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1. The Return to Rugby

On Monday, 29 March we will move to Stage D1 of the RFU's Rugby Roadmap to Recovery – this will allow contact activity except scrum and maul in training. The 1st XV squad will start their training on Thursday, 1 April. Toilets are allowed to open from that date, but our changing rooms and showers cannot open except for use by disabled people or in an emergency (e.g. should an injury occur and require treatment indoors).

As we have not been able to start training as soon as we had hoped, all the clubs involved in the proposed **Coast and Wolds League** have decided not to go ahead with the planned fixtures. However, the clubs are discussing proposals for Touch Rugby / Ready 4 Rugby / Beach Rugby events. We have decided not to arrange anything just yet for it, only for it to be cancelled, and will re-assess the situation in a couple of weeks.

The Roadmap will also allow inter-club Tag, Touch and Ready4Rugby fixtures to restart – we are assessing whether to hold a club event on one of the Bank Holiday weekends.

The planned progression to stage D2 on the Return to Roadmap from Monday, 26 April will allow contact fixtures under temporary law variations (no scrums or mauls and amendments to the lineout will apply). It is unlikely this will take place straight away in our area, as there appears to be little appetite from most of the clubs for this to start. Instead, we are aiming for a first game on Saturday, 15 May.

We expect the clubhouse will be able to re-open in line with national hospitality guidance from Step 2 on the government's roadmap - this is when pubs and restaurants will be permitted to re-open, and will be no earlier than Monday, 12 April. At that point, drinking will only be permitted outside.

2. Annual General Meeting 2021

We are optimistic that we will be able to hold an in-person meeting this year, on Tuesday, 6 July at 19:00. In the event that the situation changes, preventing us from holding the meeting at the club, we will once again hold it virtually. You may want to put the date in your diary ?

3. Event Bookings

We are delighted that many of our regular customers have already started booking events from July onward, and we have some new bookings for parties. All bookings made will be subject to the prevailing government guidance of course, and we hope that they can go ahead and we can get the clubhouse back into use.

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4. Membership Subs

Anyone who has not had the chance to pay a membership sub for the year, supporting us to get through this most difficult season, is still welcome to do so :

- 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)

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.

5. Show Your Shirt

Driffield RUFC was again represented at Twickenham Stadium during the recent Six Nations games – you can see an example at <https://www.driffieldruffc.com/2021/02/12/driffield-appearance-at-hq-show-your-shirt/>

6. 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>.

7. Law Changes

In case you have not already noticed this, last year World Rugby announced that it would no longer be possible to score a try by grounding the ball against the post protector.

The World Rugby Council approved the minor amendment to Law 8 was during a special meeting held via teleconference and follows a recommendation by the international federation's Rugby Committee and specialist Laws Review Group.

Stay Safe

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