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1. Family Fun Day on Sunday, 28 May

To celebrate the win at Twickenham, and give everyone the chance to get together over the Bank Holiday weekend, we will be holding an afternoon of fun for everyone at the club. There will be a number of outdoor games, like a rugby ball 'coconut' shy or foot golf, a barbecue and the bars will be open.

The event will start at 13:00, and entry is free.

2. Season's Successes 2022-23

It has been a great season across the club, and the following are key successes :

- 1st XV – 3rd place in Regional 1 North, and winners of the Papa John's Community Cup at Twickenham (in case you hadn't already heard)
- 2nd XV – runners-up in Yorkshire Merit Premiership
- 3rd XV – winners of Yorkshire Merit Eastern for the 4th season in a row
- Ladies 1st XV – retained their place in Championship North 2 following promotion last season
- James Watts was the highest points-scorer in Regional 1 North

All the players and coaching staff, and the Executive Committee, would like to thank everyone who made the effort to go to Twickenham to cheer on the Woldsmen. The support was brilliant and the players said how much it lifted them and helped them raise their game.

3. Next Year's 1st XV League Opposition

The following teams are expected to take part in the 2023-24 Regional 1 league :

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| • Alnwick | • Driffield | • Pontefract |
| • Blaydon | • Harrogate | • Sandal |
| • Cleckheaton | • Heath | • Scunthorpe |
| • Doncaster Phoenix | • Ilkley | • York |

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4. **Colts Annual Award 2022-23**

This year's award went to Tom Pick. He has played in every age group through minis and juniors, culminating in him making his 1st XV debut, and gaining a cap for Yorkshire Colts.

5. **Captains for Next Season**

The men's captains have been confirmed as :

- 1st XV : Adam Brankley
- 2nd XV : Matthew Rowbottom
- 3rd XV : Will Megginson
- 4th XV : Gareth Culpan

6. **Director of Rugby**

Stuart Cooper has let us know that he is standing down from his role as Director of Rugby, a position he has held for many years. His knowledge and experience in a variety of roles has been the foundation for our on-field successes, and we cannot thank him enough for all the energy and effort he has put into making sure our on-pitch performances have got us to where we are now.

We have asked Chris Young to replace Stuart as Director of Rugby, and he will continue to work with Bash Burdass, Chairman of Rugby.

7. **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The meeting will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, 11 July starting at 19:00. As with previous years, we will make the papers available online in advance of the meeting. All paid-up members are welcome to attend.

8. **DRUFC Cricket**

The season is under way once again, and your support at their games is always welcome. You can find them listed at : <https://bridlingtondistecl.play-cricket.com/matches>

9. **Disclosure Service Notifications**

For a few seasons now, it has been a requirement in RFU Regulation 21 that all individuals wishing to engage in age grade rugby are required to have completed the RFU's eLearning Introduction to Safeguarding course.

To drive compliance and ensure those engaged in the children's workforce have (at a minimum) some basic safeguarding awareness, the Game Management System (GMS) has been updated to block any DBS application against an RFU ID/record that does not show this as an active course award.

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What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

The RFU acknowledges there may be individuals with a higher level of safeguarding training through other courses or in their personal/professional lives. However, the block on GMS cannot be overridden and therefore requires all individuals needing a DBS check to complete this prior to an application being initiated.

As we move through the summer, and you are involved in coaching, please check that you have completed this course, and make sure you have completed it if not. The eLearning Introduction to Safeguarding course can be accessed on the GMS Course Finder, at

<https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/coursefinder>

10. National Rugby Survey

You can help shape the future of community rugby through the National Rugby Survey – the RFU would like to hear your reflections on the season. The survey takes ten minutes to complete and is open until 09:00am on Thursday, 18 May. You can read more at :

<https://www.englandrugby.com/news/article/take-part-in-the-national-rugby-survey> .

As well as being an overall health check for the game, the scores and comments you submit will influence:

- Tracking the effect of the Rugby World Cup 2025 Impact programme on women's & girls' rugby
- Understanding influences on the retention of adult male players
- Providing the right support to coaches, match officials and those who run clubs and teams
- Developing fantastic experiences for young players, at clubs, schools, and performance programmes

11. Watch England Men's XV from just £10

England Rugby is offering tickets from just £25 for juniors and £40 for adults to Wales (Saturday, 12 August) and £10 for juniors and £35 for adults to Fiji (Saturday, 26 August), subject to availability.

Whether you want to bring your family or come as a group of friends, you can experience world-class rugby for less. This will be your last chance to watch Steve Borthwick's squad at Twickenham, before they face rugby's ultimate test in France.

You can buy the tickets direct at : <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu/>

12. And finally ... Season's Statistics 2022-23

This is a summary of senior rugby played by Driffield RUFC in the 2022-23 season :

- 99 senior games were played (the same as last season), of which 66 were won by Driffield - there were 3 draws
- 200 senior Driffield players took to the pitches
- A total of 1,891 'appearances' were made, either in the starting line-up or as a replacement
- Our players scored 3,303 points :
 - 492 tries
 - 315 conversions
 - 71 penalties, and
 - 0 drop goals
- Top scorers were :
 - Overall : James Watts with 264

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What's happening at the Rugby Club ?

- Try-scorers : Jamie Hall with 25
- Kicks at goal : James Watts 239 (76 conversions and 29 penalties)

Club News is taking a break for the summer – we will send the next edition at the beginning of August

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