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

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

Men

- Saturday, 13 : Old Brodleians (Home) – they are also sending a 2<sup>nd</sup> XV
- Saturday, 20 : Heath (Home)
- Saturday, 27 : Bradford & Bingley (Away)

Ladies

- Sunday, 07 : The fixture against York (Home) is cancelled
- Sunday 21 : Sunderland (Away)

**Please remember that Saturday games are now 2:15 kick-off.**

**2. Ladies Sponsorship Lunch on Sunday, 5 December**

Our Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XV is playing 2<sup>nd</sup>-placed Novocastrians kicking off at 2:00, and our Ladies Development XV are playing Ripon Bluebellles.

To make it a great occasion, we are putting on a 'sponsorship lunch' in the same style as those for Saturday games. The bar will be open from 11:30 and guests should be there in good time to be seated for 12:15, with a kick off at 2:00.

Why not make this a Sunday Lunch out for the family, and bring your parents and friends to make a packed clubhouse ? If you have not been able to book a table for a Saturday so far, these are the only tables available for the remainder of the season.

The lunch will be three courses, and tickets will be £25 for adults and £15 for children under 12s. There is no need to book a full table of 10 – bring as many as you like and join a table. Seats must be pre-booked but you can pay on the day. Please contact Katie Joyce to reserve your seats : 07827 964824 or [katiejoyce2292@gmail.com](mailto:katiejoyce2292@gmail.com).

If you would like to be on the stand-by list for any cancellations for Saturdays, please let the office know on (01377) 236275 or [info@driffieldruffc.com](mailto:info@driffieldruffc.com)

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

### 3. Referee Course

We are always looking for more referees for the club, and there is no commitment to join the Society. If you would like to take part in an introductory course organised by the East Yorkshire Referees Society, they have arranged a free course:

- Venue Bishop Burton College
- Date 23 and 24 November 2021
- Time 5.30pm – 8.30pm

RFU-accredited trainer Brian Davison and society training officer Pete Hardman will run the course over two evenings and the course material is excellent. Brian has put the course together based on his experience with ELRA and on an introductory course devised by the London Society to encourage new referees.

The course is open to all :

- female or male
- those reaching the end of their playing career but still wanting to continue their rugby career
- Saturday players willing to referee on a Sunday
- Sunday players who are willing to referee on a Saturday
- those who wish to join the Society
- those who only wish to referee at their own club

### 4. Have you Verified your E-mail Address ?

We have made great progress on reducing the number of unverified email addresses, down from 740 to 450, but there is still a long way to go. If you have not already done, please log into your account at <https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Dashboard/Organisation/1113>

- use the account name in the footer of one of the emails from the club
- if you have multiple accounts, just choose one of the account names shown
- add a password if you have logged in before - use the 'Forgotten Password' button if can't remember what you used all that time ago or have never logged
- once logged in, you should see the option to 'Resend Verification Link'
- while logged in, update any contact details and your date of birth - some of them are set to 25/12/1958 as a dummy date
- the Verification Email usually takes just a few minutes to arrive (remember to check your Spam / Junk folders) but may take a while - please be patient
- click the 'Verify Email' link when you receive it

### 5. Get your Boots Back on ?

If you have not already burnt your boots, and fancy the occasional games for our 4<sup>th</sup> XV, then Hugh Boughton the skipper would love to hear from you. Email him at [hugh.boughton@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.boughton@gmail.com) or give him a call on 07879 494050.

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## 6. Subs for the Season

A reminder that any playing or non-playing members who have not yet contributed can do so at the club, or by online banking :

- Driffield RUFC Ltd
- Sort Code 40-10-12
- A/c no 61588303
- Ref "Surname Initials"

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.

## 7. Autumn Nations Series

These games are all being shown on Amazon Prime, and the RFU has created a scheme for clubs to be able to show the games. We are hoping to show the Saturday games at the club.

These are the England games :

- England Men v Tonga, 6 November (3:15pm KO)
- England Men v Australia 13 November (5:30pm KO)
- England Men v South Africa on 20 November (3:15pm KO).

## 8. Fixture Books

We have tried to give a copy of the season's fixture book to everyone who has paid his or her subs but, if you have not received one yet, just ask at the bar as we have sufficient left.