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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

We extend a warm welcome to Dave Laurie who is today's Match Official. Without your valuable input none of us would be able to play or watch rugby today so we thank you for your time.



This President's Address is dedicated to Geoff Setterfield who passed away last month

Geoff was a 1st XV prop in 1989 playing alongside legends, Tom Carlier and Ron "the Dog" Connell in the front row. That was the team that remained unbeaten all season and won the Whitbread Junior Club of the Month award which was published in Rugby World magazine.

Geoff joined the club in the 1980s. He was very much an old school prop forward. strong, solid and dependable. If he was in the front row the scrummage would be secure, creating plenty of clean ball for Thanet's dynamic backs and backrow of that era.

Over and above playing, Geoff was one of the Wanderers amazing unsung heroes of the 1990s.

He had a senior position in a local building company with access to heavy machinery and he could often be found at the club, in his own time, digging trenches out for floodlights with his excavator and other heavy plant. After the fire

at our ground he assisted with the demolition of the old clubhouse, supplying hardcore for both the club and the adjacent Thanet Council car park. He helped in so many ways that could have cost the club a fortune and he was always happy to do so.

Geoff introduced his boys to the club and they showed great promise, but sadly for Thanet Wanderers they were real stars on the football pitch as well and that sport took their eye.

Geoff is survived by his wife Sheryl, sons Jack and Joe and a grandchild. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.

Geoff's funeral will be held at Thanet Crematorium on Wednesday 11th at 13.00.

Today we welcome Maidstone 1st and 2nd teams to St Peters. Maidstone 1st XV are 7th in the League with Thanet positioned 3rd with 57 points.

Our last meeting back in November witnessed a Thanet win 36-28, a result we hope to build on and to repeat and make a triple with wins last week at Westcombe Park and at home the previous week over Tonbridge Juddians. Maidstone come to St Peter's with a win last week against Medway 2nds, so both Teams are in a positive position.

Overseas Tour

Recently our very own home-grown talent, Alex White toured with British Police Women's RFC in South Africa playing



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Above: Alex in action

a number of regional sides. Alex reports; "We played some tough rugby and got to play against South African Internationals Eloise Webb and Alesa Hele. As part of the Tour, we climbed Table Mountain as a team and undertook some charity work with Sunshine Schools. It was an honour to be selected and play alongside some excellent players "

Well, done Alex, all at Thanet Wanderers are very proud of you.

Please respect today's referees; I hope for competitive and injury-free matches.

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Club President



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We all wish Thanet Wanderers a great season and look forwards to a long and successful future.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

This season continues to show the direction we are building as a club. The commitment from players, coaches and volunteers has been excellent, and the standards around training, preparation and match day behaviours are continuing to grow.

What has been most pleasing is the connection across the squad and the wider club. We are seeing younger players stepping up, experienced players leading well, and a genuine desire to improve week on week.

There is still plenty to work on, but the trajectory is positive. Our focus remains simple - energy in everything we do, winning the gain line in attack and defence, and playing for each other.

We are proud of the effort the group is putting in and grateful for the continued support from everyone involved with Thanet Wanderers.

Looking Ahead

With the final block of fixtures approaching, the objective is clear — to finish the season strongly, maintain standards and continue building momentum into next year.

The squad continues to represent Thanet Wanderers with pride, and the support from across the club plays an important role in driving standards and performance

ELLIOT BLACKMORE

Director of Rugby



THE RAPTORS SEASON STARTS

Back in June Andy Bull and his son Noah were part of a charitable visit to Soroti in Uganda to support Crossroads School, which was built and is now supported by Queens Road Baptist Church in Broadstairs.

What started as a few tag sessions at the school has turned into an international partnership planned between the club and coaches from the Soroti Raptors rugby team. With the club's support they have already set up a series of community rugby hubs throughout the area serving both schools and those children who can't afford schooling. A photograph of Jonathan O'tuko, who runs the school's initiative is attached to this story.

Away from the schools programme it is now time for the Ugandan rugby season to start with the Soroti Raptors opening their season with a match away to Mbale Elephants this coming Saturday. Their captain has told me that they will be wearing their Thanet Wanderers shirts for their first game of the season and we look forward to seeing their squad photo soon. Good luck to the Raptors!!

