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**1. 1<sup>st</sup> XV Fixtures - December**

**Regional 1 North East (2.15 kick-off)**

- Saturday, 2 : Ilkley (Away) – postponed to 20 January 2024
- Saturday, 9 : Sandal (Home)
- Saturday, 16 : Scunthorpe (Away)

**Championship North 2**

- Sunday, 3 : Crewe & Nantwich Ladies (Away) – postponed
- Sunday, 10 : Southport Ladies (Away)
- Sunday, 12 : Harrogate Ladies (Home)

All of the senior teams' fixtures are available to see on the website. Those for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV are at <https://www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/> - from that page, you can follow a link to other teams.

**2. Steve Knowles Memorial Game**

The Club will hold its annual intra-club game in memory of Steve on Saturday, 30 December at 13.30. Ever since his untimely death, the Club has held a game in his memory, attended by representatives of his family who present the trophy to the winning side.

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.

It would be great if you were able to come along to the game to watch some enterprising 'Barbarians-style' rugby played by two club sides. It is a great opportunity to get away from home-based Christmas events, meet up with friends at the Rugby Club, and pay our respects to a former player.

**3. Yorkshire Cup Semi-final**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV has progressed to the semi-final of the competition with an away draw against local rivals Scarborough. This is set for the **Saturday, 9 March** – put the date on your calendar.

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#### 4. Subs due for Vice Presidents and Non-Playing Members

Response to the request for payment of subscriptions for the year continues, and we are keen for the remaining 25% of non-playing members and Vice Presidents to pay their subs when they get the opportunity. This can be by :

- Cash
- Credit / debit card
- Band Transfer to :
  - Sort Code 40-10-12
  - A/c no 61588303
  - Reference "Subs Surname Initials"
- It would also help if you could send an email to [accounts@driffieldruffc.com](mailto:accounts@driffieldruffc.com) confirming a bank payment has been sent.

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

#### 5. National Fan Survey

The next instalment of the England Rugby National Fan Survey is here. Have your say and help to shape the future of the England Rugby fan experience. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and is open until 09:00am on Saturday, 23 December 2023.

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

To thank you for your feedback, there will be an opportunity to enter a prize draw to win one of five £50 gift vouchers or one signed Senior Men's England Rugby Shirt (22/23 season) for respondents.

#### 6. Your Club Needs You

The Club's Executive Committee already give generously of their time. In addition to them we are always looking for volunteers who can give a little extra time to help run the Club and continue to make it a successful community rugby club. Without new volunteers we risk withering on the vine.

We already have a great pool of parents who coach younger players, referee their games, provide first aid, and arrange fixtures. There are also people who support the senior teams.

If you are a former player, or parent no longer as actively involved with playing, perhaps you could give a few hours a month ? Maybe you have coaching / personal development skills to help our coaches and club referees be the best they want to be ? If you would like to discuss how you could help please have a word with Dominic Thompson or any member of the Club Executive.

## All the best for the Christmas Season

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