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# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

*The Valentine edition! Yes, it's Valentine Day for all those husbands, wives and partners out there who may have forgotten!*

We extend a warm welcome to Simon Wilkes who is today's Match Official, without your valuable input none of us would be able to play or watch.



This President's Address is dedicated to Colin Whiteley, the Club's Immediate Past President and a true Wanderer, who regrettably passed away on the 27th January after a short illness. Colin had this wonderful ability to see the positives in everything. He was equally engaging to players of all ages, taking time to talk and introduce himself to everybody. He had a dry sense of humour which was with him to the end. I visited Colin in hospital and I took him in the programmes from games he hadn't been able to attend. With copies of the Leagues tables we discussed the current situation of the Club's various teams and also how he felt about himself. The last thing he said to me with a grin was "come back when you've got something interesting to say!"

I once shared a lift with Colin to an away game in southwest London. He had an amusing story for every area he travelled to and on this

occasion he told me the following. In his working life he had been a representative for various cigarette brands and later for a brewery. On the roundabout at the top of Eltham Hill as we passed a McDonalds, which had formerly been a pub, Colin quietly disclosed that was where he had heard the news of his dad's passing. This was long before the days of mobile phones and I enquired how did they know where to contact you? His response in his characteristic laconic answer was "it was Christmas Eve and the office knew where to find me"!

Colin survived by his wife and children. His son Nick, who Ron Connell and me coached over 30 years ago, is still a Club supporter and our thoughts extend to the whole family. We may have lost a true Wanderer, but they have lost a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Today we welcome Tonbridge Juddians RFC 2nd XV to St Peters. They are top of the League with 57 points while Thanet are in third position with 47 points, this after both teams have played 12 games. Tonbridge Judds have lost only one game this season, which was their last game at home against Aylesford Bulls. Remember we only lost away to Aylesford by 2 points.

Our last meeting against Tonbridge back in October saw Juddians win 43-22, a result we hope to improve on this afternoon. At the time of writing, the weather is forecast to improve, but with a very wet surface, I hope that the conditions do not determine the outcome of the game.

## Olympic Hopeful

In our last home programme I celebrated our two international players and our very own Guinness World Record Holder (Andy Letts). This week, with the Winter Olympics having opened in Italy and Great Britain having a real chance of medals in two events, I would like

*Continued over*



Above: Taylor at the opening Winter Olympic Ceremony, leading from the front, as always!

to acknowledge Taylor Lawrence a former TWRUFC player and Ursuline College pupil, our very own Olympian, who will be competing, the 2-man and 4-man bobsleigh events.

Watch it live on Monday (2 man) at 9.00am and then on Saturday 21st (4 man)

And Bronze in the 2025 European Championships, the first time GB has been on the continental podium in 57 years

Good Luck to the 3's who are also at home today against Lordswood 2nd XV



Above: Taylor at the World Cup in 2025, winning Silver for Great Britain

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.

# SPITFIRE GOLD VETERANS TROPHY

Thanet Wanderers Vets beat Ash under floodlights at St. Peter's in the Shepherd Neame sponsored Spitfire Gold Veterans Trophy



# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

*As we move into the next block of fixtures, I want to reflect honestly on where we are as a club — the challenges, the progress, and the standards we continue to build together.*

Firstly, credit to everyone across senior rugby. It has been one of the wettest training months we've had in a long time. Tuesday nights in particular have tested attitude and intent. However, what has stood out is the consistency of effort. Numbers have remained strong, intensity has stayed high, and sessions have been purposeful. That matters. When standards hold in poor conditions, it tells you something about the culture.

There are challenges in the 2XV at present — availability, continuity and consistency have all had an impact. That's not unusual at this level, but it does require collective ownership. The solution isn't noise or frustration; it's clarity, development and alignment. We continue to support the group, and we will keep building depth, accountability and competition across the senior squads. The expectation remains the same: performance first. When the performance improves, results follow.