ANDY BULL

Club Development Director &
Founder of the SEND Programme



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THANET WANDERERS SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

The Watkins sponsored Thanet Wanderers Schools & Community Programme continues to go from strength to strength.

During the 2024-25 rugby season a total of 1781 young people, including 1105 boys and 676 girls, received free of charge in curriculum time rugby training from fully qualified and DBS accredited Thanet Wanderers coaches who gave up their time to teach the children the basics of rugby union.

The figures for the 2025-26 rugby playing period are equally impressive and with two full months of the season to go the number has already reached 1614, 1142 boys and 472 girls and looks likely to exceed the last period's total.

Included in the 8 schools that have taking part this season are a number of schools for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). The club's Programme has allowed these young people to develop their true potential and to exhibit true confidence and belief in their own ability.

The SEND section of the club, who now train on a Sunday morning along with their other junior club mates, have even formed their own special identity, Thanet Wanderers Lions. Long may they continue to prosper!!

MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS V TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2ND XV

Thanet returned to winning ways with an impressive 26-21 victory over league leaders Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV (TJ's), inspired by a superb hat trick of tries from Callum Doody.

On a cold, but sunny afternoon perfect for rugby the match was preceded with a minute's celebration in memory of recently lost Past President and Wanderers stalwart Colin Whiteley.

Once underway it quickly became clear this would be a tightly contested encounter between two evenly matched sides. Thanet dominated the scrum throughout while TJ's held the advantage at the lineout.

The visitors struck first. From a scrum on halfway, TJ's released their first team centre who powered into Thanet's 22 before offloading to his midfield partner for the opening try which was duly converted for a 0-7 lead. Thanet responded immediately. A strong break from Harrison, carried on by Doody carried play into TJ's 22. Thanet were awarded a scrum and the ball was moved swiftly across the backs with right wing Williams linking neatly with Thompson on the left to finish an excellent try in the corner. The conversion was missed, but the gap between the teams was narrowed to 5-7.

Thompson soon turned defence into attack with a clever hack downfield. Thanet capitalised on a loose clearance and looked certain to score, only for the ball to be knocked on. From the resulting TJ's scrum, Thanet won a penalty which they chose to run. Walton fed Doody on a hard line and he crashed over for a try, which Walton converted to give Thanet a 12-7 lead.

Discipline became an issue as a series of penalties for ruck infringements and offside offences led to Smith being yellow-carded after repeated team warnings. Reduced to 14 men for the final five minutes of the half Thanet faced sustained pressure.

The second half started and after some sustained pressure TJ's set up a driving maul inside the Thanet 22, but as the hooker broke away he was smashed backwards by a huge

tackle from Clement and that allowed Thanet to clear their lines and resulted in a yellow card for TJ's player for complaining to the referee as he did not like being tackled.

TJ's backs continued to look dangerous and from halfway their centre broke two tackles before sprinting clear for a converted try, edging them back in front 12-14. Thanet responded again. From a lineout on the 10 metre line the ball was moved wide and from the resulting ruck, Miram's show-and-go split the visitor's defence. He fed McCourt-Welsh who made further ground before offloading to Doody who powered over for his second try. Walton added the extras to restore Thanet's lead to 19-14.

The see-saw contest continued. A Thanet attack broke down in the TJ's half and after Thanet gathered the clearance in the backfield, play moved into a ruck where TJ's number 5 appeared with the ball and ran in from 40 metres out to score a try that was converted and put the visitor's ahead 19-21.

Downer made his first appearance of the season following injury and nearly marked his return with a try only to be held up over the line. From the ensuing dropout, Thanet pinned TJ's in their 22 and through sustained pressure TJ's were forced to carry the ball over their own line. From the resulting Thanet scrum, Doody ran another destructive line smashing through the defence to complete his hat-trick. Walton converted to make it 26-21 to Wanderers.

A late yellow card for Downer for blocking an attempt at a quick lineout meant that Thanet had to see out the final five minutes of the match with 14 men. However, the forwards closed out the game superbly, denying TJ's any further scoring opportunities.

This was an excellent all-round performance deserving of maximum points. The scrum provided a solid platform, Doody was outstanding, Thompson completed a full 80 minutes for the first time in three years and Downer made a short, but welcome return from injury.



