have not received yours then they are probably on the way – if they have not turned up in a week or so, please let Brad Webster know. Prizes this year include a £10,000 top prize, £1,000 and £500 cash prizes, signed shirts, tickets for Twickenham fixtures and many more.

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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Our target for this year is to raise over £4,000 again. The prize for most tickets sold is not out of reach – last year the winning total was only just over £7,000. We need tickets returned to the Club by the end of February, and the draw will be on 10th April 2019.

4. Steve Knowles Memorial Match

This annual event will take place at 13:30 on Saturday, 29 December between sides representing Under-25s and Over-25s. As well as giving us all the opportunity to commemorate Steve, it will also be a chance to catch up with friends over the Christmas period. We hope to see you at the Club.

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

Response to the request for payment of subscriptions for the year continues, and we are keen for the remaining 25% of non-playing members and Vice Presidents to pay their subs when they get the opportunity. This can be by :

- 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 – we hold any balance on the card until then.

6. Match reporter needed for 1st XV games

The reports from games are valued by people who are not able to get to the games, and we need one or two volunteers who could help out with the effort, to spread the load a little more – there's no commitment to do it every week. If you think you could help, please let us know.

7. Payment on the gate for 1st XV games

If you are able to come along to these games, you will know that new arrangements are in place to take the gate money, which is a valuable source of income for the Club. The new way of operating requires fewer volunteers, and allows parking to be better controlled.

We wanted all members aware of the following points:

- everyone except players and match officials is asked to pay : life members, stakeholders, everyone
- once the club car park is full we **must** use the overflow car park
- parking on the Showground access road is not permitted by the Show Committee
- parking on verges may cause a highway obstruction enforceable by the police

8. Christmas Social on Saturday, 15 December

Following the match against Pocklington, there will be an event arranged by the players that will go on late into the evening. Plans are still being finalised but there will be music, singing and dancing. We will post more details posted in the Clubhouse in the coming weeks. Put the date in your diary.

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9. Charity Ball on New Year's Eve

The Club is delighted to be hosting a charity ball organised by one of our members to raise funds for the charity that helped with the care for his wife. All tickets have been sold, and we wish the event every success in raising funds for this worthy cause.

10. Pre-match lunches and sponsorship

We have sold out tables for the rest of the season, but we keep a cancellation list for anyone wanting to take a chance? If you are interested, please call the Club.

Sponsorship opportunities are always available, and can be taken up mid-season.

11. And finally ... Statistics

Playing statistics for Club started to be rigorously recorded in the 1995/96 season, and we also have summary data for 1st and 2nd teams that were printed in the reports for the Annual General Meetings of 1993/94 and 1994/95.

1. The Club's high-scorer is still Alasdair McClarron with **1,807** (1,475 plus 312 for 93/94 and 94/95 and 20 this season)
2. Second-highest is now Colin Lucas with **1,682** (1,637 at the start of this season, plus 45 this season)
3. James Iveson is now the third-highest with **1,601** (for all games played after 8 February 1997 - the first record we have for him)

Unless, of course, anyone has any additional information ?

All the best for the Christmas Season