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**1. Clubhouse Reopening Event on 26 June**

On Saturday, 26 June we plan to mark the reopening of the clubhouse with an afternoon's 7-a-side touch rugby, with an outside bar and barbecue. Players from all sections of the club are invited to get teams together and let either Rob Mewburn or Patrick Burdass know.

**2. Annual General Meeting 2021**

We continue to be optimistic that we will be able to hold an in-person meeting this year, on Tuesday, 6 July at 19:00 – the current lockdown easing plans will permit it. In the event that the situation changes, preventing us from holding the meeting at the club, we will once again hold it virtually. Have you put the date in your diary ?

**3. Coaching for 2021/22**

We are delighted that Tosh Askew has agreed to take on the role of lead coach for the club. His team will include Ed Falkingham and Matt Jenkinson as forwards coaches, with Alex Piercy as backs' coach and Chris Young coaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. Richard Mitchell-Williams will remain involved to help with forwards' coaching.

**4. Pre-Season Games**

In anticipation of a return to 'normal' rugby at the beginning of September, we have arranged the following warm-up games.

- Tuesday, 3 August - Beverley (A) - Contact training only
- Saturday, 7 August - Scarborough 10s (A) \*
- Saturday, 14 August - Beverley (H)
- Saturday, 21 August - Doncaster Phoenix (A)

\* If Scarborough 10s does not go ahead, we have agreed with Goole that we will play them in a fixture at Driffield.

The confirmed fixture against Doncaster Phoenix, and potential fixture against Goole, may include a 2<sup>nd</sup> XV fixture to be confirmed nearer the time.

Ideas for content for the Monthly Update are always welcome – just send the idea or 50-100 words to [Brad Webster](#).

## 5. 1<sup>st</sup> XV Fixtures for 2021/22

Our men's 1<sup>st</sup> XV will once again play in North One East – the league includes the following teams :

- Bradford & Bingley
- Cleckheaton
- Consett
- Driffield
- Durham City
- Heath
- Ilkley
- Malton & Norton
- Moortown
- Morley
- Morpeth
- Old Brodleians
- Pocklington
- Scarborough

The fixtures have just been announced, and start with a home fixture against Scarborough on Saturday, 4 September followed by Malton & Norton away on 11 September. The full list of fixtures will be on the website at <https://www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/> by the end of the weekend.

The Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XV league includes Sunderland, Carlisle, Kendal, York, Novocastrians and Hartlepool Rovers.

Both teams will clearly be doing considerable travelling.

## 6. ACES Summer Camp in August

Following previous successful camps for junior players at Driffield, ACES will hold another this year. This will take place from Monday, 23 to Friday 27 August from 09:00 to 16:00. Flyers will be provided soon but, in the meantime, further details are available at :

<https://www.acesportuk.com/upcoming-events/2021/8/23/driffield-rugby-roadshow-summer-2021>

You may want to make a note in your diary if you think you may be interested.

## 7. Floodlighting Improvements

Work on replacement floodlights for the training pitch has been completed and tested. The new lights use significantly less energy.