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MATCH REPORT

WESTCOMBE PARK 12 THANET WANDERERS 37

Thanet took only five minutes before they scored the first points of the match. Westcombe Park gave away a penalty close to their own line and Tom Walton reacted quickly passing the ball to Marius Thompson who then released Gil Smith to score the first try of the game. Walton was successful with the conversion for an early 7-0 lead. Walton extended the lead after 8 minutes with a penalty from 40 metres out. The home side were not given a chance to regroup as Ben Turner made a break straight from the kick off. Andrew Letts continued the move and Thompson crossed the line for Thanet's second try of the game. Another conversion took the lead out to 17-0.

Westcombe Park now had a period of possession but were unable to break through Thanet's defence. Wanderers were soon on the attack again and in a similar move after they were awarded another penalty, the ball was recycled quickly and Callum Doody was able to score. A third Walton kick gave Thanet a 24-0 lead with less than 30 minutes of the game played.

Shortly after this the home side attacked down the far side of the pitch. Thanet were deemed to have infringed and Warren Riddell-Broomfield was shown a yellow card for pulling down the maul. Despite being a man down Thanet's defence still held firm and cleared their lines. As

the half came to a close Westcombe Park's scrum half was shown a yellow card for a deliberate knock on. Another penalty awarded to the visitors saw the teams turn around with Thanet leading 27-0.

Thanet started the second half again in the ascendancy. Disrupting the opposition's scrum close to the try line, Walton was on hand to take the ball and find Ben Cannon who scored the bonus point try. Thanet then seemed to take their foot off the gas as the home side set up a number of attacks, eventually scoring two tries one of which was converted making the score now 12-32. The last play of the game saw Smith score his second try after Thanet were awarded a scrum about 7 meters from Westcombe Park's try line.

Thanet were in control for the majority of the match dominating in the scrum and also committed in defence when the opposition had possession. Although helped by mistakes by their hosts they reacted quickly at the break down to keep Park on the back foot.

This win sees Thanet third in the league table with only a few matches left in the season. Wanderers host Maidstone at St. Peter's next Saturday kick off at 3pm.

CARMEN GLOVER



PHOTOS BY: BRIAN CULLINGFORD

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2ND XV	14	12	0	2	578	206	.372.	13	2	63	
AYLESFORD BULLS	15	11	0	4	510	355	155	12	1	57	
THANET WANDERERS	15	10	0	5	460	276	184	13	4	57	
FOLKESTONE	15	11	0	4	484	260	224	9	2	56	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	14	9	0	5	416	339	77	9	1	46	
OLD ALLEYNANS 2ND XV	14	8	0	6	443	367	76	10	1	44	
MAIDSTONE	14	6	0	8	370	414	-44	9	4	37	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	15	5	0	10	364	470	-106	5	2	27	
BECKENHAM 2ND XV	14	4	0	10	254	550	-296	3	1	20	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	15	3	0	12	254	532	-278	4	2	18	
VIGO	15	1	0	14	151	515	-364	2	3	4	-5

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

7th March 2026

Folkestone v Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS v Maidstone

Medway 2nd XV v Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Vigo v Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Sidcup 2nd XV v Beckenham 2nd XV

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

Saturday 14th February 2026

Aylesford Bulls 32-26 Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV 26-34 Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Sidcup 2nd XV 26-29 Folkestone

