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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Canterbury RFC's inaugural game was played at Jacky Bakers, Referee stabbed and a nickname from "On the Buses" and Thanet Wanderers RUFC in Benidorm

This is my inaugural editorial as Club President and it gives me great pleasure to welcome to St Peter's this afternoon our counterparts from the Cathedral City, Canterbury RFC 2nd XV.

Indeed, it's a big welcome to all who are here for the men's first home game of the 2023-2024 season. A game which could be considered a local derby between two clubs that have some history!

This afternoon's match is an intriguing one as Canterbury Pilgrims (2nd XV) travel across the Wantsum Channel to play in a League (Counties 1 Kent) to which they won promotion last year, so they are an unknown quantity. Thanet Wanderers have maintained their position in Counties 1 Kent since the 2017-2018 season after winning promotion from London 3 South East

Canterbury RFC and Thanet Wanderers RUFC have more in common that you might think. Despite the turn down in team sports, each week both clubs field multiple men's teams along with a thriving junior section and women's teams, and both are RFU Community Clubs. Thanet was formed in 1886 and Canterbury as late as October 12th, 1929 (Peter Hawkins remembers this). Canterbury RFC played their first match at Jacky Bakers Sports Ground in Ramsgate. They lost to a well-established Thanet team (with Peter Hawkins playing in the back row for Thanet). Let's hope that this result is repeated today

In more recent times Thanet Wanderers RUFC fielded an 8th team against a Canterbury RFC 8th team and in another season, Thanet's 5ths played Canterbury's 5th eleven times. It's a sad reflection that there has been a steady decline of playing members across many team sports. Thanet Wanderers have already suffered from this at the start of this season with our lower teams having opposition cancel or turn up short of players. Let's hope that all the effort put in to our junior section, along with the increasing numbers in the women's teams, and the uptake in Walking Rugby and the SEN Programme, stops this migration of players away from the sport. It must be noted that Canterbury also field a wheelchair team.

I look forward to what I hope will be a good, flowing, injury free, game this afternoon, a game that reflects the competitive nature of the sport and upholds the true values of the game. The scheduled referee is

Simon Bingham (at the time of going to Press) whose visits we have enjoyed in the past. He has a difficult job today, what with new laws evolving and dealing with the habits of players who have played for years now having to adjust to new rules, sometimes against their subconscious to change and adapt to a new playing style. All we can ask from him is consistency.

The official who refereed the England against Japan World Cup game on Sunday night, Nika Amashukeli is from Georgia. Amashukeli is the youngest referee at the age of 28 to officiate at a World Cup since 2007

Amashukeli's officiating career has not always been plain sailing. In 2016, he was involved in an incident that resulted in him sustaining a stab wound to his leg after a fractious Georgian domestic league match. A misunderstanding at the end of the game about time left on the clock allowed the away team to score and an ensuing pitch invasion during which he was stabbed. Of course this could never happen at St Peter's, but I couldn't guarantee anyone's safety if today's game were to be played at Jacky Bakers!

For those of you who don't know me, or don't know me as Clive Lewis, but may know me as "Butler", I grew up and played my rugby on the Isle of Wight, before moving to the mainland to attend the educational mecca that is known as Manchester Metropolitan University (formerly Crewe & Alsager College). It is here in 1985 that I met my first Thanet Wanderers (Mick Coyne, Mark Bray & George Winch). While at College Mick and I played locally for Sandbach RUFC before we all went our separate ways. Five years later a promotion led me to Kent and I made a call out of the blue to catch up with some old college mates. That weekend in 1990 I played my first game for Thanet Wanderers RUFC against Sittingbourne RFC and I never looked back. I have played first XV (once at blind side flanker), captained the 2nd XV for two seasons, coached the colts with Ron Connell (1992-1993) and then a junior team with Dave Whitehead (2007-2012). One of my proudest achievements was organising four tours; Benidorm, Magaluf, Ibiza and the Isle of Wight.

