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1. Welcome to New President

The club welcomes David Dinsdale as our President for the season. He was due to take up the role for the 2020/21 season, but Richard Dee agreed to stay on as 'night watchman' during the various lockdowns until David could get a full season in. David played for us over 25 years ago until injury cut his playing career short and he took up coaching mini/junior teams. Have a great season, David.

2. 1st XV Fixtures

A full list of fixtures for all senior teams is on the website at : <https://www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/>. For our 1st XV's, September fixtures are :

Men

- Saturday, 4 September : Scarborough (Home)
- Saturday, 11 : Malton & Norton (Away)
- Saturday, 18 : Durham City (Home)
- Saturday, 25 : Consett (Away)

Ladies

- Sunday, 5 : Hull Ionians (Home)
- Sunday, 12 : Halifax (Away)
- Sunday, 26 : Carlisle Cougars (A)

3. Lunch at Ilkley on 16 October

Our 1st XV will travel to Ilkley for their league game on Saturday, 16 October. Ilkley RUFC have asked if we would like to take any tables at their lunch before the game - they normally seat 8 or 10 people and cost £20 per head for a 2-course lunch starting at 12.30 (main course and either a pudding or cheese and biscuits) . If you are interested in any seats, please let Brad Webster know and he will coordinate the booking.

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4. Mini / Junior Registration Days

We hope Mini/Junior players and parents have had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to a new season of rugby at Driffield. This will start with a Registration Day on Sunday, 5 September. We will be in the clubhouse from 10am - 12.30pm when it will be possible for players old and new to register for the season and pay their subs.

If you are unable to attend this Sunday, we will repeat the process on Sunday, 12 September. After that, if you have been unable to make your payment you should contact your Team's Manager or Coach as soon as possible since it may not be possible to play games for the club if you are not a paid-up member, and registered with the RFU.

You can pay by :

- Cash
- Cheque : payable to Driffield RUFC Limited
- Credit/debit card
- BACS to Sort Code 40-10-12; A/c no 61588303; Ref "Player surname year group" e.g. Smith U12. Please also send an email to accounts@driffieldruffc.com confirming that you sent a payment

5. Subs for Players and Non-Playing Members

All members are reminded that their subs fall due on 1 September so, if you have not already taken care of them for the season we would encourage you to do so. You can pay by the methods described above. Please remember that the RFU insurance does not cover playing members until they have paid in full for the season, or have set up a Standing Order to cover the full subs.

Please remember that we will reactivate your member's discount card once you have paid for the coming season – we hold any balance on the card until then.

6. Age Grade Player Re-Affiliation

All age grade players must be registered (now called affiliation) with the RFU and, until now, the rugby club has been managing the affiliation / registration process on their behalf. From this season, parents of all age grade players will be responsible for their own children's data, easing the administration burden on volunteer club administrators.

The process is called 'Annual Affiliation'. It allows parents and players to update their details and affiliate with their chosen rugby club each year. On 4 August, all previous age grade affiliations / registrations were switched to 'Inactive' to allow parents to renew their affiliation simply through logging in, checking their existing details and saving to re-affiliate to their club for the season.

Parents can read more about how to do this on the club's web page at:

<https://www.driffieldruffc.com/2021/08/28/age-grade-player-affiliation/>

7. Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for people who can spare just 2 or 3 hours a week to help the club run smoothly. Could you help ? We are looking for help with these things :

- updating the website
- making sure our social events run smoothly
- supervising car parking on 1st XV match days
- writing match reports

8. Lunch tables available

We still have tables available on the following Saturdays :

- 4 September : Scarborough
- 18 : Durham City
- 9 October : Otley (Yorkshire Cup)
- 23 : Cleckheaton
- 13 November : Old Brodleians
- 20 : Heath
- 4 December : Morley
- 18 : Malton & Norton

Ladies Day on Saturday, 2 October is sold out.

If you would like to take a table, please let Veronica Hampson know : info@driffieldruffc.com

9. Ladies Rugby

The Woldswomen are excited to be led out by a new captain this year : previous captain Lucy Grantham is taking to the sidelines this season as she is expecting to welcome a new Woldswoman/Woldsmen in January 2022. The new captain, Lauren Fairbank, has been with the Woldswomen since they started and was a key player in league promotion in 2019-20.

As numbers continue to grow this season, we are going to field two sides : the Woldswomen 1st XV will play in the Women's NC 1 North League following promotion from NC2 (North East) in 2019/2020 season. The Woldswomen 2nd XV, a new development team for the 2021-22 season, will play in the Women's NC 3 (North East) League.

We have also launched our girls section over the summer months with some fantastic numbers coming down every week. Both Women's and Girls sections train on a Wednesday evening with the girls starting at 5:30pm with the women's squads starting at 7pm.

10. New sponsors

We are always looking for more, so are delighted that we have some new sponsors for the coming season:

- Consultiv Utilities
- DRT Trailers

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- Edwards Potato Vodka
- Elliotts Eggs
- McArthur Agriculture
- The Humble Potato Company

11. Internationals at Twickenham

Now that supporters are allowed back in the stadium, many of you will be looking forward to the England Autumn Internationals at Twickenham - members were previously invited to apply for tickets by Saturday, 14 August. The fixtures are :

- 6 November : England v Tonga KO 15.15
- 13 November : England v Australia KO 17.30
- 20 November : England v South Africa KO 15.15

12. Kit Store / Club shop

We have linked with RugbyGear.co.uk for a range of training and other kit items for both junior and senior teams. You can see the full range at the dedicated web site at <https://rugbygear.co.uk/collections/driffield-rufc/>