

What's happening at the Rugby Club?

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I. Ist XV Fixtures

We play our third home fixture against Morley on Saturday, 28 September.

In October, we have four games:

• 05 October : Pocklington (Away)

• 12 October : Malton & Norton (Home)

• 19 October : Bradford & Bingley(Away)

• 26 October : Cleckheaton (Home)

The start of October will see all our senior teams playing games – our third XV got started earlier than expected with a fixture against Harrogate Pythons, and our Ladies squad now have sufficient players to look for development fixtures.

All senior teams' fixtures are available to see on the website. Those for the Ist XV are at https://www.driffieldrufc.com/Ist-xy-fixtures-results/ - from that page, you can follow a link to other teams.

2. Car Parking

It was great to see so much support for the first two home League fixtures, but it has once again highlighted issues with car parking. The volunteers that are giving their time sometimes find it a thankless task, as they are just implementing arrangements designed to use the limited numbers of volunteers for the job to:

- · minimise delays in traffic leaving the main road
- make sure that the emergency access from the main road through to the 1st XV pitch is kept clear
- maximise match-day income by charging the entrance fee
- making sure we keep spaces available for disabled visitors

It is great to see our Mini Junior players providing match-day 'ball-boy' support, and arrangements for them are that one parent can accompany them for free, but others must pay the entrance fee.

We want to make sure that as many people are able to park as close to the Club as is practical, and visitors are welcome to park behind the posts. The route there is via the Showground entrance, turning left and going across the back pitches following the chalk stream to the far end of the pitch – see attached diagram.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with car parking, Dominic Thompson would be delighted to hear from you on 07889 319826.



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3. Dunvant Rugby Club Singers : Friday, 18 October

Do you fancy doing something a little different on a Friday evening in October? This renowned Welsh rugby choir will be on tour and perform a variety of choral and solo items, interspersed with humour, when they appear at the Club at 8pm.

The evening will include a pie & peas supper served from 7 - 7.45pm. Tickets are £6 each, to include the supper, and can be bought in advance from Adrian Harrison 07786 444363, or from behind the bar.

4. Pre-Match Lunches

There is extremely limited availability of tables for home games this season, with seats at £30 (incl. VAT) each. Because there are so many derby games, they have sold fast so we recommend that you call the office soon to book a table.

The only tables we have left are for the game against Durham City on Saturday, 4 January.

5. Subs are due

There has been a fantastic response to the two Mini Junior Registration Days. We now want to focus on getting subs paid by the senior players and non-playing members. All our players are reminded that RFU insurance does not cover them unless they have paid their season's subs.

Payments can be by:

- Cash
- Credit/debit card
- Cheque made payable to Driffield RUFC Ltd
- BACS to: Sort Code 40-10-12; A/c no 61588303; Reference "Surname Initial". It will help if you can also send an email to drufc@aol.com confirming a bank payment sent.

Please remember that we will reactivate your member's discount card once you have paid for the coming season – we will hold any balance on the card until then.

6. Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers, and particularly the followings roles:

- Match day reporter
- Car parking

We don't expect you to volunteer to help with every game, but just every so often during the season – two or three times would be fantastic. If you would like to help, please contact Dominic Thompson on 07889 319826.



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7. Fixture Cards

We have had credit card-sized lists made of the I^{st} XV fixtures, which are easier to keep with you than the fixture books. If you would like to buy one they are available from behind the bar, priced at just £1.

8. £20 tickets to rugby at Twickenham

Barbarians v. Fiji: the early-bird offer ends on Tuesday I October to get 50% saving on tickets to see the Barbarians face Fiji for the Killik Cup at Twickenham on Saturday, 16 November. Among Barbarians players already confirmed are France's Mathieu Bastareaud, South Africa's Tendai "The Beast" Mtawarira, with more big names to come. Tickets start from £15 for juniors and £20 for adults.

Varsity Match – Oxford vs Cambridge: this is back at Twickenham with the women's (KO 11:30am) and men's (KO 3pm) matches on Thursday, 12 December. Oxford and Cambridge Universities will compete for the 2019 Rhino Trophy at one of the stadium's only matches this autumn. Tickets start from just £25 for adults, £10 for juniors.

You can find out more through the RFU's official ticketing site at: https://www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu/

You can see the Grand Slam-winning Red Roses in November's Quilter Internationals. First up, England Women take on France at Exeter's Sandy Park, on Saturday 16 November (KO 1.10pm). Simon Middleton's squad then line up against Italy at Goldington Road, Bedford, on Saturday 23 November, KO 3pm.

Tickets are available from just £10 for adults and £5 for juniors, so don't miss out on two thrilling matches in front of a passionate home crowd. You can also get tickets to the Red Roses' Six Nations matches against Ireland and Wales at home in the 2020 Championship.



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- Overflow Parking Area 1

Overview Parking Area 2/Viewing Area-

Once Full Closed to Main Car Park

Ensure Emergency

Access

All Vehicle Entrance

Western Access Gate Closed