A real positive has been the growing presence of our Colts training on Thursday nights. Seeing them step into senior environments, raise tempo and contribute to standards has been excellent. It lifts training intensity and strengthens the pathway. More importantly, it reinforces our One Club model — mini, youth, colts and seniors are not separate entities, they are one ecosystem. The transition into adult rugby becomes far stronger when it starts before match day.

Across the mini and youth section, the work done by coaches over the past block has been exceptional. We reviewed our approach to contact, breakdown decision-making and game understanding across age groups. The result? Clear improvements in tackle technique, game awareness and player confidence on Sundays. That doesn't happen by accident — it happens through coach reflection and alignment.

To support this further, we will now be running CPD directly linked to those development themes, ensuring consistency from U6 to senior rugby. I'm also pleased to confirm that we have 15 Thanet Wanderers coaches booked in with Russell Earnshaw in the coming weeks. That level of commitment to learning is something to be proud of. When coaches improve, players improve. When players improve, the club moves forward.

The direction remains clear:

- Raise standards
- Develop people
- Align the pathway
- Focus on performance

Thank you to every volunteer, coach, player and supporter who continues to contribute to the growth of this club — especially through cold, wet Tuesdays.

We never lose. We win or we learn.

**ELLIOT BLACKMORE**  
Director of Rugby



# THANET WANDERERS LIONS RECOGNISED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

Community heroes from across the Isle were celebrated on Wednesday 28 January, at the second Thanet Community Champions Awards, held at The Pavilion, Broadstairs.

The initiative created by Thanet Council and organised by Social Enterprise Kent (SEK), recognises the outstanding contribution of individuals, groups and organisations that go above and beyond to improve the lives of others in Thanet.

Funded by the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the awards shine a spotlight on the vital role played by the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector, celebrating volunteers, charity workers, youth leaders and community groups whose dedication often goes unseen.

The Lions won an award for the SEND rugby programme but were surprised to also win one of the special awards which recognised exceptional achievement and long-standing commitment to the community. The Thanet Community Champions Unity Award was very gratefully accepted by Andy Bull, Lyn Cloake and Amanda Gill, recognising the efforts of the whole coaching staff and volunteers that have enabled the programme to grow over the past 3 years.

Cllr Ruth Duckworth, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property at Thanet District Council, said: "It was a real pleasure to attend the Thanet Community Champions Awards for 2026, where some of the people were recognised who work so hard to make Thanet a better place to live.

"Hearing first-hand about the wide range of work that's going on across the district is a real inspiration. Each project makes a positive and individual impact on our communities.

"These awards not only recognise outstanding contributions from groups and individuals but will also, I hope, encourage more people to get involved in community initiatives."

To find out more about the programme please contact Andy Bull on [andy@thanetwanderers.co.uk](mailto:andy@thanetwanderers.co.uk) or on 07710 456225

**ANDY BULL**

Club Development Director &  
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# MATCH REPORT

## THANET WANDERERS 12 FOLKESTONE 17

This was not a game the supporters could fully appreciate as fog swirled across the pitch from the first play of the game, although visibility was better pitch side for the players. The first quarter of the game saw most of the play within the midfield with both sides making committed tackles to negate any scoring opportunities. Thanet made the most of an opportunity when a chance appeared as Folkestone were reduced to fourteen players for a deliberate knock on and Adam Harrison evaded a number of tackles to run in the first try of the game after 22 minutes. The attempted conversion was missed.

Over the next period of play neither side made any decisive breaks and Thanet were fortunate to end the half 5-0 up as they were first reduced to fourteen players, as Tim Williams was shown a yellow card for a deliberate knock on after 34 minutes, and then to thirteen men when a second yellow was given this time to Giotto McCourt-Welsh for dangerous play.

Folkestone used the advantage straight from the second half kick off scoring two quick tries one of which was converted for a 12-5 lead. Thanet were then twice denied a score after being held up over the line and then deemed to have dropped the ball before it was grounded. Wanderers regrouped and went through a

number of phases that released Williams to score. The conversion by Tom Walton brought the sides level at 12-12 after 56 minutes.

The visitors kept Thanet pinned deep in their own half late as the game continued with the home side unable to clear the ball. After continuous pressure Folkestone scored their third try under the posts. Despite the conversion being missed the visitors had now regained the lead 17-12 after 70 minutes of play.

