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1. 1st XV Warm-Up Fixtures

To help us get ready for the new season by blowing out the cobwebs and getting some match fitness we are, as usual, playing three warm-up games. They are :

- Saturday, 13 August : Scarborough 10s (Away)
- Saturday, 20 August : Derby (Home)
- Saturday, 27 August : Bridlington – Turnbull Trophy (Away)

All of the senior teams' fixtures are available to see on the website. Those for the 1st XV are at <https://www.driffieldrugby.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/> - from that page, you can follow a link to other teams. The first League fixture is on Saturday, 3 September away at Paviers – the first home fixture is a week later against Sandal.

2. Off-Season Update

If you were not able to get to the AGM in July, here are some key points from the meeting - the minutes are on the website at: <https://www.driffieldrugby.com/annual-general-meeting-2022/>

- Philip 'Pip' Snaith took over from David Dinsdale as President
- The financial accounts for the year were positive – we made a profit last season
- Membership subs are being increased, following four seasons with no increase
- The current economic climate, fewer home games and more travelling will make this a tricky season
- Captains for the next season will be: 1st XV - Rob Mewburn; 2nd XV - Matthew Rowbottom; 3rd XV – Will Megginson; 4th XV – to be decided; Ladies XV – Lauren Fairbank
- Kerry Booth has been appointed as Club Manager

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3. Pre-Match Lunches

With two fewer home games this season, these have been selling fast, and there are very few tables available. The only available dates are :

- 10 September at £30 per person
- 15 October : catered by Pipe and Glass' James McKenzie at £45 per person
- 26 November at £36 per person

If anyone is interested in any of these dates please contact Kerry Booth at the clubhouse on (01377) 256598.

4. Members Subs now due

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. Subs have increased and are now :

- Senior Player : £170
- Development Squad : £100
- Player in full-time or further education : £100
- Ladies Player : £115
- Mini/Junior : £110 for first child, and £100 for siblings
- Under 6 : £60
- Touch Rugby: £30 for over-16s, and £15 for under-16s
- Vice President : Donation (at least equal to a non-player member's subscription)
- Non-Playing Member : £70
- Life Member : £1,200
- 10-Year Member : £600

You can pay by :

- BACS to Sort Code 40-10-12; A/c no 61588303; Ref "Surname Initials"
- Credit / debit card at the bar
- Cash
- Cheque : payable to Driffield RUFC Limited

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. Also 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.

5. 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, 4 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, 11 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.

Payment details are as above, but please use Ref "Player surname year group" e.g. Smith U12.

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6. Player Affiliation - Age Grade

Parents must log into their RFU account to Re-Affiliate their age grade players – details of how you do this are in the footer of the email that includes this newsletter. If you have received the email then you already have an account, so please do not create a new one – it will create a duplicate. Please only create a new account for a family that is new to Driffield RUFC – you can add a child to an existing parent account.

Parents are now responsible for their own children's data, easing the administration burden on volunteer club administrators. The process allows you to check and update your details, such as a change of address. Details of how to do this are on the club's web page at:

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

If you are having problems, please contact Brad Webster on driffieldrugby@gmail.com

7. Charity Fundraiser on Friday, 9 September

Lucy Horsley, one of our players, has entered the London Marathon in October to benefit her charity, British Heart Foundation. Lucy has to raise a minimum of £1,500 in sponsorship, so is holding a fundraising evening at The Highfield House in Driffield.

- 17:30 Doors open for food and drinks - a large range of drinks available, including marathon-themed cocktails
- 20:15 The Fonics (live band) will start their first set
- 21:15 Raffle and live auction
- 22:15 The Fonics will start their second set
- 24:00 Carriages

Tickets are £15 each with 100% of proceeds going to The British Heart Foundation. There is an incredible range of raffle and auction prizes available, all donated by local businesses. Raffle tickets will be £1 a strip and you can buy them in advance or on the evening. Dress code will be smart casual.

You can book tickets direct at using this link www.tinyurl.com/bdd2hpk5 (the full link is given below as not everyone likes using TinyURL), or contact Lucy on lucy919@hotmail.co.uk or 07900 673271.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lucys-british-heart-foundation-fundraiser-tickets-317558645457?keep_tld=1&fbclid=IwARlNLD_sL2Kfji7JEmcD_saEKFrWYPowyZ54vqiVpX0a3C2f5CLoznogSq8

8. Christmas Party Night on Friday, 16 December

It seems like a long time away, but it will soon come around so, if you are looking to get a group together for 'a bit of a do', this is what we are offering :

- Welcome drink on arrival
- Three-course meal
- Disco until late
- Bar open from 19:00, with dinner served at 20:00
- £40 per head

Please contact Kerry Booth at the club for more details.

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9. New Sponsors

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

- Akkeri Developments Ltd
- Frost Consultants Ltd
- Handelsbanken
- Wilkin Chapman LLP

10. Function Hire

Please remember that the clubhouse is available for hire throughout the year, and is a valuable source of income for the club. Hire is not restricted to club members so please tell your friends and colleagues too. Kerry Booth will be happy to discuss your needs and try to fit you in among other bookings.

11. 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

12. Fixture Handbook

Many of you will be familiar with the pocket-sized booklet we have produced for years. Members ask for fewer and fewer each year, so we have decided to stop producing one as all the information is available on the club website. We are developing a one-page summary of key information that you can fold to wallet / purse size if you still want something.

14. County Honours Board

We have not updated the Honours Board since the 2011-12 season and would like your help to make sure we include everyone since : such as Owen Fergusson and Alice Calvert.

Please send any names / honours you can think of to Brad Webster at driffieldrugby@gmail.com