THANET WANDERERS 26-21 Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

Vigo 26-25 Beckenham 2nd XV

Saturday 28th February 2026

Aylesford Bulls 38-10 Sidcup 2nd XV

Beckenham 2nd XV 21-52 Folkestone

Maidstone 26-19 Medway 2nd XV

Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV 62-0 Vigo

Westcombe Park 2nd XV 12-32 THANET WANDERERS

RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE

AWAY TEAM ▶	AYLESFORD BULLS	BECKENHAM 2NDS	FOLKESTONE	MAIDSTONE	MEDWAY 2NDS	OLD ALLEYNANS 2NDS	SIDCUP 2NDS	TWRUFC	TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS	BECKENHAM	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS
HOME TEAM ▼	AYLESFORD BULLS	BECKENHAM 2NDS	FOLKESTONE	MAIDSTONE	MEDWAY 2NDS	OLD ALLEYNANS 2NDS	SIDCUP 2NDS	TWRUFC	TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS	BECKENHAM	WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS
AYLESFORD BULLS			20-17	36-31		32-26	38-10	29-27	13-50		38-14
BECKENHAM 2NDS	24-15		21-52	29-24	12-17		17-51	28-22	19-46	24-33	
FOLKESTONE		99-10			24-17	40-21	58-19	12-20		HW0	10-12
MAIDSTONE	8-42		22-29		26-19	38-20	34-19	28-36	0-52		
MEDWAY 2NDS	8-48	31-10		12-30				3-38	21-43		26-34
OLD ALLEYNANS 2NDS	50-29	60-19	24-63	45-23	54-19		31-7			HW0	26-38
SIDCUP 2NDS	19-41		26-29	40-42	32-21	19-38				19-17	
TWRUFC		31-10	12-17			29-12	34-18		26-21	76-0	28-33
TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS	28-31		29-10		59-7	36-19	43-17	43-22		62-0	44-14
BECKENHAM	5-66	26-25	7-24	5-38	24-26		15-43	10-27	7-22		
WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	38-32	44-5		30-26	35-3	38-41	12-25	12-32		62-3	

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MATCH REPORT

FOLKESTONE LADIES V THANET WANDERERS LADIES 1XV

A tough afternoon against league leaders

On a wet, muddy, and thoroughly miserable afternoon, Thanet Wanderers travelled to league leaders Folkestone knowing they were in for a physical contest.

Thanet kicked off and immediately showed intent, stealing early possession and building phases through strong carries from Emily Williams and Ella Thurman-Newell. The backs moved the ball well through the hands, and Tabs Raymonde broke the line in the opening exchanges. However, despite sustained pressure inside Folkestone's 22, Thanet were unable to convert territory into points.

Folkestone capitalised on their opportunities. After absorbing pressure, they broke through and scored under the posts to take an early 7-0 lead.

Thanet continued to battle. Shannon Cook put in some excellent defensive work, forcing turnovers, while Neave Evans controlled territory with tactical kicking. The forwards worked tirelessly at the breakdown, and Thanet won multiple scrums in the opposition 22. Strong carries from Ella Thurman-Newell, Fleur Moat, Flo Smith, and Helen Hollinsworth kept Thanet competitive, but handling errors in difficult conditions proved costly.

Folkestone extended their lead midway through the first half after capitalising on a turnover, making it 12-0. Injuries began to disrupt Thanet's rhythm, with Shannon Cook forced off and Sophia Richardson stepping in. Despite the setbacks, Thanet continued to defend bravely, repeatedly forcing knock-ons and winning scrum ball against a strong Folkestone pack.

A powerful break from Sophia Richardson just before half time, running from 22 to 22, demonstrated Thanet's attacking threat, but the hosts held firm. At the break, Folkestone led 17-0.

The second half followed a similar pattern. Thanet showed resilience, with Maria Castellina producing a crucial turnover and the forwards putting in big defensive shifts. Ella Thurman-Newell, Flo Smith, and Fleur Moat carried strongly, and Sophia Richardson continued to look dangerous in open play. However, Folkestone's clinical finishing and territorial pressure saw them add further tries as the heavy conditions took their toll.

Despite the scoreboard, Thanet never stopped working. Defensive efforts from Emily Williams, Vicky Flower, Kate Chaplin, and the forward pack prevented several further scores, and the scrum remained a competitive platform throughout.

Folkestone added late tries to secure a 34-0 victory, reflecting their league position, but the scoreline did not fully capture Thanet's effort and determination in extremely challenging conditions.

Full Time: Folkestone 34 - 0 Thanet Wanderers

Forwards Player of the Match: Ella Thurman-Newell - relentless carrying and physical presence throughout.

Backs Player of the Match: Sophia Richardson - powerful running, strong defensive work and a standout break before half time.

A special mention goes to Zoe Williams, who made her debut for Thanet Wanderers Ladies.

On a tough day against top-of-the-table opposition, there were still positives to take, resilience, scrum dominance at times, and unwavering defensive commitment. The squad will regroup and look ahead to the next challenge.