Thanet were unable to create any further scoring chance despite making a number of inroads into Folkestone territory in the last ten minutes of the game. As the match came to a close Thanet were again reduced to fourteen men when Daniel Clement was shown a yellow card for not rolling away after a tackle.

Thanet came away from the game with a losing bonus point but were disappointed with the result after a determined effort to take the upper hand to win the game.

This game saw Tom Walton play his hundredth match for Thanet and receive a club cap for the achievement, whilst Tim Williams through his efforts scored his first try in a Wanderers first team shirt. Well done to both players.

**CARMEN GLOVER**



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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 TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nds **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 TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2nds **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**

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# 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	12	11	0	1	495	180	.315.	12	1	57	
AYLESFORD BULLS	13	9	0	4	440	319	121	10	1	47	
THANET WANDERERS	13	8	0	5	402	243	159	11	4	47	
FOLKESTONE	13	9	0	4	403	213	190	7	2	46	
OLD ALLEYNANS 2ND XV	13	8	0	5	417	335	82	9	0	42	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	12	8	0	4	370	281	89	8	1	41	
MAIDSTONE	13	5	0	8	344	395	-51	8	4	32	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	13	5	0	8	328	403	-75	4	1	25	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	13	3	0	10	209	472	-263	3	1	16	
BECKENHAM 2ND XV	12	3	0	9	207	473	-266	2	1	15	
VIGO	13	1	0	12	126	427	-301	1	2	2	-5

# KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

14th February 2026

Aylesford Bulls v Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV v Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Sidcup 2nd XV v Folkestone

THANET WANDERERS v Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

Vigo v Beckenham 2nd XV

# KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

Saturday 17th January 2026

Aylesford Bulls 38-14 Westcombe Park 2nds

Old Alleynians 2nd XV 45-23 Maidstone

Sidcup 2nd XV 19-17 Vigo

THANET WANDERERS 12-17 Folkestone

Saturday 24th January 2026

Beckenham 2nd XV 28-22 THANET WANDERERS

Folkestone HWO Vigo

Maidstone 8-42 Aylesford Bulls

Old Alleynians 2nd XV 31-7 Sidcup 2nd XV

Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV 59-7 Medway 2nd XV

Saturday 31st January 2026

Medway 2nd XV 31-10 Beckenham 2nd XV

Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV 28-31 Aylesford Bulls

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

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

2025		2026	
<b>September</b>			
21 ASHFORD	AWAY	11 SEVENOAKS	HOME
<b>October</b>			
5 LORDSWOOD	HOME	18 LORDSWOOD	AWAY
<b>November</b>			
19 BECKENHAM 2ND XV	AWAY	8 BECKENHAM 2ND XV	HOME
<b>February</b>			
9 FOLKESTONE	HOME	22 FOLKESTONE	AWAY
<b>March</b>			
23 BECCEHAMIANAS	AWAY	8 BECCEHAMIANAS	HOME
<b>April</b>			
		29 SEVENOAKS	AWAY
		26 ASHFORD	HOME

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# MATCH REPORT

## THANET WANDERERS LADIES 1XV VS BECKENHAM 11XV SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

Thanet Ladies dominate at home with five-try victory

Thanet Ladies kicked off at home looking focused and physical from the first whistle. The opposition collected the opening kick, but strong counter-rucking from Sian Boyce and Helen Hollinsworth immediately put Thanet on the front foot. Early handling errors from the visitors, combined with excellent work at the breakdown, allowed Thanet to take control, winning the opening scrum and making early ground through Neave Evans and Georgia Elks.

The first phase of the match was competitive, with penalties exchanged and territory tested. Thanet's defence held firm, and their work rate was rewarded when a loose ball was picked up by Neave Evans, who ran the length of the pitch to score a brilliant solo try. Alex White added the conversion to give Thanet an early lead.

