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### 1. **1<sup>st</sup> XV Fixtures**

In February, we have three 1<sup>st</sup> XV games:

- 01 February : Pocklington (Home) 22 - 20
- 08 February : Malton & Norton (Away)
- 15 February : Bradford & Bingley (Home)

### 2. **Ladies XV Junior Cup**

You may remember that our Ladies XV won their 3<sup>rd</sup> round fixture against Workington in December. They now have their 4<sup>th</sup> round fixture of this national competition confirmed, and will play Mellish Ladies on Sunday, 16 February KO 14:00. We hope there will be a big crowd at the club to cheer on our Ladies XV, who are still unbeaten this season.

### 3. **Love Driffield Launch Night**

The Rugby Club is hosting a fundraising event by Driffield and Wolds Food Bank on Wednesday, 5 February from 7.00 to 9.30pm. The bar will be open and canapés available, as well as a raffle organised by Barclays Bank.

It is your chance to hear about Love Driffield's plans for a new community hub to incorporate the Food Bank, Baby Bank, Coats for Kids, Uniform Exchange and drop-ins. The current Food Bank will close at the end of May if alternative suitable premises are not found.

If you think you can help, in any way, please contact Angela Train at [angelatrain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angelatrain@hotmail.co.uk). You can make donations direct to HSBC Driffield PCC Foodbank, 40-19-26, 91298860 ref. Building.

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### 4. Race Night on Friday, 21 February

1<sup>st</sup> XV player Gary Stephenson and wife Becky have organised this fund-raising evening to benefit two charities : Great Ormond Street Hospital, and Tommy's who fund research to save babies lives.

The first race starts at 7pm, and tickets for the evening are £12 each, which includes a steak pie and peas supper.

To buy your tickets, please contact Gary on 07920 816584 or Becky on 07557 386903.

### 5. Local student's dissertation

A Beverley resident, Joe Gosling, has asked for our support to help him complete his dissertation for his BSc in Sports Therapy. The project is looking at knowledge levels and understanding of concussion, and the protocols between rugby players and sporting therapists / physios.

Joe Gosling plans to use questionnaires : one for players and another for sporting therapists / physios.

We have agreed to promote his work through this newsletter, and any player who would like to help can contact Joe direct (details below). He plans to visit the club on Thursday, 13 February at 19.45 to talk with players after training

Joe's Facebook page 'Joseph Gillyon'. He is also on Messenger and WhatsApp - mobile number 07814983907

### 6. Zoo Sports Kit Store

Many people have had their kit delivered, but we know there are some people who are still waiting. If you are one of these, please let Dominic Thompson know by email at [dom.tgl@icloud.com](mailto:dom.tgl@icloud.com)

### 7. Six Nations – Red Roses

The Red Roses will be back on home soil for the 2020 Women's Six Nations, as they look to defend their 2019 Grand Slam. You can get tickets for their home matches against Ireland on Sunday 23 February (KO 12:45 pm at Castle Park, Doncaster) and Wales on Saturday 7 March (KO 12:05pm at Twickenham Stoop) from <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu/>

### 8. Six Nations – Lead the Team

If you do not have tickets for Twickenham this season, you may want to know that the RFU's official Performance Partner, Mitsubishi Motors, is giving you the chance to be part of the action. Before the upcoming Guinness Six Nations matches taking place at Twickenham Stadium, you and a guest could win the opportunity to lead the England team to the Rose and Poppy Gates in a Mitsubishi L200 Series 6 at either :

- England v Ireland on Sunday, 23 February (entry closes at midnight on Sunday, 9 February)
- England v Wales on Saturday, 7 March (entry closes at midnight on Sunday, 23 February)

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The prize includes two match tickets, a pitch-side tour and a one-night stay at Pennyhill Park Hotel, where Eddie Jones and his squad will be getting ready for action.

You can enter at <https://www.mitsubishi-motors.co.uk/campaigns/rugby/lead-the-team/england#form>

### 9. England Training Camps

If you want a place at the England open training session at Twickenham Stadium on Friday 14 February at 3pm, the tickets are free (£1 booking fee) and available on a first-come first-served basis through the RFU's official ticketing site. You are entitled to book up to four tickets each.

Make the day even more memorable by joining the England squad for the official England Rugby Dinner at Twickenham Stadium from 5.45pm on 14 February 2020. The evening will include Q&As with the players, offering an insight into what it's like to be part of the squad, and is the perfect way to complete your day at the Home of England Rugby.

Both events are in aid of the RFU Injured Players Foundation, who provide support to rugby players at all levels of the game in England who sustain catastrophic injuries while training or playing rugby.

### 10. Update on National Rugby Survey

The RFU has been reviewing this year's large volume of input, and have released these headline findings :

- Players are most likely to rank 'a good quality referee' as the most important factor in driving an enjoyable playing experience, followed by 'a sociable and friendly atmosphere' and 'opposition of a similar standard'
- Conversely, the survey has highlighted that 'poor refereeing' and 'poor behaviour from players on the pitch' are the factors most likely to disengage players with the game
- Almost half of respondents highlighted that they had witnessed some form of poor behaviour on the touchline during a game, and have given their views on best ways to minimise this
- Data shows that England's senior team performance throughout the RWC had an impact on how likely the rugby community would be to recommend the sport to their friends, family and colleagues. The score for recommendation grew steadily as the tournament progressed, with the peak score registered in the week after the New Zealand semi-final

### 11. Injured Players Foundation Half Marathon

You can make a difference and help support catastrophically injured rugby players as well as funding vital injury prevention research, by running the London Landmarks Half Marathon on Sunday, 29 March as part of the RFU Injured Players Foundation team. The IPF needs as many people as possible to sign up for the race and fundraise as much as they can to support the charity's important work in the game.

Starting on Pall Mall and finishing on Downing Street, with plenty of colour, music and support along the way, the London Landmarks Half is a truly unique race running through the famous City of London. All RFU IPF runners will receive a free running vest and t-shirt when they join the team, and will be cheered on by the charity on race day.

Entry costs £25 upfront with a pledge to raise at least £400 in sponsorship for the IPF. You can sign up at [https://www.rfuipf.org.uk/images/Documents\\_Fundraising/2020\\_RFUIPF\\_LLHMform-editable.pdf](https://www.rfuipf.org.uk/images/Documents_Fundraising/2020_RFUIPF_LLHMform-editable.pdf)

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