





# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Welcome! The season has started with a Bang! With friendlies against Basildon, Whitstable and Charlton Park, all providing confident wins, any baggage from the last half of last season seems to have been safely deposited where it belongs. This is a credit to the young players that have stepped up into the 1st team squad and the new Director of Rugby, Elliot Blackmore and his coaching team.

This season Thanet Wanderers remain in Kent Counties 2, where we finished mid table last season, one place below Sidcup, although we won 21-8 at home, and again 18-5 away.

This week we welcome Sidcup 2nd XV who finished mid table last season, one position above Thanet Wanderers. Today's game is a true East V West with Sidcup travelling the 70 miles to the Kent Coast to make this fixture.

Despite being at opposite ends of the County the two clubs share some similarities

Sidcup Football Club (as it was known) started in 1882, but it was not until 1884-85 that a full fixture list was played. Thanet Wanderers was founded one year later in 1886 and both clubs currently field three senior sides.

We look forward to 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 and us as a Community Club. We welcome today's match official Matthew McKeon, who we believe is a newcomer to St Peter's.

We thank you for your time and without you, 30 referees and 1 player wouldn't get a game, or have I got that the wrong way round?

Tomorrow, we see the Junior Wanderers; Minis, SEND, Rug Rags and the Ladies all start official training.

We are currently amid the Women's World Cup 2025 and England play in Pool A along with Australia, Samoa, and the USA. Today England play Australia at Brighton's Amex Stadium at 5 pm which is likely to be a competitive match. The game will be shown live in the clubhouse so come in and support the Red Roses. They have already won their first Pool game against Samoa 92-3 with Jess Breach scoring a hat trick and surpassing 50 tries for England

On Saturday the 13th September the 1st Team play Vigo at home with a 3 pm kick off. Vigo are also sending their 2nd XV and their ladies team so there will be a full house at St Peter's next week. The following week, the 1st Team are away at Folkestone.

C'mon Wanders

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Club President



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## THE CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS

Start of the 2025/26 Rugby Season

Dear Players, Coaches, Supporters, and Members,

As we stand on the threshold of a new season, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome back to each one of you. Whether you're lacing up your boots, preparing the training plans, cheering from the touchline, or supporting behind the scenes—Thanet Wanderers RUFC thrives because of your passion, commitment, and belief in what we do together.

Last season brought its share of challenges and triumphs. We saw moments of grit, flashes of brilliance, and the kind of camaraderie that defines our club. From our youngest minis to our seasoned veterans, every player contributed to the spirit and legacy of Thanet Wanderers. I'm proud of what we achieved—and even more excited about what lies ahead.

This year, we continue to build. On the pitch, we aim to raise our standards, sharpen our skills, and play with pride. Off the pitch, we're investing in community engagement, improving club operations, and launching new initiatives—

including ways to better connect members, streamline communications, and celebrate our shared journey.

To our coaches: thank you for your tireless dedication. You shape not just players, but people. To our volunteers and committee members: your work often goes unseen, but never unappreciated. To our supporters: your presence lifts us. And to our players: you are the beating heart of this club—play hard, play fair, and play for each other.

Let's make this season one to remember. Let's show what Thanet Wanderers RUFC stands for: TEAMWORK - RESPECT - ENJOYMENT -DISCIPLINE - SPORTSMANSHIP

See you on the touchlines, in the clubhouse, and under the posts.

Warm regards,

#### **CHRIS**

Chairman, Thanet Wanderers RUFC



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

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

20	)25		2026							
Sep	otember		January							
6	SIDCUP 2nds	номе	10 VIGO	AWAY						
13	VIGO	номе	17 FOLKESTONE	НОМЕ						
Oct	ober		24 BECKENHAM 2nds	AWAY						
4	FOLKESTONE	AWAY	February							
11	BECKENHAM 2nds	НОМЕ	14 TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nds	номе						
18	TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nds	AWAY	28 WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds	AWAY						
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22 29 <b>Dec</b>	WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds MAIDSTONE OLD ALLEYIANS 2nds	AWAY <b>HOME</b>	21 OLD ALLEYNIANS 2nds 28 AYLESFORD BULLS	AWAY						
22	WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds MAIDSTONE OLD ALLEYIANS 2nds	AWAY	21 OLD ALLEYNIANS 2nds 28 AYLESFORD BULLS April	AWAY HOME						

Fixtures in BLOCK TYPE are COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE matches



# LADIES OPEN DAY

Ladies Open Day welcomed some potential new players. All attendees appeared to enjoy themselves and we hope that they will want to come back and join Thanet Wanderers RUFC Ladies.