Thanet continued to dominate the set piece, repeatedly winning scrums and carrying strongly through Jo Simovic, Georgia Elks, and the forwards. Ball movement through the backs began to stretch the defence, with Tabs Raymonde, and Shannon Cook all making strong lines. After sustained pressure close to the try line, the ball was moved wide and Shannon Cook finished well to score Thanet's second try, which Alex White converted.

The pressure continued as Thanet's rucking and counter-rucking forced turnovers. From one such moment, Tabs Raymonde broke from deep inside the 22 to score an excellent try. Alex White again added the conversion, giving Thanet a commanding lead. The visitors responded just before half time with a converted try of their own.

### Half time

Thanet began the second half with intent, although an early penalty allowed the visitors some territory. A missed kick to touch was punished when the opposition broke through to score, narrowing the gap to 21-12.

Thanet quickly re-established control. A superb kick from Neave Evans pinned the visitors inside their five-metre area, and from the resulting lineout Thanet's well-organised maul powered forward, with Helen Hollinsworth grounding the ball for another try. The conversion was missed, but Thanet extended their lead to 26-12.

The game became increasingly physical, with injuries and substitutions affecting the flow. Thanet's defence remained strong, with standout tackles from Neave Evans, Hollie Callaghan, Maria Castellina, Emily Williams, and Shannon Cook. Despite sustained pressure, the visitors managed another try, making it 26-17.

Thanet closed out the match confidently. Strong carries and quick ball through the backs led to Grace White making a powerful break before the ball was recycled and worked wide. Tabs Raymonde crossed for Thanet's fifth and final try, sealing a deserved home victory. The conversion narrowly missed.

### Full time: Thanet Ladies 31 - 17

A dominant home performance built on strong scrummaging, relentless work at the breakdown, and excellent commitment across the pitch.

### Players of the Match

- Forwards: Flo Smith, new to adult rugby, playing across several positions and delivering an outstanding performance.
- Backs: Shannon Cook, outstanding lines of running, strong defence, and a well-taken try.

Special mention to debutant Zoe Williams named in the matchday squad and gaining valuable experience on the bench.

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  - 17 ED FLORI**
  - 18 LEWIS DOWNER**
- TR**

Director of Rugby:

**ELLIOT BLACKMORE**  
*Postition sponsored by: Colin Whiteley*

Defence Coach:

**KIERAN HOPPER**  
*Postition sponsored by: Ian Rutherford*

Forwards Coaches:

**RON CONNELL**  
**CRAIG SMITH**  
**WILLIAM WALLACE**  
**LENNY BROWN**

Backs Coaches:

**OLLIE CACKET**  
**ADAM MIRAMS**

Team Manager:

**MICHELLE MCLEAN**  
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**IAIN WARD**

Referee:

**SIMON WILKS**

Touch Judge:

**CLIVE LEWIS**

# TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS 2ND

AWAY TEAM COLOURS:

- 1 GRAHAM BOVIS**
- 2 BEN ZAUG**
- 3 NATHAN COURT**
- 4 NICK LATTER**
- 5 TOBY BROWN**
- 6 JAMES MARDON**
- 7 JAY SMITH**
- 8 BEN LAKE**
- 9 CHARLES JAQUES**
- 10 ROBBIE SIMMONDS**
- 11 MAX MAYWOOD**
- 12 ALEX GRIBBON**
- 13 DUNCAN TOUT**
- 14 JOE MASSEY**
- 15 JAMIE TUTT**

Replacements:

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- 17 TBC**
- 18 TBC**

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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	ADJ
FOLKESTONE LADIES	7	6	0	1	214	63	151	0	0	31	
LORDSWOOD VALKYRIES LADIES	6	5	0	1	176	88	88	0	0	27	
SEVENOAKS WOMEN	7	4	0	3	221	96	125	0	0	26	
THANET WANDERERS WOMEN	7	4	0	3	172	126	40	0	0	25	
ASHFORD LADIES	7	3	0	4	107	277	-170	0	0	23	
BECKENHAM LADIES 2ND XV	8	2	0	6	180	250	-70	0	0	21	
BECCHEMIAN LADIES	8	1	0	7	88	252	-164	0	0	18	

# WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 18th January 2026

Ashford Ladies 31-20 Sevenoaks Women

Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV 24-22

Beccehamian Ladies

Sunday 1st February 2026

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies -P- THANET

WANDERERS Women

Sunday 8th February 2026

Beccehamian Ladies 17-27 Folkestone Ladies

THANET WANDERERS Women 31-17 Beckenham

Ladies 2nd XV

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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
DOVER 2ND XV	12	11	0	1	376	201	175	0	0	45	
ASH	12	10	0	2	365	149	216	0	1	43	
SNOWDOWN CW	11	8	0	3	417	175	242	0	3	38	
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	12	8	1	3	289	164	125	0	1	38	
WEAVING WARRIORS	11	7	0	4	334	217	117	0	2	34	
AYLESFORD BULLS 2ND XV	11	5	0	6	287	226	61	0	3	29	
SWANLEY	13	5	0	8	287	360	-73	0	1	27	
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3RD XV	11	4	1	6	240	301	-61	0	1	26	
ASHFORD 2ND XV	13	4	0	9	163	407	-244	0	0	22	
CRANBROOK 2ND XV	13	2	0	11	155	424	-269	0	2	18	
ASHFORD BARBARIANS	13	1	0	12	110	399	-289	0	2	15	

## KENT RURAL A LEAGUE RESULTS

### Saturday 17th January 2026

Cranbrook 2nd XV 28-20 Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV

Swanley 17-43 THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV

Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 24-12 Ashford Barbarians

Weaving Warriors HWO Ashford 2nd XV

### Saturday 24th January 2026

Ash 50-10 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV

Ashford Barbarians 12-38 Swanley

Cranbrook 2nd XV 24-7 Ashford 2nd XV

Dover 2nd XV 25-22 Weaving Warriors

THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV -P- Snowdown CW

### Saturday 31st January 2026

Ashford 2nd XV 0-40 Snowdown CW

THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV HWO Ashford Barbarians

### Saturday 7th February 2026

Swanley 0-40 Dover 2nd XV 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	<b>HOME</b>
11 SNOWDOWN CW	AWAY
18 WEAVERING	<b>HOME</b>

### November

8 CRANBROOK 2nds	AWAY
29 ASH	AWAY

### December

6 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds	<b>HOME</b>
13 ASHFORD 2nds	AWAY
20 DOVER 2nds	<b>HOME</b>

2026

### January

10 ASHFORD BARBARIANS	<b>HOME</b>
17 SWANLEY	AWAY
24 SNOWDOWN CW	<b>HOME</b>

### February

14 WEAVERING	AWAY
28 CRANBROOK 2nds	<b>HOME</b>

### March

21 ASH	<b>HOME</b>
28 AYLESFORD BULLS 2nds	AWAY

### April

11 ASHFORD 2nds	<b>HOME</b>
18 DOVER 2nds	AWAY
25 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3rds	<b>HOME</b>

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**This year the club would also like to invite all of its Vice Presidents to attend the lunch as a token of our thanks for their support.**

**£25.00 per guests and other club members**

The lunch, which is free to Sponsors, will be bruschetta, herbed chicken and Eton mess, followed by cheese and biscuits and wine will be provided on the tables

Followed by the 1st XV game against Maidstone



To confirm your attendance please contact  
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# THE LIONS ROAR AT THURROCK

*Thanet Wanderers Special Educational Needs (SEND) rugby team, The Lions, recently travelled to Thurrock Rugby Club to take part in a fantastic SEND rugby festival. The team took a squad of 20 players, with everyone travelling up together in various cars, creating a real sense of excitement and team spirit before the day had even begun.*

Thurrock have only just launched their SEND programme and did a great job in organising a very successful event. During the tournament, The Lions played matches against Southend, Chelmsford, Thurrock, and Harlow SEND teams. Each match was played in a positive, inclusive, and supportive atmosphere, with players showing great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout. The players gave their best in every game, encouraging one another and clearly enjoying the opportunity to play against new teams.

