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1. The Return to Rugby

On Wednesday, 2 December we moved to Stage E of the RFU's Rugby Roadmap to Recovery allowing for adapted full contact training with no scrums or mauls – you can read more on the following RFU web page www.englandrugby.com/news/article/additional-guidance-published-for-community-clubs

Although this allows training to restart, we have decided to delay this for senior players until the beginning of January. In the meantime, many players continue their individual training regimes and have set up informal competitions between themselves to help with motivation during these dark months.

We are now able to use our changing rooms no matter what Tier we fall into, but we will have to manage them strictly.

2. Thanks to our Stakeholders and Sponsors

The Club Executive would like to thank all those businesses that have renewed their commitment to us for the current season. Their financial support during these difficult trading times is particularly welcome, and we are extremely grateful to them for continuing to support our community rugby club.

3. Membership Subs

Over two-thirds of all members have now paid a membership sub for the year, and this support is helping us get through this most difficult season. The online AGM confirmed the subs for the year as :

- Player - Senior male: **£50**
- Player - Senior female : **£40**
- Player - Mini / Junior : **£25**
- Player - Under 6s : **£5**
- Player - Touch Rugby : **£30**
- VPs / Non-playing members : **£60** (VPs are welcome to donate a sum of their choice)

If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, and would like to, this will be easiest by online banking to :

Driffield RUFC Ltd	40-10-12	61588303	Ref. Subs Initial Surname
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Alternatively, you can post a cheque made payable to Driffield RUFC Ltd.

4. New Coast and Wolds Rugby League

Following the RFU decision to cancel competitions for our level of rugby, the Coast and Wolds Rugby Group formed to develop a local cluster of clubs to play 1st XV games when conditions permit. The six clubs involved are : Beverley, Bridlington, Driffield, Malton & Norton, Pocklington and Scarborough. You can see more at <https://www.coastandwoldsrugby.co.uk/>

All six clubs will play each other both home and away. Subject to any changes in government and RFU guidance, fixtures will start on 6 March and continue every weekend except Easter – the full list of fixtures is on the website. We are also discussing regarding ‘curtain raisers’ using the same fixture list for our Under 16s and other junior teams.

We are looking to develop a cluster for 2nd XV fixtures, which is likely to involve different clubs.

We also propose to arrange for our 3rd and 4th XVs to play reciprocal fixtures with the Coast and Wolds cluster on the same dates.

We still do not know what social facilities we will be able to provide once those games start, but hope to be able to open the bar, at least. We are hopeful that, if the spread of the virus can be contained in the coming months, we may be able to offer pre-match lunches for our 1st XV games. We are also looking at the possibility of hot food outdoors – a hog roast perhaps ? We will keep you updated on developments.

5. Show Your Shirt

Driffield RUFC was represented at Twickenham Stadium during the recent Autumn Nations Cup. On Saturday, 21 November the club colours took pride of place in the front row of the stand during England's Quilter International against Ireland, part of the Autumn Nations Cup, and the Red Roses Test Match against France. You can see the photos on our website at :

<https://www.driffieldruffc.com/2020/11/18/driffield-ruffc-shows-its-shirt-at-twickenham/>

While rugby fans were not able to watch England at Twickenham or in their local clubhouse during the national lockdown, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) came up with a way for clubs to be there in spirit if not in person. Throughout the Autumn Nations Cup, as part of a new #ShowYourShirt campaign, the RFU displayed club and county shirts to create a visual representation of the community game - over 450 clubs sent shirts to the home of England Rugby.

6. RFU Training

We are delighted that we are hosting one the first RFU-led post-pandemic training courses in our area over two evenings. Kids First Contact Rugby will take place on Wednesday, 10 and 17 February. We will let coaches know how to book onto the course when the RFU send us the details. In the meantime, you may want to pencil in the dates ?

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What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

7. Online Club Shop

A reminder that the new online club shop is now available for all members at :

<https://rugbygear.co.uk/collections/driffield-ruffc>.

Stay Safe

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