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1. 1st XV Fixtures

Fixtures in December are :

Regional 1 North East (2.15 kick-off)

- Saturday, 10 December : Scunthorpe (Home)
- Saturday, 17 December : West Bridgford (Away)

Women's Championship North 2

- Sunday, 11 December : Cancelled - Preston Grasshoppers Ladies (Home)
- Sunday, 18 December : Cancelled - Firwood Waterloo Ladies (Away)

Both of these teams have withdrawn from the league, so the next Ladies fixture will be a Development Squad game at Beverley on Sunday, 11 December.

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. Pensioner's Christmas Lunch on Friday, 9 December

As previously described in the Club Newsletter, President Pip Snaith is using charity funds raised at the club to provide a festive lunch for pensioners from the area. The event will take place on Friday, 9 December and we are expecting a little over 50 members of our local community.

Pip is still looking for volunteers to pick up our guests, and return them home afterwards. If you can give a few hours for this, please contact Pip direct on 07968 983114 or philipsnaith@gmail.com

3. Steve Knowles Memorial Game on Tuesday, 27 December

Steve started his rugby career at Driffield School under the help and guidance of John Harrison and Ross Weekes and subsequently at our club. He played alongside the likes of Steve Cooper, Alan Stephenson, Russ Yeadon, the Kitching lads, Rob and John Leason and many more. It is over 40 years ago that the Knowles family lost soon-to-be-engaged Steve, when he was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident on the way home.

Although Covid has recently interrupted this annual event, we plan to hold it again this year, kicking off at 14:00 on the Bank Holiday Tuesday following Boxing Day. We hope to see you there.

Ideas for content for the Monthly Update are always welcome – just send the idea or 50-100 words to Brad Webster.

4. Men's Health Awareness

The club has teamed up with doctors from Yorkshire Coast and Wolds practices to promote health checks for men, with a particular focus on the following :

- heart disease
- cancer symptoms
- mental health

Dr. Tami Byass said, "It is more challenging to raise awareness of these issues in harder-to-reach areas such as our rural community. We are looking forward to working with Driffield RUFC to raise awareness". Representatives from the practices will be at the lunch before the York game on Saturday, 7 January and available for anyone who wants to get some advice about how to get a check-up.

5. Pre-Match Lunches

We are very fortunate that these sold out quickly, but a table has become available for the following game :

- Saturday, 18 February : Heath

If you would like to book this table, please contact Kerry Booth at the club on (01377) 256598.

6. Ladies XV Sponsors

The Ladies XV have continued their successes on the field, and have added to it with sponsorship gratefully received from the following local businesses :

- Magna Inspections Ltd - <https://www.welding-inspection.co.uk/>
- Aim High Online Ltd - <https://aimhigh.online/>
- FAB Training - <https://www.fabtraining.net>
- Highfield, Driffield - <https://thehighfieldhouse.com/>

7. County Honours

Two of our younger players have made appearances for Yorkshire under-18s Girls. Gracie Ulliyott and Charlotte Miles were in the team that recently won their first game and lost the 2nd, and both came away from the day with a try. Congratulations to both of you.