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1. 1st XV Fixtures

Fixtures in November are :

Regional 1 North East (NB now a 2.15 kick-off)

- Saturday, 5 November : Alnwick (Away)
- Saturday, 12 November : Heath (Away)
- Saturday, 26 November : Ilkley (Home)

Women's Championship North 2

- Sunday, 06 November : Manchester Ladies (Home)
- Sunday, 13 November : Didsbury Toc-H Ladies (Away)

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

For anyone travelling to the Alnwick game : one of our members would like to remind anyone using the Tyne Tunnel to remember to pay their tolls by midnight the following day to avoid the penalty charge. The website for this has a poor record for reliability, so booking and paying online in advance may be helpful.

2. Player Affiliation - Age Grade

For the last two seasons, the RFU has asked parents to log into their RFU account to Re-Affiliate their age grade players, and around 40% had done so. As a thank you, the RFU allocated us 20 free tickets for this weekend's England v. Argentina game on Sunday, 6 November. These are time-limited and may already have been taken up but, if you are interested, Adrian Harrison will be able to give you details of how to apply.

3. Autumn Nations Series

The club has bought a package through Sky that allows us to show these games on the club's TVs. You can see a full list of them at : <https://www.autumn-internationals.co.uk/2022/>

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Although we only have one Saturday 1st XV home fixture during November, we will show the games whenever we are open for rugby. The series finishes with the England v. South Africa game on Saturday, 26 November, after our game against Ilkley.

4. Members Subs overdue

Subs fell due on 1 September, and many senior playing and non-playing members have already taken care of them for the season. There are still quite a few that have not, and 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
- 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
- Cheque : payable to Driffield RUFC Limited
- Cash

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.

5. Under 15s Quiz Night on Friday, 18 November

The coaching team has organised this evening's entertainment to raise funds for next year's Under 15s tour. The bar will be open from 19:00 and the quiz will start at 19:30. There will also be refreshments and a raffle. Tables are £10 each with a maximum four players per table. If you would like to find out more, please call Fiona Spence on 07903 223087

6. Play it Safe Course on Wednesday, 30 November

This course is for any volunteer, coach or match official who is working or has responsibility for children and vulnerable adults within rugby. Identifying best practice, it provides information and guidance on the responsibilities and support available for ensuring children and vulnerable adults are safeguarded appropriately. All volunteers working with Under 18s must complete a Play it Safe Safeguarding course every three years.

An RFU-accredited trainer will deliver the course, starting at 18:00 and running for three hours. The club is covering the costs of the course and individuals must book themselves onto it – the club charge will refund the £10 online charge if you keep the receipt.

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What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

To book onto the course, currently only open to DRUFC, you must follow this link and log in with your GMS details :

<https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Account/Login?qs=gthTcPIZ%2fPulqucguv8NvmH4ZVJq3Rc5Lrw4NF7aL9fPPAIEu5oSKGdVxtmiYDk5vln9rammLR7Bs7KY2OwoHy4rsNM5MRxLeuNp0RGE%2fCnMPQThjrjWQmf5venbgM0GPP%2fVZ3Mpyj394isu6cHmbzexNEzglIK3xnkpUA7Oc0bpIX7lbel6RbVwCI4zUMtnxMqn7eHOTjAXjsf7hk%2fk8g%3d%3d>

Delegates to the course must also complete the eLearning : Headcase module before the evening.

7. Wreath-Making Evenings

Two separate social evenings have been arranged to help people get into the Christmas spirit :

- Ladies XV : Tuesday, 29 November at 7pm
- Mini / Juniors : Tuesday, 6 December

Both are £25 per person, with all materials provided – just bring gloves and clippers. If you are interested in attending either of these, please contact Kerry in the office.

8. Pensioner's Christmas Lunch on Friday, 9 December

Every year the President chooses a charity to benefit from fund-raising. This year's President, Pip Snaith, has chosen to use the funds raised to provide a festive lunch for pensioners from the area. The event will take place on Friday, 9 December - further details will be made available.

In the meantime, Pip is looking for volunteers to help with providing the lunch. This might be setting up the room, helping our guests with access, serving on the bar, waiting on tables / serving the meals, or helping out in the kitchen. If you can give a few hours for this, please contact Pip on 07968 983114 or philipsnaith@gmail.com

9. Christmas Party Night on Friday, 16 December

If you are still looking for somewhere to get a group together for 'a bit of a do', we are offering :

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

Please contact Kerry Booth at the club for more details.

10. Players' Social Evenings

This season, the players are arranging a number of social evenings on Saturdays, to extend the fun after a game of rugby. The first was on Saturday, 15 October and followed the Billingham game. Plans are being hatched for another at Christmas, and one in the second half of the season – details to be made available.

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II. 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