CLAIRE TURNER



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PLAYERS CODE: Play by the Rules and Laws of the Game **DO NOT SWEAR**

Play for fun • Be a good sport • Improve your skills • Never give up • Be fair
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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

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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.

THANET WANDERERS

HOME TEAM COLOURS: Royal blue, gold and black

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 - 17 OWEN LONG**
 - 18 HARRISON QUITTENDEN**
- TR**

Director of Rugby:

ELLIOT BLACKMORE
Position sponsored by: Colin Whiteley

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KIERAN HOPPER
Position sponsored by: Ian Rutherford

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AWAY TEAM COLOURS:

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FIRST XV. COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

2025

September

1. 6 SIDCUP 2nds **HOME**
13 Beckenham **HOME**

October

4 FOLKESTONE **AWAY**
11 BECKENHAM 2nds **HOME**
18 Maidstone RFCs **AWAY**

November

8 WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds **HOME**
22 MAIDSTONE **AWAY**
29 OLD ALLEYIANS 2nds **HOME**

December

6 AYLESFORD BULLS **AWAY**
20 MEDWAY 2nds **AWAY**

2026

January

10 Beckenham **AWAY**
17 FOLKESTONE **HOME**
24 BECKENHAM 2nds **AWAY**

February

14 Maidstone RFCs **HOME**
28 WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds **AWAY**

March

7 MAIDSTONE **HOME**
21 OLD ALLEYNIANS 2nds **AWAY**
28 AYLESFORD BULLS **HOME**

April

18 MEDWAY 2nds **HOME**
25 SIDCUP 2nds **AWAY**

Fixtures in BLOCK TYPE are COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE matches

MEN'S 1ST XV REPORT

As we move into the closing stages of the 2025/26 Counties 2 Kent season, it has been another competitive and positive period for the 1XV squad. The group has continued to demonstrate resilience, growth and commitment to the standards expected at the club, remaining competitive against the strongest sides in the league throughout the campaign.

The team has spent much of the season towards the top end of the table and currently sits in 3rd place, firmly in the promotion conversation with several important fixtures still to play. Performances have shown clear development in physicality, game management and squad cohesion, with players continuing to step into key roles when required.

RECENT RESULTS

Vigo (Away) — Won 27-10
Folkestone (Home) — Lost 12-17
Beckenham (Away) — Won 28-22
Tonbridge Juddians (Home) — Won 26-21
Westcombe Park II (Away) — Won 37-12

The victory away at Westcombe Park last weekend was particularly pleasing, with the squad producing one of the most complete performances of the recent block. Strong defensive work, good set-piece control and clinical finishing allowed Thanet to build scoreboard pressure and secure an impressive away win.

MATCH PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

The win away at Vigo showed the team's ability to control territory and possession, with strong defensive work and effective breakdown management allowing Thanet to secure both the win and a try bonus point.

The narrow defeat against Folkestone was a tight contest decided by small margins. The defensive effort remained strong throughout,



Continued over

but missed opportunities in attacking areas proved costly.

The away win at Beckenham was one of the most complete performances of the season, with composure under pressure and clinical finishing proving decisive in securing the result.

The home victory against Tonbridge Juddians demonstrated resilience and physicality, with the squad showing maturity to manage the closing stages of a tight game and secure an important win.

Last weekend's 37-12 victory against Westcombe Park reinforced the progress being made, with energy in both attack and defence and a strong collective performance across the squad.

PERFORMANCE THEMES

Across recent fixtures, several positive themes have emerged.

Physicality and gain line success have improved, allowing the team to generate front-foot ball and attacking opportunities.

Defensive commitment continues to be a strength, particularly against top opposition, with strong work rate and line integrity evident throughout games.

Squad depth has also been important, with injuries and availability challenges providing opportunities for developing players to contribute at 1XV level.

TOP PERFORMERS THIS SEASON

The squad has seen strong individual contributions across the pitch, with several players featuring prominently in league statistics.

Top Try Scorers

Thomas Hughes — 15
 Harry Dean — 12
 Thomas Walton — 11
 Max Montgomery — 11
 Ben Cannon — 11

Points Scorers

Thomas Walton — 139
 Callum Palmieri — 94
 Thomas Hughes — 93

These contributions reflect both individual quality and the attacking opportunities being created by the team collectively.