At the time of going to press there are some exciting changes going on with the clubhouse and I hope to bring you more information in the next programme.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the New Season

It seems like only yesterday that the 2022-23 season finished with a great day at the StoneX watching the final of the Papa Johns Cup. Yet over the summer weeks the preparation for this season continued and here we have arrived for the first home game of the season. I am not going to talk too much about last week's men's game, but to say despite the result there was some good rugby played and the potential is evident. The ladies' game, on the previous Sunday, also provided a glimpse of how far our ladies' teams have developed as they competed against a strong Canterbury side. We have already seen two Colts games, one win, one loss but plenty of potential for coaches to develop their teams gearing up for what I think will be a successful season. Add in the Juniors, we will have plenty of Rugby to watch on the weekends and I look forward to seeing many of you supporting all our teams.

As usual my sincere thanks go out to our sponsors who support the club year in year out and welcome to our new sponsors. It is very gratifying to see that we are supported throughout the business world and within our community. We will continue to give back to the community and provide opportunities for all sections of the community to get involved in rugby.

This season we will be launching a new Crowdfunding program, with the aim of raising £100,000. This will contribute to a new full size flood lit pitch and the installation of a lift for the club house. This was kicked off with an entertaining Quiz night which raised £500 as a starter. We will be publishing details of the crowdfunding through our social media channels, group chats and website. To support this effort the club will be holding various events throughout the season, we hope to see you joining in. If you have any ideas for a fund-raising event, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee and work with us to make it happen, or just do it and contribute through the funding page. With so much being planned for the season, we have successfully recruited new committee members, volunteers, and coaches throughout the club. Everyone in the club is a volunteer, so please take time to thank them for all the work that they do.

To all our teams, club members, partners, and supporters I wish you a safe and successful season.

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Chris Panteli
Chairman



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FROM THE HEAD COACH

Welcome back everyone, it's been a busy preseason and the first team squad have been working hard. Today we welcome Canterbury 2XV to our home. I am sure both sides will want to play a fast paced game and I know we are keen to make an impression at our first home game. We are so thankful for the support we receive both home and away and we need our 16th man to make lots of noise and celebrate every success, these are the 1%'s that make a world of difference to us on the field. Canterbury 2XV will always be a good test for us, we are looking forward to welcoming them here today. We have a strong team selected and I am excited to see us put into practice what we have been working on. We will be having a guard of honour today from our Under 11s who will be walking out with us.

Our first league game of the season was against Ashford, as always it's a hard club to visit. Plenty of the aspects of the game were positive, however we did not

get the result we wanted and this was disappointing for the players and coaches. I expect that we will have a few results like that this season, especially with the new law variation around tackle height.

Culture eats strategy for breakfast! A very famous quote, one that we will be living by as players and coaches. We are changing and the focus is: "Judge us by our behaviour" we want to integrate our young players and make sure that they feel welcome. It would be great to see more colts at training and also many more third team players too.

Lastly, it's a President's Lunch day today enjoy the food and drink and let's get out on the balcony and cheer on the team.

Elliot Blackmore
Head Coach



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COMMUNITY DAY

Congratulations to Peter Ruranski for organising another enjoyable Community Day. Thank you to all the coaches, with a particular thank you to Caroline and Mario on the ever-popular slippery slide.

Thanks to all the squad members from the ladies and men's squads for their help and support, in particular Tom Stephens who led the warm-up and to the U16s and

their coaches from Deal who joined our squad to provide an excellent exhibition match. Not forgetting ladies' head coach, Ian Lodge who officiated the match with his usual top ability.

It was all capped off with some fine rugby from the ladies of Canterbury and Wanderers in the afternoon heat before the new honours board was unveiled.



MATCH REPORT

Ashford RFC 28 – Thanet Wanderers RFC 10

Disappointment for Wanderers in their league opener at Ashford.

Training had gone well for Wanderers in the preparation for the 2023/24 season and there was quiet optimism in the camp. For Thanet there was a first league start for Max Rogers at outside centre and Dennis Davies was a new face on the bench.

