

What's happening at the Rugby Club?

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I. Gone, but not forgotten

David Dinsdale, former President (2021-22), passed away on 8 November. Tributes are coming in from all over, and you will all have your own memories of him. We will all miss him, and our thoughts are with his family.

David Hall, former scrum-half and club captain when we won the Yorkshire Shield for the first time at Selby versus York, also passed away recently, on 29 October. The funeral will be on 23 November at St Roberts Church, Pannal HG3 IJG and afterwards at the Harrogate Bowling Club HG1 2QJ.

2. Ist XV Fixtures - November

Championship North 2

• Sunday, 5 : Manchester Women (Home) – home walkover

• Sunday, 12 : Horden & Peterlee Ladies (Away) Papa John's Community Cup

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

Saturday, 4 : Doncaster Phoenix (Away) – won 38-10

Saturday, I I : Alnwick (Home)Saturday, I 8 : Heath (Home)

• Saturday, 25 : Pontefract (Away) Yorkshire Cup

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

3. Highest Points Scorer

Colin Lucas, who first played for us on 20 December 2003, is now only one point away from scoring 2,500 points for the club, easily the highest in the club's records. He has played almost 400 games for the club: 57 in the 1^{st} XV, 231 in the 2^{nd} XV, 98 in the 3^{rd} XV and the remainder in the 4^{th} XV. His tally includes 15 dropgoals, not often seen in the modern game – George Ford's efforts in the recent England game against Argentina were an obvious exception.

4. Male Players Subs now overdue



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All subs fell due on I September and there has been good progress with non-playing members, mini / juniors and the Ladies section. However, there are many male players still to contribute - we encourage them to do so, if for no other reason than they should remember that RFU insurance does not cover playing members until they have paid in full for the season, or have set up a Standing Order to cover the full subs, which are:

Senior Player: £170

Development Squad : £100

• Player in full-time or further education : £100

You can pay by:

- BACS to Sort Code 40-10-12; A/c no 61588303; Ref "Surname Initials"
- Credit / debit card at the bar
- Cash

5. Pensioners' Lunch on Friday, I December

Pip Snaith is again organising this festive lunch for pensioners from the area. 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

6. Website Updated

Those of you that use the website may notice some cosmetic changes, as it has been refreshed – there have also been significant technical changes that are most noticeable if you use mobile devices such as phones.

7. Call for Archive Materials

East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Archives Team is keen to collect material from sports clubs. Do you have a collection of old rugby club photographs, programmes, or other memorabilia? The Archives Team will discuss with you how best to preserve these valuable memories – contact Brad Webster for more details.