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1. Annual Awards 2019

For those that were not at the Annual Players' Dinner, this year's awards went to :

- 1st XV player of the year : Adam Brankley
- 2nd XV player of the year : Pete Horner
- 3rd XV player of the year : Ben Pudsey
- 4th XV player of the year : James Cooke
- Ladies XV player of the year : Lucy Grantham
- Most improved player of the year : Tom Sowersby
- Young player of the year : Ben Dinsdale
- Colts / U18s XV player of the year : Cane Wilson
- John Harrison Award : Richard Mitchell-Williams
- President's Award : Patrick 'Bash' Burdass

2. Stacks Challenge on Wednesday, 8 May

The event is being organised by former club captain Paul Dervey and his family in memory of his father Dave, who sadly lost his battle to cancer in January 2018. A group of nearly 40 club members are taking on the Yorkshire Three Peaks to raise money for Cancer Research. They are aiming to raise over £10,000 between them.

Paul and the family would be very grateful if you could look at their fund-raising page and, if possible, sponsor them to and help raise some funds to help the fight against Cancer.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/stacks-challenge>

3. EY RFU Volunteers' Awards on Friday, 10 May

The Club is hosting a dinner organised by the East Yorkshire RFU to celebrate the invaluable contributions of volunteers from clubs across East Yorkshire. The Club Executive has put the following club members forward :

- Men's Volunteer of the Year - Malcolm Bell

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- Mini Rugby Volunteer of the Year - Gemma Waterhouse
- Club Volunteer of the Year - Sophie Thompson
- Women's / Girls Volunteer of the Year – Richard Mitchell-Williams

4. Annual Golf Day on Friday, 17 May

This regular club fund-raising event will take place at Driffield Golf Club. The day costs £200 for a team of four players, and includes green fees, a two-course meal and prizes. If anyone is interested please contact Ben Medhurst on 07710 344603 or email ben.medhurst@pph-commercial.co.uk

5. Grab Life by the Balls' Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge on Saturday, 25 May

James Farnsworth and his 'Charity Chicks' have arranged this event to give more hope to families in the future for brain tumour research, because they lost their gorgeous Lucy to this awful disease.

James has swapped his 'Charity Chicks' for 'Middle-Aged Men' in his next and final challenge for Brain Tumour Research, when they will endeavour to walk The Yorkshire Three Peaks. This is the first time any of the men have done any endurance walking and training has started in earnest.

The walkers who will set out with James to conquer Pen-y-Gent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough include : Rob Beckett, Mark Eggleston, Richard Pearson, Angus Langworthy, Andrew Chapman, Mark Stocks, Bill Farnsworth and Philip Duggleby led by their guide Bernard Cleaver.

6. Charity Match on Sunday, 26 May

We are holding this event again this year during 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 will develop the details, and post them when available.

In the meantime, why not make a note in your diary - we hope to see you at the Club.

7. NatWest Rugby Force Weekend on Saturday, 22 June

The club has once again signed up to this annual event. The weekend brings members to rugby clubs to make improvements ahead of the new season. Clubs that register for NatWest RugbyForce 2019 can look forward to receiving a host of exciting rewards and benefits, including £3,000 grants (six available), £500 grants (425 available) and online toolkits, to marketing and communications advice as well as access to special offers.

We hope to get people from all sections of the Club there : players of all ages, all types of rugby, and non-players too.

8. Tour de Bridlington on Saturday, 29 June

The Mini/Junior section will take part in this fund-raising event at Headlands School, where all proceeds raised by our young players will come back to Driffield RUFC's Mini/Junior section. Posters have been up in the Club for a few weeks, and sponsors are welcome.

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What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

For more information, please contact Sophie Thompson on 07801 414075 or sophie@t-g-logistics.co.uk

9. ACES Summer Camps

The Driffield Rugby Roadshow and All Sports Camp for 6-16 year-olds is coming back from 29 July to 2 August. Aimed at everyone from new beginners to young rugby enthusiasts, everyone is invited to have the opportunity to attend and enjoy the camp. The ACamp Rugby Roadshow will be led and coached by coaches with a wealth of rugby experience.

You can read more at acesportuk.com/upcoming-events/2019/7/29/driffield-ruffc-summer-rugby-roadshow

10. Half-Game Rule

England Rugby has confirmed that, following a trial in 2017/18 and an implementation year in 2018/19, from September 2019 the rule will be regulation in all Age Grade Rugby across clubs, schools, colleges, representative pathways and academy activities.

The rule, applicable to players aged six to 18, will ensure that all players in a match-day squad will get to play at least half a game. It means that every age-grade player in clubs, schools and colleges is guaranteed to get half the available game time.

Details can be found at <https://www.englandrugby.com/news/half-game-rule-introduced-regulation/>

11. And finally, ... Season's Statistics

This is a summary of senior rugby played by Driffield RUFC in the 2018/19 season :

- 104 games were played, of which 52 were won by Driffield - there were 3 draws
- 202 Driffield players took to the pitches, plus 9 'lent' by the opposition
- A total of 1,920 'appearances' were made, either in the starting line-up or as a replacement
- Our players scored 2,867 points :
 - 436 tries
 - 277 conversions
 - 51 penalties, and
 - 0 drop goals
- Top scorers were :
 - Overall : Colin Lucas with 248
 - Try-scorers : James Rafter with 22
 - Kicks at goal : Colin Lucas with 198 (75 conversions and 16 penalties)

Club News is taking a break for the summer – we will send the next edition at the beginning of August

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