Thanet opened the game promisingly but conceded a very kickable penalty after seven minutes and Ashford led 3-0. On 15 minutes this became 8-0. A short throw to the front of a line-out, close to Thanet's line, resulted in an untroubled quick dash to the line. Wanderers regrouped well, the forwards were competitive and the backs' defence was sound. Their attacking threat was realised half way through the first period when joint-captain Nick Herbert combined well with Andrew Dolan to send Rogers in for a well worked try. Tom Walton's conversion attempt was just wide but Thanet were on the scoreboard, 8-5. Warren Riddell-Broomfield's big tackle defused a promising home attack and the game was competitive but became ragged as a stream of penalties were noted in referee Katie Gent's book. A further penalty after 37 minutes extended the home lead and Brett Scott was shown yellow for a high tackle. Marius Thompson received a knock and took a break, Louis Marshall replaced him in a re-jigged back line. Wanderers' fourteen man defence did well to protect their line and half time came with the score 11-5.

The half time message from Thanet's new coaching duo of Elliot Blackmore and Kieran Hopper worked wonders. In the first minute of the second period a great catch from Marshall instigated more magic from the threes before Rogers put Harrison Quittenden away to touch down in the corner. Walton's conversion attempt faded just wide but there was just one point in it at 11-10.

Immediately from the restart Wanderers appeared to be clear, only to be recalled for a borderline forward pass. Five minutes into the half, a penalty again positioned Ashford on Thanet's 5 metre line and once more the short throw to the front of the line-out brought an unconverted try for the host side. Four minutes later Ashford crossed wide right for their third try to widen the gap to 21-10 and were playing with their tails up. Crunching tackles from Herbert and Rogers helped to maintain that margin before Lenny Brown withdrew from the second row and Dennis Davies went on for his first XV debut with around twenty minutes to play. As Ashford battled for their fourth try, Wanderers winger Harrison Quittenden was adjudged to have stamped on an opponent and shown a straight red card. Faced with 14 men for the closing minutes the home side crossed for a fourth try that was converted for a 28-10 win. That brought them their try bonus point and second place in the season's first league table for Counties One Kent. The two sides will meet on the final league match at St Peters on April 6th.

Thanet's pack put in a big performance today against a heavier eight and joint skipper, Sam Taylor, can be pleased with his first full game after missing last season following knee surgery. The backs produced some nice handling that could have harvested more than a couple of tries on a more favourable day. Adam Harrison at inside centre has made himself Mr Reliable in Wanderers backline and enhanced his reputation with another fine shift today despite the hard ground.

SQUAD Clement D., Whitehead M., Goodall G., Letts A., Brown L., Riddell-Broomfield W., Taylor S., (JC) Scott B., Walton T., Herbert N., (JC) Quittenden H., Harrison A., Rogers M., Dolan A., Thompson M., **SUBS** Pearson K., Davies D., Marshall L.

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INCLUSION @ THE WANDERERS

As a club Thanet Wanderers is committed to improving all aspects of equality, inclusion and diversity within the club. I'm sure most of you will have seen the re-emergence of our ladies team after an absence of nearly 20 years. The girls section is growing steadily with the help of a strong team of volunteers, coaches and sponsors. During lockdown we were one of a handful of clubs to receive large grants for a capital project to renovate our back changing rooms and showers primarily for female use. We have also been one of the first clubs in the South East to introduce a SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) group and this has been amazingly well received. Our Schools and Community Programme has been marching forward with coaches going into local schools to introduce children to rugby that might not normally get the chance to play the game and experience the TREDs ethos (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship) that lies at the heart of rugby. We have a mental health first aider who is available to listen and support anyone if they feel they need help.

This is only the beginning of the club's journey and we hope that everyone at the club, whether as a player, coach, parent or spectator will get behind us and help make Thanet Wanderers a welcoming place for ALL.

With this in mind we are introducing some new codes of conduct that you will see highlighted around the club and the grounds. These will explain what is considered good practice and what will not be tolerated. They will also give details of who you can contact if you have any concerns, issues or need help or support.

We live in a constantly changing society and if we want to play a positive, relevant and meaningful part in our community, both local and our rugby community, we need to adapt and be more accepting of the diverse society that we are all a part of.

