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**1. 1st XV Fixtures – April**

All 15:00 kick-off

- Saturday, 06 : Harrogate (Away) – Regional One North East League
- Saturday, 13 : Harrogate (Away) – Papa John's Community Cup
- Saturday, 20 : Blackburn (Home) – Papa John's Community Cup
- Saturday, 27 : York (Home) – Papa John's Community Cup

Championship North 2

- Sunday, 07 : Harrogate Ladies (Away)
- Sunday, 14 : Sefton Ladies (Home)
- Sunday, 21 : Kendal Wasps (Home)

**Please note** : Harrogate's game against Doncaster Phoenix last week was played at Yarnbury, as their own pitch was unplayable. Check before travelling - we will post any update on our website.

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.driffieldruc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/> - from that page, you can follow a link to other teams.

**2. Mini Rugby Festival**

This will take place on Sunday, 14 April. This is a great event for our younger players as well as being a fundraiser for the club. It takes a lot of organising, and your help with marshalling traffic and car parking would be very helpful. Please contact Paul Dervey if you are able to help – 07768 578 963.

**3. Other forthcoming fixtures**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV will play Sandal at home on Saturday, 20 April in the semi-final of the Yorkshire Merit Table.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV will play either Goole or Cleckheaton in the Yorkshire Cup Final on Saturday, 18 May with a 16:00 kick-off, at Doncaster Knights stadium.

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#### 4. Charity Match and Lunch for the President's Charity : Sunday, 21 April

The Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XV will play in bespoke kit for the rearranged game against Kendal Wasps on Sunday, 21 April. The match will be preceded by a two-course charity fund-raising lunch - funds raised will go to the President's charity, Hull and East Yorkshire Mind – one that is very close to our hearts.

Tickets for the lunch are still available, sitting down at 12:30, with lunch served at 12:45 so that diners are ready in time for the 2 pm kick-off. This will be a two-course meal at £25 per person for adults and £15 for Under 14s. If you would like to book seats, or a full table, please email [DriffieldRUFC.Ladies@outlook.com](mailto:DriffieldRUFC.Ladies@outlook.com).

#### 5. Revised Arrangements for 20 / 21 April

A marquee, erected for the Mini Festival on Sunday, 14 April, will be left in place for the weekend of 20 / 21 April when a lot is happening at the club. As well as the Blackburn game, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV will be hosting the Yorkshire Merit semi-final. That evening, a Sportsman's Dinner at the club means that we cannot use the main bar / dining area, so we are providing them in the marquee.

Because we are expecting a significant turnout for the games, we are looking for volunteers to help with these events.

#### 6. Cardiac Risk Screening (CRY) Heart Screening on 1 and 2 May

Cardiac abnormalities in younger people are rare but are simple to diagnose. CRY offers subsidised screening to all young people between the ages of 14 and 35 - CRY uses a medical history questionnaire and tests carried out on the day. If one of the doctors requests it, further investigation is required.

Appointments are available on Wednesday, 1 and Thursday, 2 May.

The test is performed by having an ECG (electrocardiogram) test - results are read by a cardiologist. For extra clarity, an echocardiogram can also be done. If there has been a young (under 35) sudden death in the family, the family is entitled to be screened on the NHS.

Appointments must be booked and, in the first instance, are available to young people who are members of the club or their children. All CRY's public events are free to attend. To book an appointment :

- Visit [www.testmyheart.org.uk/private/](http://www.testmyheart.org.uk/private/)
- Find "Driffield ERoY" for 1 / 2 May, and click 'Register'
- Enter password DRIFFIELD24
- Select a time slot and click 'Register Now'
- Enter the required details
- Email confirmation will follow

#### 7. Annual Dinner

Because Easter was very early this year, when rugby was still in full swing, we have rescheduled it to Friday, 24 May.

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## 8. Playing Milestones

- Claire Thomson's next game will be her 50th 1st XV game
- Emma Mitchell-Williams has now passed 50 games
- Mel Halstead is nearly there - 49 so far
- Mel Freeman is nearly there – 48 so far
- Rob Murray has now made 100 1<sup>st</sup> XV appearances
- Simon Pettinger has now made 200 1<sup>st</sup> XV appearances

## 9. Next Season at Twickenham

Although tickets are not available yet, you may want to put these dates in your diary :

### **AUTUMN NATIONS SERIES 2024**

- England v New Zealand – Saturday 2 November (3.10pm)
- England v Australia – Saturday 9 November (3.10pm)
- England v South Africa – Saturday 16 November (5.40pm)
- England v Japan – Sunday 24 November (4.10pm)

### **GUINNESS MEN'S SIX NATIONS 2025**

- England v France – Saturday 8 February (4.45pm)
- England v Scotland – Saturday 22 February (4.45pm)
- England v Italy – Sunday 9 March – (3pm)

When we know ticket arrangements, we will published them in Club News.

## 10. Call for Archive Materials

With our Centenary Year not far away, we are starting to collect these. Do you have any old programmes, fixture cards, Annual Dinner tickets, newspaper clippings or anything else you would like to put into the archive ? If so, please contact Brad Webster.