Big thanks to coach Patrick Liddle forrunning such an enjoyable and instructive session..



### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

Welcome to St Peter's Rec - Thanet Wanderers vs Sidcup 2nd XV

As we return to competitive action at St Peter's Rec, it's a pleasure to welcome today's visitors Sidcup 2nd XV. Fixtures between our two clubs have always been played in the right spirit, combining tough rugby with plenty of respect on and off the pitch.

Last season produced two hard-fought encounters between the sides. At St Peter's Rec, Wanderers came out on top with a 27–19 victory, showing resilience in defence and clinical finishing when it mattered. The return fixture at Sidcup was just as competitive, with the home side edging a tight contest 22–17. Both games reflected the closeness of the rivalry and we can expect another strong battle this afternoon.

#### **Preseason Round Up**

Our preseason campaign has given Wanderers the chance to build momentum and sharpen combinations ahead of the new season.

Convincing wins against Charlton Park (71–14) and Basildon (29–7) provided a strong platform, while yesterday's 24–12 victory over Whitstable was particularly pleasing. That result came with a side made up largely of players who have transitioned from our colts programme over the past three years, underlining the strength of our pathway and the promise of the next generation.

These fixtures have allowed the squad to trial new systems, test depth, and give valuable minutes across the playing group – leaving us hungry and prepared for the challenges to come.

#### A New Chapter - Our Vision for Wanderers

This season marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Thanet Wanderers. Over the summer, we have set out a clear vision: to be the most inclusive, hard-working, and community-driven rugby club in Kent and beyond.

To achieve this, we are committed to:

• **Family** – supporting one another on and off the field, as players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters.

- **Discipline** building a culture grounded in honesty, humility, and hard work.
- Potential developing every individual, embracing innovation, and pushing boundaries in how we train, engage, and grow our community.
- Skill Set giving players the tools to perform, progress, and contribute fully to the Wanderers' family.

This vision is more than words on a page. It guides how we train, how we play, and how we live our rugby lives together.

#### Colts Making the Step Up

One of the most pleasing aspects of the summer has been watching our colts transition into the adult game. Yesterday's win against Whitstable was a showcase of that progress, with many of the young players who have graduated in the past three years playing starring roles. Their energy, skill, and commitment blended with the experience of senior players is vital for our future – and it is something we are determined to strengthen further.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Today is about setting the tone. Sidcup will be tough opposition, but with the work put in over preseason, the direction the club is now taking, and our renewed vision to drive us forward, there is real belief that Wanderers can grow stronger every week.

Thank you for your continued support – let's get behind the boys this afternoon and show what it means to be part of the Wanderers Family.

Up the Wanderers!

#### **ELLIOT BLACKMORE**

Director of Rugby

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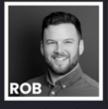
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TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
AYLESFORD BULLS	0									0	
BECKENHAM 2ND XV	0									0	
FOLKESTONE	0									0	
MAIDSTONE	0									0	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	0									0	
OLD ALLEYNIANS 2ND XV	0									0	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	0									0	
THANET WANDERERS	0									0	
TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nd XV	0									0	
VIGO	0									0	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	0									0	

## **KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES**

6th September 2025

Beckenham 2nds v Aylesford Bulls THANET WANDERERS v Sidcup 2nd XV Tonbridge Judds 2nd XV v Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Vigo v Medway 2nd XV Westcombe Park 2nd XV v Maidstone



### LADIES 1ST XV NC2 LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE 2025 -26

20 Sej	25 otember		2026 January	
21	ASHFORD	AWAY	11 SEVENOAKS	номе
0c	tober		18 LORDSWOOD	AWAY
5	LORDSWOOD	HOME	February	
19	BECKENHAM 2ND XV	AWAY	8 BECKENHAM 2ND XV	номе
No	vember		22 FOLKESTONE	AWAY
9	FOLKESTONE	номе	March	
23	BECCEHAMIANS	AWAY	8 BECCEHAMIANS	HOME
			29 SEVENOAKS	AWAY
			April	