Please work with us to make Thanet Wanderers a club where everyone is welcomed and made to feel part of something special.

Safeguarding Officer
Thanet Wanderers RUFC

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 10th September.

On the hottest day of the year, Canterbury women visited St. Peter's to take on their Thanet Wanderers RFC counterpart in a pre-season friendly, played in 4 periods of 20 minutes.

With Canterbury having been relegated last year and Wanderers gaining a double promotion after last year's league and cup double, Canterbury sit just one division above Wanderers and both sides were looking for a strong test.

Although both teams had ambitions to play an expansive game, up front was where the action happened with some solid collisions in midfield let by Ella Thurman-Newell. With the new tackle laws now in force, there were unfortunately a number of unpunished high shots which left a number of Wanderers players having to leave the pitch.

After the first two periods of 20 minutes, Canterbury led the game 12-0 after their more experienced players turned on the pressure to twice convert territory into points.

For Thanet, Alex White was leading her backs well and on two occasions got pacy full-back Jess Anderson away but she was inexplicably called back both times for a forward pass and not releasing.

With the heat intensity increasing, the second half saw a similar scoreline to the first with experience and pressure winning over a learning but inexperienced Wanderers side. Canterbury added 2 more tries to finish the game at 22-0.

Wanderers have a week off due to a fixture cancelled by the opposition and then on 24th Sept have both the 1st and 2nd XVs playing at home. The 1st XV open their league campaign against Southend whilst the 2nd XV host Old Gravesendians.

Ian Lodge



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23	CANTERBURY 2nds	HOME
30	BECCEHAMIAN	AWAY
Oct 7	BROMLEY	AWAY
14	CRANBROOK	HOME
21	HEATHFIELD & WALDRON	AWAY
Nov 4	DARTFORDIANS	HOME
11	DEAL & BETTES	AWAY
18	DOVER	HOME
Dec 2	CHARLTON PARK	AWAY
9	CROWBOROUGH	HOME
Fri 15	CANTERBURY 2nds	AWAY (7.45pm k.o.)

2024

Jan 6	BECCEHAMIAN	HOME
13	CRANBROOK	AWAY
20	BROMLEY	HOME
27	HEATHFIELD & WALDRON	HOME
Feb 3	DARTFORDIANS	AWAY
17	DEAL & BETTES	HOME
Mar 2	DOVER	AWAY
16	CHARLTON PARK	HOME
23	CROWBOROUGH	AWAY
Apr 6	ASHFORD	HOME

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Postition sponsored by: Ernie Blakemore

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Postition sponsored by: Mark O' Riordan

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Postition sponsored by: The Four Candles

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Postition sponsored by: Michelle McClean

7 Sam Taylor (Capt)

Postition sponsored by: Chris Marson

8 Brett Scott

Postition sponsored by: Dave Brown

Head Coach

Elliot Blackmore

Postition sponsored by: Colin Whiteley

Assistant Coach

Kieran Hopper

Postition sponsored by: Andy Buli

Team Manager

Michelle McClean

Postition sponsored by: Carmen Glover

9 Tom Walton

Postition sponsored by: Jeremy Ward

10 Nick Herbert (Capt)

Postition sponsored by: Ray Roby/Peter Tierney

11 Henry Mirams

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12 Adam Harrison

Postition sponsored by: John Keohane

13 Max Rogers

Postition sponsored by: Paul Glover

14 Louis Marshall

Postition sponsored by: Terry Tutte

15 Andrew Dolan

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Replacements:

16 Daniel Clement

Postition sponsored by:

17 Dennis Davies

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MATCH REPORT

Ladies 2nd XV vs Maidstone RFC

Thanet Wanderers RUFC Ladies kicked off their season at home on Sunday 3rd September with a resounding 43-0 victory over Maidstone RFC.

As this was a 2nd XV game, Thanet rested 15 players and selected a squad of 22 players to get the season underway and show how hard they had worked in pre-season.

