

What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

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1. Rugby Club open for RWC Final

The club will be open to show the RWC Final between England and South Africa from 8am. We will be providing free sausage and bacon sandwiches, and offering reduced-price bitters at £2 a pint, and lager and Guinness at £2.50. Come along with a bunch of your friends and celebrate England's first World Cup Final since 2007.

For those with real stamina, why not stay on at the club and watch our 4th XV entertain Scunthorpe 3rds, who have confirmed their intention to travel and play the planned fixture at 14.15 ?

2. 1st XV Fixtures

Our 1st XV Yorkshire Shield game against Bradford & Bingley has had to be re-scheduled, as Bees have to play their postponed League fixture against Morley. Because of fixture congestion, the game will now take place on Saturday, 23 November between each club's 2nd XV. The game will be at Bees and be a 14.15 kick-off.

In November, we have three 1st XV games:

- 02 November : No fixture
- 09 November : Scarborough (Away)
- 16 November : Percy Park (Home)
- 23 November : Huddersfield YMCA (Away)
- 30 November : No fixture

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. Car Parking on Sundays

We would like to remind all parents and coaches for the mini and junior rugby of the fact that player and spectator safety is paramount. This is the reason that vehicles are not allowed on the pitches on Sundays. Avoiding moving vehicles around youngsters will mean they should always be safe whilst on the playing fields.

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The arrangements for overflow parking, once the front car park is full, are to drive past this car park along the road owned by the Show Committee to gain access to the parking next to the pitches by turning left.

Please note that the vehicle gate at the west end of the car park onto the first team pitch area must be kept unobstructed, as this is the route for emergency access onto the playing areas.

Some people attending the Sunday morning rugby have been parking on the roadside verge of the bypass. We ask that all members and parents **DO NOT** park on any of the verges around the area of the ground as this represents a significant road safety risk on what are major roads. Many thanks for helping us keep the ground a safe place for our membership.

We would also like to ask all our visitors on Sundays to remember that club members helping with car park marshalling are volunteers, and are implementing the safe parking of vehicles as directed by the Club's Executive. Please treat them with courtesy and refer any concerns about the systems to the Club's Executive.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with car parking, Dominic Thompson would be delighted to hear from you on 07889 319826.

We would also like to remind all visitors that we do not allow dogs on the club's pitches at any time on a Sunday, and that owners must properly supervise their dogs when they come along on Saturdays. There have been several incidents recently when coaches have had to 'pick-up' before our junior players can take the field on Sundays.

4. Subs are overdue

We are now about to enter November, the third month of the full season. Many senior players and non-playing members have not yet paid their subs. Playing members are reminded they are not covered by RFU insurance until their subs are paid.

Payments can be by :

- Cash
- Credit/debit card
- Cheque made payable to Driffield RUFC Ltd
- BACS to: Sort Code 40-10-12 ; A/c no 61588303 ; Reference "Surname Initial". It will help if you can also 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 will hold any balance on the card until then.

5. Club Kit Store

The club now has an online kit store for members, at :

<https://www.driffieldruffc.com/kit-store/> /

6. Referees needed

We are in the enviable position that we have so many senior players involved in rugby. Last weekend we put out four senior teams, each with a full complement of replacements – in fact, the 3rd and 4th XVs each

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had five replacements. It is a credit to our mini junior setup third that we had nine Under 18s playing senior rugby among those numbers.

With so many players, we need referees to make sure the games happen. We hope that some of our senior players who don't play as much, or coaches who have some spare time, can help out with refereeing so that our players get the chance to play and stay involved. There is no commitment to every weekend – just a few games each season would be a great help. If you would like to discuss how you can lend a hand, please contact Simon Hornby on 07903 541762.

7. Supporters' coach

The next supporters' coach is planned for Saturday, 14 December for the game at West Hartlepool. The coach, which is free, will leave Driffield in sufficient time to call at a pub on the way for lunch. It will arrive at the ground in time for a drink before the game. It will return once everyone has had a drink after the game and head direct to Driffield.

If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list held at the club, either by asking at the bar or calling the club on (01377) 256598.

8. Member's Lapel Pins

We have had a range of lapel pins made for members to buy. These include :

- Past President
- Past Captain
- Life Member
- Ladies
- Executive Committee

If you would like to buy one of these pins, costing just £2.50, please ask at the bar.

Please remember that there are still plenty of the credit-card sized 1st XV fixture cards available.

9. Cricket Club tour

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 European city in June 2020.

If you are a past or present player, please contact one of the following so they know who to involve in the tour. They would like to have it booked by Christmas, so all of your cooperation will make the job easier.

- Edward Megginson : edwardmeg@hotmail.co.uk 07703 380658
- Simon Megginson : simon@jkbmegginson.co.uk 07971 260895
- Dale Wilson : dal_1987uk@hotmail.com 07885 905326
- Jack Sowersby : jack.sowersby@gmail.com 07716 377991

Please contact them if you 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.

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10. Under 12s Fundraising event

The coaching team for the Under 12s have arranged a bingo evening at the Driffield Community Centre to raise funds for the 2020 tour. It will take place on Friday, 8 November at 7pm for a 7.30 start, and books costs £5 each. Tea and coffee will be available, and you are welcome to bring along your own 'refreshments'.

If you would like to know more please call Fiona Spence on 07903 223087.

11. Mo Run

This year will be the 10th celebration of the event to raise awareness of men's mental health, with events starting on 2 November in Aberdeen and continuing through to 30 November in London. There will be 5k, 10k and 1.5k mini Moruns.

You can find out more at www.mo-running.com/locations

12. What better time to have a say in rugby's future?

There is nothing like a Rugby World Cup to energise everyone in the game and no better time to tell the RFU what every individual wants from rugby. Club members can give their experience of the game via the current National Rugby Survey, and could win one of five £100 England Rugby Store vouchers, or one of five pairs of tickets to an England Men's XV match at Twickenham in 2020.

Complete the survey at : <https://www.englandrugby.com/news/article/your-views-matter>