

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### 1. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Fixtures

We have only one home game for our 1<sup>st</sup> XV in January. Fixtures are :

- 5 January v. Bridlington [A]
- 12 January v. Consett [A]
- 19 January v. Morley [H]
- 26 January v. Percy Park [A]

2<sup>nd</sup> XV fixtures for the second half of the season have been confirmed, and will be home and away games against Yarnbury, Sheffield, Pocklington, and Ilkley.

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/](http://www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/)
- mini and junior fixtures at [www.driffieldruffc.com/whats-going-on-at-the-club/](http://www.driffieldruffc.com/whats-going-on-at-the-club/)

### 2. England Rugby Grand Draw

We have now distributed over 1,600 books of tickets, and we hope you have received yours. If members sell all of these tickets, it will raise almost £7,000 toward club improvements. The Executive is developing a range of proposals, and hope to be able to bid for grants to make the most of this valuable fundraising effort.

If you have already sold your tickets, please return them to your coordinator, or direct to the Club. Just put the stubs in an envelope with the cash, write your name on the front, and hand them in to the office – please **do not post** them in the letterbox, as it is not secure.

We need tickets returned to the Club by the end of February, but the sooner the better.

### 3. Charity Match in May

We are holding this event again this year, on Sunday 26 May – the Bank Holiday weekend – between two teams of Driffield players. As well as an outside bar, there will be music, food and lots of fun for all ages. We are working on the details, and will post them as they become available. In the meantime, why not make a note in your diary - we hope to see you at the Club ?

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

## What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

### 4. Tickets for Women's Six Nations and Quilter Cup games

The Red Roses have the following games:

- Sunday, 10 February v. France at Castle Park, Doncaster (KO 12:45pm)
- Saturday, 9 March v. Italy at Sandy Park, Exeter (KO 12:05pm)
- Saturday, 16 March v. Scotland at Twickenham Stadium (KO 7:30pm).

You can apply direct for tickets to the France and Italy matches are available from £10 for adults through the RFU's ticketing site at <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu/>. Free entry is available at Twickenham Stadium for all fans who would like to watch the Red Roses take on Scotland - entry will only be permitted after the conclusion of the men's match.

England will play three Summer 2019 Quilter Internationals, with two matches at Twickenham and one at St James Park, Newcastle. You can buy tickets direct from the RFU <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu/> for these games :

- Sunday, 11 August v. Wales at Twickenham (KO 14:00)
- Saturday, 24 August v. Ireland at Twickenham (KO 15:00)
- Friday, 6 September v. Italy at St James Park (KO 19:45)

### 5. Mini Junior Rugby Festival on Sunday, 14 April.

This annual festival will run once again, and has become so popular that four clubs have already confirmed that they will be sending sides at every age grade. Broach Hill Garage will sponsor the event by this year, promoting both their MG and Ssang Yong ranges of vehicles.

Volunteers to help with the running of the day are always welcome – if you can spare a few hours please get in touch with Dominic Thompson.

### 6. Ladies Rugby

The Ladies team continues to grow in number and now has 30 members. This means they have no problem fulfilling their fixtures, and are able to make up the numbers for the opposition when needed to make sure they are played between full teams.

Training sessions take place every Wednesday at the Kelleythorpe Training Pitch from 6-7 pm for girls and 7-8.15 pm for Ladies (16+).

### 7. And finally ... Statistics

Congratulations to Rob Mewburn, who played his 100<sup>th</sup> game of senior rugby for the Club when he took the field as a replacement against Bridlington on 5 January.

Sam Syson is about to reach the same milestone, having played 99 games so far. And Kyle Dench is not far behind, on 95.

But they all have a long way to go to match Jeremy Harrison, who played his 569<sup>th</sup> game against Hornsea on Saturday, 12 January.

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