The game kicked off with a clear game plan to move the ball away from Maidstone's larger forward pack and the success of that game plan was shown early when Kirsty Burns making her debut at fly half fed powerhouse centre, Fleur Moat who powered under in the corner for a 5-0 lead.

An attritional battle ensued in midfield in the early first half where the Maidstone pack were making progress, supported by their powerful inside centre and skilful full back. But after the backs had nearly got pacey winger, Amy Coster away, she got clear in the 20 minute and dotted down under the post for a try, converted by full back Léonie Bish for a 12-0 lead. Bish had moved from fly half into the full back position for the day and excelled with her composed play and experienced mix of kicking and running the ball.

After Moat had taken a dead leg knock, she was temporarily replaced in the centre by Izzy Lodge who quickly formed a powerful partnership in midfield with Anna Craven. And it was Lodge who got over next after being fed by Craven after a midfield break, again converted by Bish for a 19-0 lead. Then shortly before half time, after some strong running backrow work from Tilia Elliston, Keira-Leigh Gallup and captain Brioni Reah

it was Moat who completed her double for a half time lead of 26-0.

Amy Coster and Aisha Williams after powerful stints were both lost to head knocks and will miss a couple of weekends as part of the RFU headcase protocols. Plus the coaching team were making plenty of changes to the side to get players game time which inevitably causes disruption. That allowed Maidstone back into the game. Their full back almost got over on the left but the scrambling defence, a feature of the determination of this squad, held her up over the line.

But the attack was not finished and after debutant winger Kat Stuart had been high tackled just short of the try line, captain Reah took the responsibility and scored her first try for the club. Congratulations!

Gee Cordell recovering from an operation took over the scrum half slot from the controlled Sophie West for the last 25 minutes - agreed with the Maidstone coaches - and it was not long before her high effort rugby saw her go over for a try on the left and a 36-0 lead.

The scoring was completed shortly before the end when Burns fed Lodge who this time evaded a tap tackle and face plant by scampering away from the Maidstone full back to score under the posts. Bish converted and the game ended 43-0 to the hosts.

All in all, Thanet gave debuts to 5 players as well as played 5 players with less than 5 games experience. All excelled, came out better players than they went in and are in a position to start to push for 1st XV shirts.

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MATCH REPORT

Thanet Wanderers RFC 1st XV 38 vs Christchurch College Canterbury RFC 0

Wanderers win an entertaining and useful pre-season friendly against Christchurch

Thanet gave most of their senior squad a run-out in the game that was played in four 20-minute sections.

The visitors started well and nearly a quarter of an hour had passed before an interception put Harrison Quittenden away to score in the corner for Marius Thompson to make a good conversion. Joint Captain Nick Herbert, soon followed him over the line after a typical shimmy through the visitors' defence and Thompson made it 14-0.

The second period was ten minutes old when second-row forward, Andy Letts, broke clear after a trade-mark dummy, before handing on to hooker, Kurt Pearson, to touch down. Thompson was again on target and Thanet led 21-0. Two more tries quickly followed from the centres as Adam Harrison crossed after nice handling and Henry Mirams who scored after a loose ball was

popped to him scored the fifth try that gave Thanet a 33-0 lead after the second period.

New players were introduced for the second half of the game but there was no score in the third twenty-minute period as defences ruled and Wanderers were guilty of conceding too many penalties.

Christ Church battled hard to score in the final twenty-minute section but the only score was a nice try from Andy Dolan who finished off some sharp handling amongst the backs to give Thanet a 38-0 win.

First team Coach, Kieran Hopper, was in charge of the squad with Head Coach, Elliot Blackmore, unavoidably absent. He commented that the coaches had learnt much from the game where the squad had performed well in a first outing of the season despite the absence of a few of last season's regulars.