The team's organisation, appearance, and performance did not go unnoticed by spectators. One Thanet Wanderers parent shared the following moment from the sidelines:

"Yesterday I was standing beside the Mums from the Thurrock side and I heard one say to the others 'they are very well turned out, their kit is lovely' then someone said 'and there impressive like a finely oiled machine.'"

The pride felt by families was echoed by the coaching team. One of the Thanet Wanderers coaches, Darren Mountjoy said:

"Can I say well done to everyone that attended today. We played some fantastic rugby and even more impressive for me was the sportsmanship that our players showed off their own initiative."

Events like this highlight just how important sport is for children with special educational needs. Taking part in rugby helps to build confidence, improve physical fitness, and develop social skills such as communication, cooperation, and respect. Most importantly, it

provides a safe and welcoming environment where children can feel included, valued, and proud of their achievements.

To finish the tournament, a final game was played where every player who attended the day was involved. As The Lions had such a large squad on the day, they played against all of the other teams combined, ensuring that everyone took part and enjoyed one last opportunity to play together. This perfectly reflected the inclusive spirit of the tournament and SEND rugby as a whole.

After the tournament, all players were presented with medals in recognition of their effort, commitment, and fantastic attitudes on the day. This was a proud moment for both the players and the coaches, celebrating not just results but participation and personal success.

The day ended on a high note with everyone enjoying well-earned pulled pork rolls and salad together, giving players, coaches, and families time to relax, chat, and reflect on a brilliant day of rugby.

Overall, it was a hugely successful and enjoyable tournament for Thanet Wanderers SEND rugby team, The Lions, showcasing the power of inclusive sport and the positive impact it has on children with special educational needs. The Lions look forward to inviting all of those clubs involved down to The Rec in the summer.

## ANDY BULL

Club Development Director & Founder of the SEND Programme



## CODES OF CONDUCT

### 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  
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.**

# KENT RURAL C LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
CANTERBURY 5TH XV ZINGARI	10	8	0	2	403	131	272	0	1	35	
DARTFORD VILLEY 2ND XV	9	7	0	2	302	114	188	0	1	30	
GRAVESEND 4TH XV	10	6	0	4	286	226	60	0	1	26	
THANET WANDERERS 3RD XV	10	4	2	4	232	232	0	0	0	26	
VIGO 2ND XV	10	5	1	4	264	250	14	0	0	24	
OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2ND XV	10	3	2	5	184	244	-60	0	1	22	
SHEPPEY 2ND XV	8	3	1	4	194	259	-65	0	0	19	
LORDSWOOD 2ND XV	10	3	1	6	187	296	-109	0	0	19	
NEW ASH GREEN 2ND XV	11	1	1	9	108	408	-300	0	1	14	

## KENT RURAL C LEAGUE RESULTS

### Saturday 17th January 2026

Canterbury 5th XV Zingari HWO Dartford Valley 2nd XV

Old Gravesendians 2nd XV 45-19

Lordswood 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV 12-26 New Ash Green 2nd XV

Vigo 2nd XV 24-34 Gravesend 4th XV

### Saturday 24th January 2026

Gravesend 4th XV 47-7 New Ash Green 2nd XV

Old Gravesendians 2nd XV -P- THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV

### Saturday 31st January 2026

New Ash Green 2nd XV 7-47 Old Gravesendians 2nd XV

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### Saturday 7th February 2026

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## THANET COACHES GET NEW T-SHIRTS

All the coaching team, from Rugby-rats to Senior men and women, have received t-shirts sponsored by Club Safeguarding Officer Annmarie Carfoot in memory of her dad, who passed away last year.

Don was well known in Thanet, as he was the only tattooist in the area for many years. A trip to his shop was a rite of passage for many of us over a certain age. He was a great supporter of his grandsons who both played for the Wanderers and was always on call for taxi duty to away games!

The dragon on the shirts represents the tattoos and was something he always had on his business cards.



## 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**

**March**

21 SHEPPEY 2nds **HOME**

28 CANTERBURY 5ths **AWAY**

**April**

11 DARTFORD Valley 2nds **HOME**

18 DEAL & BETTES 3rds **AWAY**



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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

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