26 ASHFORD

HOME







## THANET WANDERERS

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- BEN CANNON
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- 9 TOM WALTON

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- LOUIS MARSHALL
  Postition sponsored by: Sue Holges (Holges Holiday Homes)
- 12 TIM WILLIAMS

  Postition sponsored by: Bill Hurley
- BEN MILLS

  Postition sponsored by: Andy Bull
- 14 HENRY MIRAMS

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- 15 MARIUS THOMPSON
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Replacements:

- 16 DANIEL CLEMENT
- 17 ELLIS REES-PLUMRIDGE
- **18 CALLUM DOODY**
- **TR ALFIE REEVES**

Director of Rugby:

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**CLIVE LEWIS** 

## SIDCUP 2ND XV

AWAY TEAM COLOURS:

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- **2** JOSH BURTON
- 3 ANTON DENNIS (CAPT)
- 4 OLLY ROMP
- 5 ROB KNOTT
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# MATCH REPORT

#### THANET WANDERERS 78 – 19 BECCEHAMIANS

Venue: Away - Beccehamians RFC I Date: Saturday 6th April 2025

Thanet Wanderers Women's 1st XV capped off a sensational season with a dominant 78-19 win away at Beccehamians, sealing their final game with another attacking masterclass and a demonstration of strength, depth, and discipline.

Thanet kicked off and made an immediate impact, forcing Beccehamians onto the back foot with a high line-speed defensive wall. Despite losing Vicky Flower early to an ankle injury, the squad didn't falter. Rebecca Hewitt stole possession, and Rachael Austerberry opened the scoring by carving through the defence to touch down under the posts. Alexandra White slotted the first of her seven successful conversions.

Momentum built quickly. The backs were electric—Tabs Raymonde, Amy Fowler, and Chloe Siddall linked up beautifully to push deep into opposition territory. Thanet's dominance at scrum time laid the platform for their attacking game, with Hollie Callaghan steaming down the wing. After strong carries from Sorcha Maddison and Emily Williams, the ball was whipped wide once more, and Rachael Austerberry dotted down under the posts for her second.

A moment of brilliance followed when Rachael Austerberry picked up the ball near Thanet's own 10-metre line and sprinted the length of the pitch, outpacing the defenders to score her hat-trick before half-time. Tries then followed from Gee Cordell and a fourth from Austerberry, before Neave Evans powered through with defenders on her shoulders to finish another stunning team effort.

The backs executed set plays with finesse, while the forwards provided clean ball and relentless physicality at every breakdown. Debutant Rezija Bielija impressed with her strong physical presence and efficient ballhandling.

By the break, Thanet had stormed into a 38-7 lead, with Beccehamians' only score coming

from a long-range effort by their winger.

The second half brought more of the same intensity. With the arrival of Rebecca Dixon and Megan Bish onto the field, Thanet picked up right where they left off.

Maria Castellina powered over from close range early in the half, and moments later, she crossed again following relentless phases from the forwards and slick hands out wide.

Still relentless, Rachael Austerberry added her fifth try of the game—sidestepping and surging through the line with confidence. Thanet's forwards and backs worked seamlessly together; Georgia Elks, Tabs Raymonde, Neave Evans, Rebecca Hewitt and Brioni Reah all made heavy yard gains and put in outstanding work at the breakdown.

Further tries came from Tabs Raymonde, finishing determinedly out wide, and another from Austerberry—bringing her tally to six in an incredible individual performance, supported all the way by brilliant team play.

Kat Stuart then crossed the whitewash after a flowing move involving Tabs Raymonde and Maria Castellina. Alexandra White coolly slotted the final conversion to cap off a stellar day with the boot. Though Beccehamians struck late with a converted try, it was merely a consolation.

Despite the scoreline, Beccehamians battled hard and were rewarded with three well-earned tries. They provided fierce competition and kept Thanet sharp right until the final whistle.

Post-match, Captain Gee Cordell shared heartfelt words reflecting on the team's journey this season:

"Always proud of the team. We've been working hard in training, and today we delivered everything we set out to do. We looked like a strong, structured side out there and finished the season on a high. I'm so proud of how far we've come—everyone gave it their all. Well done, ladies."

#### Players of the Match

In the forwards, Georgia Elks stood out for her powerful carries and dominant presence in the scrums. Among the backs, Alexandra White earned recognition for leading the game with precision and composure, just as she has done all season.