Colin Whiteley



COUNTIES 1 KENT LEAGUE 2022-23

Team	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
Crowborough	1	1	0	0	41	19	22	1	0	5	0
Ashford	1	1	0	0	28	10	18	1	0	5	0
Dartfordians	1	1	0	0	32	17	15	1	0	5	0
Canterbury 2nds	1	1	0	0	30	23	7	1	0	5	0
Charlton Park	1	1	0	0	25	11	14	0	0	4	0
Bromley	1	1	0	0	19	16	3	0	0	4	0
Deal & Betteshanger	1	0	0	1	16	19	-3	0	1	1	0
Beccehamian	1	0	0	1	23	30	-7	0	1	1	0
Heathfield & Waldron	1	0	0	1	11	25	-14	0	0	0	0
Dover	1	0	0	1	17	32	-15	0	0	0	-5
Thanet Wanderers	1	0	0	1	10	28	-18	0	0	0	0
Cranbrook	1	0	0	1	19	41	-22	0	0	0	0

COUNTIES 1 KENT FIXTURES

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Bromley v Beccehamian

Deal & Betteshanger v Dover

Cranbrook v Ashford

Heathfield & Waldron v Crowborough

Dartfordians v Charlton Park

Thanet Wanderers v Canterbury 2nds

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RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 1 KENT LEAGUE

Away Team ▶	Ashford	Aylesford Bulls	Beccehamian	Bromley	Charlton Park	Cranbrook	Crowborough	Deal & Betseshanger	Folkestone	Heathfield & Waldron	Old Alleynians	TWRUFC
Home Team ▼												
Ashford												28-10
Beccehamian												
Bromley												
Canterbury 2nds		30-23										
Charlton Park											25-11	
Cranbrook												
Crowborough						41-19						
Dartfordians												
Deal & Bettes			16-19									
Dover								17-32				
Heathfield & Waldron												
TWRUFC												

RESULTS FROM COUNTIES 1 KENT LEAGUE

Saturday 16th September 2023

Ashford 28-10 **Thanet Wanderers**

Canterbury 2nds 30-23 Beccehamian

Charlton Park 25-11 Heathfield & Waldron

Crowborough 41-19 Cranbrook

Deal & Betseshanger 16-19 Bromley

Dover 17-32 Dartfordians

Results from other Club games

Thanet Wanderers 2nd XV POSTPONED
Snowdown CRFC (Kent & East Sussex Rural
A League

Thanet Wanderers 3rd XV 46-21 Maidstone 2nd
XV (Kent 5 Rural East League)

Thanet Wanderers Ladies 1st XV 0-22
Canterbury Ladies 1st XV (Friendly)

Thanet Wanderers Ladies 2nd XV 43-0
Maidstone Ladies (Friendly)

Deal U15s 17-26 **Thanet Wanderers** U15s

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Do not be selfish Do not show off Control your temper
Do not argue with the referee Do not use non-prescribed controlled drugs

COACHES' CODE: Teach players to play by the Rules and Laws of the Game

Get the right equipment and facilities Be reasonable Avoid mismatches Be generous with praise
Do not favour your best players Being a coach should be fun too Never condemn
Give your voice a rest Good coaching-running with the ball Doctor /Physio knows best
It's the players who matter most not their won/lost record

PARENT'S AND SPECTATORS CODE: Never force a child to play rugby especially if he/she feels unwell

Always remember children play rugby for their enjoyment **not yours**

Encourage your child to play by the Rules and Laws of the Game

Teach your child that victory isn't everything **Never** yell at a player for making a mistake

Encourage your child to improve his/her skills through coaching

Applaud good play by either team **Stay off the pitch!**

DO NOT ABUSE ANYONE (ESPECIALLY THE REFEREE)

Thanet Wanderers does not tolerate bad behaviour by any player or spectator and asks everyone to abide by the above codes

THE UPDATED HONOURS BOARD

Recently the club unveiled the Captain's Honour Board in a condition it should have been in 30 years ago, complete with early ladies team captains on it. It was great to see lady players from the past present to witness the event including a former ladies captain Jo Brown who can be seen in the accompanying picture unveiling the Board with current ladies captain Gee Cordell.

It is amazing to see how far Thanet Wanderers have come with our ladies teams now and that is a tribute to those ladies who played the game all those years ago.



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RUGBY WORLD CUP

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

SCOT vs TONGA

KICK OFF: 16.45

WALES vs AUS

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