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1. Family Fun Day on Saturday, 31 August

We have organised a fun day out for all the family to get the season off to a great start.

DRUFC 1st XV and 2nd XV will take on teams from Doncaster Phoenix - we also hope to arrange a fixture for our Ladies' XV. Timings for the games are :

- 13:15 2nd XV
- 13.15 Ladies
- 15:00 1st XV

There will be a BBQ and an outdoor bar, with discount beer bottles before the 1st try (Ts and Cs apply). There will be a bouncy castle and children's entertainment, as well as music, DJ and karaoke after the game.

Entry is free, and everyone is welcome.

2. 1st XV League and Other Fixtures

The League season starts with three home games in September, starting with the game against York - we hope to see you there. The fixtures are :

- Saturday, 07 September : York (Home)
- Saturday, 14 September : Durham City (Away)
- Saturday, 21 September : Kendal (Home)
- Saturday, 28 September : Morley (Home)

The 2nd XV also starts on 7 September, and our Ladies XV the following day. Our 3rd and 4th XVs pick up at the beginning of October.

All senior teams' fixtures are available to see on the website. Those for the 1st XV are at <https://www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/> - from that page, you can follow a link to other teams.

3. Travelling Supporters

The Club has arranged free coach travel to the following games :

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- Durham City on 14 September
- West Hartlepool on 14 December
- Percy Park on 14 March

The coach to Durham will leave the Clubhouse at 11am, allowing for a lunch break en-route and will return, non-stop, immediately following the final whistle.

If you would like to travel with us, please add your name to list in the bar.

4. Pre-Match Lunches

There is limited availability of tables for home games this season, with seats at £30 (incl. VAT) each. Because there are so many derby games, they have sold fast so we recommend that you call the office soon to book a table.

We still have a couple of tables left for the York game on 7 September.

Also for the Charity Game on 28 September where we have James Mackenzie from the Pipe and Glass cooking lunch (£45 per head). The charity is Prostate Cancer and the club will make a significant contribution to the charity from the proceeds from the day.

The Ladies Day lunch on Saturday, 21 September sold out very quickly, so anyone who missed out may want to book tables ?

5. Mini / Junior Registration Day

We hope Mini Junior players and parents have had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to a new season of rugby at Driffield. This will start with a Registration Day on Sunday, 1 September. We will be in the clubhouse from 10am - 12.30pm when it will be possible for players old and new to register for the season and pay their subs.

If you are unable to attend this Sunday, we will repeat the process on Sunday, 8 September. After that, if you have been unable to make your payment you should contact your Team's Manager or Coach as soon as possible since it may not be possible to play games for the club if you are not a paid-up member, and registered with the RFU.

Payments can be by :

- Cash
- Cheque : payable to Driffield RUFC Limited
- Credit/debit card
- BACS to: Sort Code 40-10-12 ; A/c no 61588303 ; Quote reference "Player surname year group" e.g. SmithU12. Please also send an email to drufc@aol.com confirming a bank payment sent.

6. Subs due for Players and Non-Playing Members

Subs for all members are now due, and can be paid by the methods described above. 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.

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

7. O2 Touch Rugby Tournament on Sunday, 18 August

We are looking for a volunteer to share the burden of writing the match report. Would you feel able to watch a game and make a few notes, and then write it up and send it in to the Driffield and Wolds Weekly by Monday morning on one or two occasions a month ? It would be a great help to us.

If you think you could help, please contact Richard Booth at rgbooth1983@hotmail.co.uk

8. 25th Anniversary Tour by DRUFC Cricket Club

The 2020 season will be the 25th anniversary of the formation of Driffield RUFC's cricket club. A small team is making plans to commemorate the birthday with a few organised events as we approach the next cricket season. One of the events that the anniversary committee is organising is a tour to a European city in May/June 2020.

If you are a past or present player, please contact one of the following so they know who to involve in the invites to the tour.

- Edward Megginson edwardmeg@hotmail.co.uk
- Simon Megginson simon@jkbmegginson.co.uk
- Dale Wilson dal_1987uk@hotmail.com

Please only contact them if you have represented the cricket club : the idea of the events is to thank those who have kept the club running, and to the people who are going to keep the club running for many seasons to come.

9. Law Changes

There are the inevitable tweaks to the Laws, and we have posted an RFU presentation on them in the Documents section of the website for those that want to read up on them. In brief, they are :

- A change to scrum pre-engagement procedures
- Clarification of sanctions for high tackles
- Tactical replacements
- Half-game rule
- Game on

10. Rugby World Cup Pool Games

As most of the fixtures kick off between 9 and 10 in the morning, we are not proposing to open the Club House to show them. We will assess likely demand for the knock-out stages to see if it makes sense to open for those.

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11. RFU Touchline Newsletter

For some months, the RFU has published its monthly Touchline newsletter digitally – it now has 50,000 subscribers.

It is reaching more people, but the RFU is aware some people who miss the original printed copies may not know how to sign up, or even how to send in success stories for publication. The RFU cannot sign people up to receive the digital Touchline from their end, because of the constraints of GDPR / data protection.

If you are interested, or know people who are, you can subscribe by following this link :

<http://links.emails.rfumail.com/ctt?kn=27&ms=Njg0ODUxNwS2&r=MTU2Mjg5MDk5Nzc0S0&b=0&j=MTMzMDUxNDc4NAS2&mt=1&rt=0>

12. England Rugby Draw

England Rugby has announced they will not hold a draw this year. Although many of you may breathe a sigh of relief at not having to sell your tickets, we need to replace the loss of income to the Club. The Club Executive are inviting ideas about what we should replace the Draw with, which will bring us around £5,000 of much-needed fund-raising income.

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