There was a special mention for Rezija Bielija, who made her debut in the blue and gold, and a heartfelt thank you to Head Coach Lodgie:

"A massive thank you to Lodgie, our head coach, who has been incredible throughout. We wouldn't be where we are without you."

Gee closed with a message of gratitude and pride: "What a way to end the season. Huge

thanks to Beccehamians for hosting us and pushing us to the limit. It was a cracking match to wrap things up. Not a bad way to finish the season—here's to all the hard work, team spirit, and unforgettable moments."

Starting XV Emily Williams, Hollie Callaghan, Rebecca Hewitt, Sorcha Maddison, Vicky Flower, Neave Evans, Gee Cordell (capt), Georgia Elks, Maria Castellina, Alexandra White, Kat Stuart, Rachael Austerberry, Tabs Raymonde, Amy Fowler, Chloe Siddal.

**Finishers** Brioni Reah, Rezija Bielija, Rebecca Dixon, Megan Bish











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

2025		2026						
September		January						
13 ASHFORD BARBARIANS	AWAY	10 ASHFORD BARBARIANS	HOME					
20 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rd XV	AWAY	17 SWANLEY	AWAY					
October		24 SNOWDOWN CW	HOME					
4 SWANLEY	HOME	February						
11 SNOWDOWN CW	AWAY	14 WEAVERING	AWAY					
18 WEAVERING	HOME	28 CRANBROOK 2nds	HOME					
November		March						
8 CRANBROOK 2nds	AWAY	21 ASH	HOME					
29 ASH	AWAY	28 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds	AWAY					
December		April						
6 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds	HOME	11 ASHFORD 2nds	HOME					
13 ASHFORD 2nds	AWAY	18 DOVER 2nds	AWAY					
20 DOVER 2nds	HOME	25 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rds	HOME					







## LADIES NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
ASHFORD	0									0	
BECCEHAMIANS	0									0	
BECKENHAM 2ND XV	0									0	
FOLKESTONE	0									0	
LORDSWOOD Valkyries ladies	0									0	
SEVENOAKS	0									0	
THANET WANDERERS	0									0	







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# MATCH REPORT

#### THANET WANDERERS 39 - FAVERSHAM & DOVER 7

Thanet Wanderers & Medway Women's 2nd XV vs Faversham & Dover Women Development Fixture | 13th April 2025 | Home at St Peter's | Final Game of the Season

In the sunshine at St Peter's, Thanet Wanderers Women's 2nd XV—bolstered by four brilliant players from Medway—capped off their season with a strong performance against a combined Faversham & Dover side. This development fixture was a fantastic showcase of teamwork, resilience, and the growth this squad has demonstrated throughout the year.

Thanet kicked off and immediately set the tone with determined carries from forwards Rebecca Hewitt, Hollie Callaghan, and Sian Boyce. Early attacking phases saw Tabs Raymonde orchestrating the backline with control, linking well with Daisy Osborn and Chloe Siddall out wide. Despite some early turnovers, the home side's defensive grit stood firm—Rebecca Hewitt and Izzy Lodge made stand-out tackles to shut down promising breaks.

Aggressive line speed and ball recovery, led again by Rebecca Hewit put the pressure back on, with strong carries from Helen Hollinsworth, Carley Powderham, and impressive Rezi Bielija. A beautifully timed inside ball from Megan Bish set Tabs Raymonde free to slice under the posts for the opening try, confidently converted by Chloe Siddall.

From the restart, Thanet surged up field again. Crisp passing between Tabs Raymonde, Izzy Lodge, Hollie Callaghan, and Brioni Reah kept the tempo high. Kat Stuart played with speed and intelligence, taking quick taps and offloading cleverly to forwards like Rebecca Hewitt and Brioni Reah, while Holly Thurman Newell dominated at scrum time. A slick sequence involving Daisy Osborn, Izzy Lodge, and Hollie Callaghan led to Chloe Siddall finishing off another sweeping move—then stepping up once more to add the extras.

The Medway contingent played a vital role, with Sophie Rowlinson-Rogers, Gemma Duncan, and debutant Mia Cook making their mark, while Amy Coates's outstanding carries and dominant defensive efforts earned her the Forward of the Match award.

