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1. Ladies 1st XV 'Final' on Sunday, 3 April

On Sunday, 3 April the Woldswomen play their last league game of the season - this will be the league title decider between 1st and 2nd in the table. The opposition, Carlisle Cougars, are currently top of the table just four points ahead.

Kick-off will be around 2 pm but depends upon when the Mini / Junior Festival finishes. The team is looking forward to a large home crowd to cheer them on as a bonus point win could see them winning the NCI (North) league.

The club is also excited to announce the selection of Alice Calvert and Georgia Lane to the Yorkshire County Women's squad. Neither of them had ever played rugby before joining Driffield, and have now only played for a couple of years. Alice has played 26 games and scored 34 tries, while Georgia has played 22 times and scored 10 tries.

We look forward to supporting them in their upcoming fixtures in the Gill Burns County Championship.

2. Men's 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/> - there are links from there to all teams. For our 1st XV, April fixtures are :

Men

- Saturday, 02 : Morley (Away)
- Saturday, 09 : Pocklington (Home)
- Saturday, 23 : Scarborough (Away)

3. Mini / Junior Festival on Sunday, 3 April

The Club's annual festival is running again, and many other local clubs have confirmed that they will be sending sides at every age grade. This year, the clubs that are attending are all 'local'.

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What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

The event takes a lot of organising, and the coaches and managers work flat out to manage the on-field activity. They would really appreciate volunteers to help with car parking at the start of the day, to make sure we get all the vehicles off the main road quickly and safely.

We would really appreciate it if you can set some time aside, and volunteers to help with the running of the day are always welcome – if you can spare a few hours please get in touch with Jonathan Lane or Simon Farnsworth.

4. Ladies 2nd XV

The development team have two away games left to play this season, and wins could see them top the NC3 North (East) league :

Ladies 2nd XV

- Sunday, 10 : Malton & Norton (Away)
- Saturday, 24 : Hornsea (Away)

5. Annual Dinner on Thursday, 14 April

As is the tradition, this will take place at the clubhouse on the Thursday before Easter. The evening will include the usual dinner, and award of the following :

- Ladies Player of the Year
- 1st XV Player of the year
- 2nd XV Player of the year
- 3rd XV Player of the year
- 4th XV Player of the year
- Most improved player of the year
- Young player of the year
- Colts / U18s XV Player of the year
- John Harrison award
- President's Award

Tickets are £15 each and must be reserved in advance. Captains will be organising their own tables, and anyone else who would like to go should contact either Dominic Thompson, or Veronica in the office.

6. Roger Iveson

You will probably have seen the articles in the local press about the sad passing of Roger Iveson. If ever there was a case of the right man, in the right place, at the right time then Roger Iveson's appointment as head coach at Driffield RUFC was it. He brought with him his passion and experience of the game but, most importantly, his insistence in discipline in all aspects of the clubs approach to pre-match preparation.

For some years, Driffield had been endeavouring to emulate the heroes of 1971 and win the Yorkshire Shield for a second time. It was the appointment of Roger that proved the catalyst to achieving this goal. In what was still an amateur game he introduced a very professional honest approach to fitness and preparation and he inspired his players with his dedication and his well-chosen words.

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Having achieved the Shield win on that glorious day in April 1991 at the now defunct Roundhay RUFC, the club enjoyed a long period of success culminating in our fourth promotion to what now is the Northern Premier league - a status we held for five years.

All of this was the work of many people but the person that laid the foundation for that success following the Shield win was Roger Iveson. The players and supporters of our club owe him a great debt of gratitude for the work he did on the field...

7. Steve Knowles Memorial Match on Saturday, 16 April

We plan to hold the rescheduled game on Easter Saturday, 16 April kicking off at 14:00.

8. England Autumn Internationals 2022

All paid-up members, sponsors and stakeholders may now apply for an allocation of up to four tickets (subject to availability) for the following England matches at Twickenham :

- 6 November : Argentina (prices range from £65 - £117)
- 12 November : Japan (prices range from £44 - £80)
- 19 November : New Zealand (prices range from £91 - £174)
- 26 November : South Africa (prices range from £70 - £127)

Adult tickets carry an additional booking fee of £12 per ticket.

You can apply for tickets to Adrian Harrison by email to adrian@dee-atkinson-harrison.co.uk by 30 April 2022, confirming the fixture and ticket category required (full details on our website), along with a breakdown between adult and junior tickets if appropriate.

Availability of tickets will be limited by the overall demand, and you will be advised as soon as possible whether your application has been successful.

9. News from our 2nd and 3rd XV's

Both of these teams have reached the play-off stages of their leagues. The Cents have two more games to decide whether they play their semi-final at home or away.

10. Next Year's 1st XV League Restructure

The RFU has sent out information about how next year's English Club Championship (ECC) leagues might look, to help clubs plan for the finalised 2022-23 ECC league structure to be released in May.

Based upon the league positions at the time, with three teams promoted from North One East, the new Regional 1F league would be :

- Billingham
- Alnwick
- Scunthorpe
- York
- Sandal
- Doncaster Phoenix
- Paviers
- West Bridgford
- Derby
- Driffield
- Ilkley
- Cleckheaton

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