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1. 1st XV Fixtures

Both our 1st XV's start their season in new leagues : the Ladies in National Championship I and the Men in Regional I North East - both leagues will involve a lot of travelling. Fixtures in September are :

National Championship I

- Sunday, 25 September : Sefton (Home)

Regional I North East

- Saturday, 3 September : Paviors (Away)
- Saturday, 10 September : Sandal (Home)
- Saturday, 17 September : Scunthorpe (Away)
- Saturday, 24 September : West Bridgford (Away)

All fixtures are available to see on the website. Go to <https://www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/> - from that page, you can follow a link to all teams.

2. Pre-Match Lunches

With two fewer home games this season, these have sold quickly, and the only tables now available are for the Sandal game on Saturday, 10 September at £30 per person.

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

3. Members Subs now due

All members are reminded that their subs fell 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 :

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- Senior Player : £170
- Development Squad : £100
- Player in full-time or further education : £100
- Ladies Player : £115
- Girls (over 13 and under 16) : £30
- 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 "Subs Surname Initials"
- Credit / debit card at the bar
- Cash
- Cheque : payable to Driffield RUFC Limited

We would like to remind all players that RFU insurance does not cover them until they have paid their subs for the season. In addition, that RFU insurance does not cover loss of earnings, and players are encouraged to seek their own cover if they wish.

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, 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 "MJ Subs surname year group" e.g. MJ Subs Smith U12.

5. Player Affiliation - Age Grade

Parents must log into their RFU account to Re-Affiliate their age grade players – details of how you log in 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.driffieldruffc.com/2021/08/28/age-grade-player-affiliation/>

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

6. 2023 Six Nations Tickets

All fully 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:

- 4 February v Scotland
- 12 February v Italy
- 11 March 2023 v France

Prices range from £30 - £33 for juniors and £72 - £153 for adults.

France & Scotland			
	Entitlement	Standard	Jnr
Premium	£153	£184	£33
Cat 1	£137	£158	£33
Cat 2	£122	£137	£33
Cat 3	£106	£111	£33
Cat 4	£80	£85	£33
Italy			
Premium	£119	£134	£30
Cat 1	£108	£119	£30
Cat 2	£98	£108	£30
Cat 3	£87	£93	£30
Cat 4	£67	£72	£30

Please apply by 23 September by email to Adrian Harrison, Ticket Secretary adrian@dee-atkinson-harrison.co.uk confirming the fixture and ticket category required, along with a breakdown of numbers of adult and junior tickets, if necessary. Initial ticket offerings will be at the above 'entitlement' and 'junior' prices. Adult tickets will carry an additional booking fee of £12 per ticket on top of the entitlement price.

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. Please note : applications will not be processed unless a membership subscription or sponsorship invoice for the 2022-23 season has been paid.

7. Members Bar Payment Cards

We have had new tills installed during the summer, and have had to reissue a significant proportion of the cards. We have transferred over the balance from previous cards and will hold them behind the bar for collection – they will hand them over once membership for the season has been paid.

Because of the high 'churn' of cards, we have decided that we need to cover their cost by introducing some 'rules' :

- A minimum of £10 must be added to any new card issued (too many have never been 'loaded')
- A replacement card (once the current round has been issued) will cost £2 (too many have been lost)

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8. 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. So far, we have collected the following additions :

Name	Season	Team
Alex Cullen	2012-13	Yorkshire U17
Felix Nellen	2013-14	Yorkshire U17
Ryan Murray	2013-14	Yorkshire U16
Felix Nellen	2014-15	Yorkshire U18
Harry Newburn	2014-15	Yorkshire U18
Ryan Murray	2014-15	Yorkshire U17
James Watts	2014-15	Yorkshire U18
Adam Brankley	2014-16	Midlands U20
Harrison Dodds	2015-16	Yorkshire U18 (Captain)
Ryan Murray	2015-16	Yorkshire U18
Ben Dinsdale	2015-16	Yorkshire U16
Harry Jackson	2015-16	Yorkshire U15
Adam Brankley	2015-16	England Counties U20
Edward Falkingham	2017-19	Yorkshire
Ryan Murray	2016-18	Northumberland U20
Harrison Dodds	2016-17	Yorkshire U20
Will Brigham	2017-18	Yorkshire U20
Will Burns	2017-18	Yorkshire U20
James Watts	2017-18	Yorkshire U20
Ryan Murray	2017-19	Northumberland
Ben Dinsdale	2018-19	Yorkshire U20
Melissa Freeman	2018-19	Yorkshire u18
Melissa Halstead	2018-20	Yorkshire
Melissa Freeman	2019-20	Yorkshire
Owen Fergusson	2019-20	Yorkshire U17
George Mewburn	2021-22	Yorkshire
Alice Calvert	2021-22	Yorkshire
James Naylor	2021-22	England 7s

Please send any corrections or additions to Brad Webster at driffieldrufc@gmail.com

9. 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 eventing at The Highfield House in Driffield.

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What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

- 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=IwARINLD_sL2Kfji7JEmcD_saEKFrWYPowyZ54vqiVpX0a3C2f5CLoznogSq8

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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

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