However, the visitors weren't done yet and responded with determination. Their number 14 broke through and sprinted the length of the pitch to score under the posts, reducing the deficit to 14-7 at half-time.

Thanet started the second half with intent. The visitors' restart was claimed by Brioni Reah, who took it into contact. From the breakdown, Georgia Elks broke the gain line and passed to Megan Bish, whose kick was contested. Though the ball was stolen by the visitors, a penalty for a high tackle gave them a lineout in Thanet's half. But Holly Thurman Newell rose expertly to steal

Following a scrum win, Tabs Raymonde sent the ball to Georgia Elks, who hit up hard and found Izzy Lodge on the outside. Izzy rounded her opposite number and slid in for the next score. The conversion narrowly missed.

Soon after, Thanet were awarded a penalty, and Chloe Siddall kicked deep but missed touch. Faversham returned it, but Thanet capitalised quickly, getting the ball to Izzy Lodge, who passed to Megan Bish right on Thanet's own try line. With pace to burn, Megan left the opposition in her wake to run the full length of the pitch and score to the right of the posts—an electric solo effort, though the conversion was just short.

As Thanet dominated possession, Justine Macintosh supported well at the breakdown, and Kat Stuart ensured quick ball delivery. Chloe Siddall delivered a pinpoint kick to the corner, where Rebecca Hewitt recovered the loose ball, linked with Izzy Lodge and Megan Bish, and Georgia Elks capped off her strong showing with a storming carry through defenders, setting up Tabs Raymonde for her second try of the match.

The conversion went wide, but Thanet were in full control.

Then, Holly Thurman Newell powered through defenders with support on either side. A quick offload to Izzy Lodge, then to Tabs Raymonde, saw the fly-half ghost through the line again and ground the ball. Another conversion attempt fell just short.

In the final phases, a scrum down gave Thanet possession again. The ball passed through Izzy Lodge to Aimee Williams, who was having a confident debut, and then to Chloe Siddall, who made a sharp break. Megan Bish gathered the offload beautifully, but a knock-on halted play. From the opposition scrum, their clearance kick was well-read by Megan, who danced around defenders and dotted down in the corner for her second try of the day. Though the kick was

missed, it sealed a comprehensive 39-7 win.

Despite a spirited performance from Faversham & Dover, Thanet closed out their season with an emphatic win. Megan Bish was named Back of the Match for her control, creativity, and great line runs

A huge thank you goes to Medway RFC for their support and to Faversham & Dover for a competitive and spirited match.

This fixture was a brilliant reflection of how far the development team has come—full of teamwork, heart, and flashes of individual brilliance.

Here's to a season of learning, growth, and pride. Roll on next year!

#### **CLAIRE TURNER**















# THANET WANDERERS OVER 15S LIONS SEND TEAM

A momentous day at Thanet Wanderers RUFC as our Over 15s Lions SEND team played their first ever competitive home match – and not just against anyone, but against the mighty Saracens!

The pitch was alive with excitement as our Under 15s showed their support, forming a proud guard of honour and cheering on their friends every step of the way.

Huge thanks to Andy Bull and Kieran Hopper for making this incredible event happen.

Kieran said it was about "creating memories and opportunities for people with disabilities to play".

Andy called it "the culmination of three years of hard work" and confirmed the fixture will now become an annual event.

Well done to every player, coach and supporter – a day to remember and a proud moment for Thanet Wanderers.















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

2025		2026						
September		January						
13 VIGO 2nds	HOME	10 VIGO 2nds	AWAY					
October		17 NEW ASH GREEN 2nd XV	HOME					
4 NEW ASH GREEN 2nds	AWAY	24 OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nds	AWAY					
11 OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nds	HOME	February						
18 LORDSWOOD 2nds	AWAY	14 LORDSWOOD 2nds	HOME					
November		28 GRAVESEND 4ths	AWAY					
8 GRAVESEND 4ths	HOME	March						
29 SHEPPEY 2nds	AWAY	21 SHEPPEY 2nds	HOME					
December		28 CANTERBURY 5ths	AWAY					
6 CANTERBURY 5ths	HOME	April						
13 DARTFORD VALLEY 2nds	AWAY	11 DARTFORD Valley 2nds	HOME					
20 DEAL & BETTES 3rds	HOME	18 DEAL & BETTES 3rds	AWAY					









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