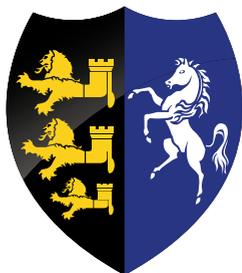
PLAYER MILESTONES

This season has also seen a number of important milestones across the squad, including players reaching significant appearance numbers, stepping into leadership roles, and several younger players making the transition into senior rugby.

A special mention goes to Tom Walton, who recently achieved 100 caps for the club - a fantastic milestone that reflects his commitment, consistency and contribution to Thanet Wanderers over a number of seasons. Reaching 100 appearances is a significant achievement in senior rugby and one the club is extremely proud of.

COACHING FOCUS

The coaching group remains focused on consistency across the full 80 minutes, improved decision-making under pressure, and continued accuracy at set piece and breakdown. Maintaining energy and tempo in both attack and defence remains a key priority as the team continues to evolve.



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LADIES NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS
FOLKESTONE LADIES	8	7	0	1	248	63	185	0	0	36
LORDSWOOD VALKYRIES LADIES	7	6	0	1	191	58	103	0	0	31
SEVENOAKS WOMEN	8	5	0	3	240	96	160	0	0	30
THANET WANDERERS WOMEN	8	4	0	4	166	160	6	0	0	27
ASHFORD LADIES	8	3	0	5	107	292	-185	0	0	24
BECKENHAM LADIES 2ND XV	9	2	0	7	180	269	-89	0	0	23
BECCEHAMIAN LADIES	8	1	0	7	88	252	-164	0	0	19

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WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV 0-19 Sevenoaks Women

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies 15-0 Ashford Ladies

Folkestone Ladies 34-0 THANET WANDERERS Women

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KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
ASH	14	12	0	2	434	161	273	0	1	51	
DOVER 2ND XV	13	12	0	1	419	230	189	0	0	49	
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	14	9	1	4	343	205	138	0	2	44	
SNOWDOWN CW	13	9	0	4	464	225	239	0	3	42	
WEAVING WARRIORS	15	8	0	7	375	358	17	0	2	39	
SWANLEY	15	7	0	8	356	382	-26	0	1	35	
AYLESFORD BULLS 2ND XV	13	6	0	7	339	255	84	0	3	34	
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3RD XV	13	5	1	7	304	347	-43	0	2	32	
ASHFORD 2ND XV	14	4	0	10	163	447	-284	0	0	23	
ASHFORD BARBARIANS	15	2	0	13	160	446	-286	0	2	20	
CRANBROOK 2ND XV	15	2	0	13	201	502	-301	0	2	20	

KENT RURAL A LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 14th February 2026

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV 12-29 Ash

Cranbrook 2nd XV 29-43 Dover 2nd XV

Snowdown CW 47-10 Ashford Barbarians

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 22-29 Swanley

Weaving Warriors 24-19 THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV

Saturday 21st February 2026

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 42-17 Weaving Warriors

Weaving Warriors AWO Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV

Saturday 28th February 2026

Ashford Barbarians HWO Weaving Warriors

Ashford 2nd XV 0-40 Ash

Swanley HWO Snowdown CW

THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV 35-17 Cranbrook 2nd XV

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV v Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV



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A XV (SECOND XV) KENT RURAL DIVISION A LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

2025

September

13 ASHFORD BARBARIANS AWAY
20 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rd XV AWAY

October

4 SWANLEY HOME
11 SNOWDOWN CW AWAY
18 WEAVERING HOME

November

8 CRANBROOK 2nds AWAY
29 ASH AWAY

December

6 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds HOME
13 ASHFORD 2nds AWAY
20 DOVER 2nds HOME

2026

January

10 ASHFORD BARBARIANS HOME
17 SWANLEY AWAY
24 SNOWDOWN CW HOME

February

14 WEAVERING AWAY
28 CRANBROOK 2nds HOME

March

21 ASH HOME
28 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds AWAY

April

11 ASHFORD 2nds HOME
18 DOVER 2nds AWAY
25 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rds HOME



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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

KENT RURAL C LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS
CANTERBURY 5TH XV ZINGARI	11	9	0	2	443	131	312	0	1	39
DARTFORD VILLEY 2ND XV	10	8	0	2	342	114	228	0	1	34
GRAVESEND 4TH XV	12	7	0	5	333	250	83	0	1	31
THANET WANDERERS 3RD XV	12	5	2	5	270	284	-14	0	0	30
OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2ND XV	11	4	2	5	208	251	-43	0	1	26
VIGO 2ND XV	11	5	1	5	264	290	-26	0	0	24
LORDSWOOD 2ND XV	11	3	1	7	199	334	-135	0	0	20
SHEPPEY 2ND XV	9	3	1	5	194	299	-105	0	0	19
NEW ASH GREEN 2ND XV	11	1	1	9	108	408	-300	0	1	14

KENT RURAL C LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 14th February 2026

Gravesend 4th XV 7-24 Old Gravesendians
2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV 38-12 Lordswood
2nd XV

Saturday 21st February 2026

Dartford Valley 2nd XV HWO Sheppey 2nd XV

Saturday 28th February 2026

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Connecting Rugby & Local Business

Thanet Wanderers has always been more than just a rugby club. We are a community, built on teamwork, support, and shared success both on and off the pitch.

That's why we are proud to continue growing the Thanet Wanderers Business Community, a relaxed, welcoming networking opportunity designed specifically for sponsors, members, parents and supporters who run or work within local businesses.

Our Business Community meets on the second Tuesday of every month, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, in the clubhouse.

It's informal. It's friendly. And it's built around real conversations, not hard selling.

Whether you're a long-standing sponsor, a parent running a business, a self-employed tradesperson, or part of a larger company, this is an opportunity to:

Meet other rugby families in business, Build local connections, Raise awareness of your services and Strengthen relationships within the club

You're already part of the club community; this is simply another way to connect within it.

Many of our sponsors and parents are business owners or decision-makers. We see each other on match days and at training, but often don't realise the skills, services and expertise sitting right beside us.

The Business Community helps bring that together in one room.

It allows sponsors to gain additional value from their support of the club and gives parents and members the opportunity to grow their network in a familiar, supportive environment.

When businesses within the club connect, everyone benefits, including Thanet Wanderers itself.

Did you know businesses connected to the club can promote themselves directly inside the clubhouse?

We now offer the opportunity for businesses to feature on the clubhouse screen carousel, displayed during matches, events and busy periods.

This provides:

- Ongoing brand visibility
- Exposure to players, parents, visiting teams and supporters
- A simple way to showcase your services to a local audience

If you are interested in having your business included in the screen rotation, please get in touch for details on how to participate.

We are also developing a dedicated Thanet Wanderers Business Directory on the club website.

This online directory will allow: Sponsors, Business Community attendees and Club-connected businesses to list their services and contact details in one easy-to-access place.

The aim is simple: If a member, parent or supporter needs a service, they look to the club network first.

From trades and professional services to retail, coaching and consultancy, the directory will showcase the strength and diversity of our club's business community.

Get Involved

- If you: Run a business, Work in a professional role, Represent one of our sponsors
- Or would simply like to connect with other local business owners

We would love to see you at the next meeting. Second Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Thanet Wanderers Clubhouse

No pressure. No complicated format. Just genuine conversations in a relaxed environment.

To attend, promote your business on the clubhouse screens, or be included in the online Business Directory, please contact: Claire Turner, claire@navique.co.uk 07946244460.

Together, we can continue strengthening not just our teams on the pitch, but our business community off it too.

EXTRA A XV (THIRD XV) KENT RURAL DIVISION C LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

2025

September

13 VIGO 2nds **HOME**

October

4 NEW ASH GREEN 2nds **AWAY**

11 OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nds **HOME**

18 LORDSWOOD 2nds **AWAY**

November

8 GRAVESEND 4ths **HOME**

29 SHEPPEY 2nds **AWAY**

December

6 CANTERBURY 5ths **HOME**

13 DARTFORD VALLEY 2nds **AWAY**

20 DEAL & BETTES 3rds **HOME**

2026

January

10 VIGO 2nds **AWAY**

17 NEW ASH GREEN 2nd XV **HOME**

24 OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nds **AWAY**

February

14 LORDSWOOD 2nds **HOME**

28 GRAVESEND 4ths **AWAY**

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