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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in and as we head into winter it's our first early kick-off of the season. It's been three weeks since the first XV has played and although the long trip to Tonbridge Juddians resulted in a 43-22 defeat, our first loss of the season, we did at least come away with a bonus point for scoring four tries.

We welcome Alan Whittingham as today's match official and hope he enjoys his time at St Peter's.

We still maintain our position at the top of the table in Counties 2 Kent, but the two teams below us have each played one game less than us and one of those teams is Westcombe Park who remain unbeaten, so today's game could be considered a top of the table clash.

So, we welcome Westcombe Park 2nd XV to St Peter's for this Counties 2 Kent (London & SE Division) game. Our away match against them last year, back in November 2024, gave Thanet Wanderers a 14-25 win and a bonus point, while the reverse fixture at St Peter's in March 2025 resulted in a 22-27loss for Wanderers.

Our next home game on November 29th against Old Alleynians, will be our last home fixture until January 17th 2026. That game will be preceded by a VP's lunch, so let's make it our Christmas get together and share a few drinks. Book your place with Kelly.

Thanet's 2nd team under the stewardship of Tommy Stevens, who I had the pleasure of coaching from under 12's through to under 15's, are in third position in their league, whilst the 3rds are top of their league having suffered no defeats. The Ladies 1st team continue in good form and are top of their league NC2 South East while the Ladies 2nd team remain unbeaten.

We welcome Liz Delves, who has played for UK Fire & Police Ladies and captained Roslyn Park and coached them along with other clubs. Liz has settled locally and has now been appointed Ladies Head Coach. She will be ably assisted by the ever present Patrick Liddle and by Maria Castellina.

Movember

It's that time of the year again, Movember -changing the face of men's health. Please support those who have chosen to grow a; Mo,



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The VP Lunch and last home game of 2025 will be judgement day!!

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One Club

This is the current mindset in the Club and the following was posted by a 2nd Team player on their WhatsApp Group (which is hilarious and worth a Channel 4 comedy commission) regarding last week's game.

"Let's start getting in the right headspace as soon as you wake up tomorrow and walk off that pitch with a huge win then onto the social afterwards"

This is the same team that forfeited a recent league game against opposition after last season's debacle in the corresponding fixture sawn a young Thanet player seriously injured so he will never play rugby again. All were happy to fulfil the fixture this season, but the bigger picture of the Club's reputation with the Kent RFU meant that they chose to forfeit this game.

Good luck to all sides playing this weekend A (Second) XV v Cranbrook 2s League. Away Ex A (Third) XV v Gravesend 4s. League Home

Finally, we extend a warm welcome to all the today's officials without whose valuable input none of us would be able to play or watch rugby.

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

It's been a busy and exciting start to the 2025/26 season both on and off the field, with genuine progress being made across all sections of the club. Our focus remains clear — building a true "One Club" culture where every player, coach, volunteer, and supporter feels part of the same journey.

1. Club Direction and Culture

Over the summer we made key structural changes that have already started to bear fruit:

- Clearer leadership structure across senior rugby, with shared standards and expectations throughout the club
- Launch of our new Player Development Pathway, connecting our Minis, Youth, Colts, and Senior Rugby in one continuous framework
- Consistent coaching approach, ensuring alignment in skills, decision-making, and game understanding at every age group
- Expanded welfare and safety standards, with the aim to have a trained First Aider attached to every team across the club

Our "One Club" values — Family | Discipline | Skillset | Potential — are now visible in everything we do, from U6 training sessions to 1st XV match days.

2. Senior Rugby - Building Momentum

The 1st XV have shown impressive intent early in Counties 2 Kent. After a challenging previous season, the squad has rebuilt around energy, cohesion, and accountability.

Recent Results:

- Win vs Sidcup II 34-18
- Win vs Beckenham II 31-10
- Loss vs Tonbridge Juddians II 22-43

The Tonbridge result was a reminder of the fine margins in this league — strong phases and attacking intent were clear, but we must maintain consistency for the full 80 minutes. The set-piece remains a platform, and our "Skull" defensive system is fast becoming a club identity.

The 2nd XV continue to provide competitive rugby for developing players, with several

strong showings in recent weeks. The pathway between 2s and 1s is now clearer than ever, ensuring everyone understands their route to higher-level rugby.

3. Women's Rugby - Continued Growth

The Women's 1st XV are setting high standards on and off the field, with excellent wins against Ashford and Beckenham.

The squad continues to grow, welcoming new players each month and fostering a brilliant team culture. Credit goes to the leadership and coaching group for maintaining the perfect balance of enjoyment and ambition.

4. Colts and Player Development Pathway

A huge milestone for the club this month is the formal launch of the Thanet Wanderers Player Development Pathway— a clear, structured route from U6 through to senior rugby, designed to ensure every player understands their next step.

To lead this, we are delighted to announce Kieran Hopper as our new Pathway Development Officer.

Kieran will oversee:

- · Transition of Colts into senior rugby
- Development of the Girls' Pathway and SEND inclusion programme
- Alignment of coaching standards and session design across all age groups
- Collaboration with local schools, colleges, and community partners to identify and nurture young talent

Kieran's enthusiasm, professionalism, and deep connection with the club make him the perfect person for this role. His appointment marks another step toward our long-term goal — a unified, transparent, and aspirational player journey across Thanet Wanderers.

5. Club-Wide Progress

- Recruitment: Player numbers continue to rise across Minis, Youth, and Seniors
- Facilities: Upgrades to gym equipment and pitches have enhanced the training environment
- Community: Initiatives like Mans Talk, our local school outreach, and growing business-club engagement continue to strengthen our footprint in Thanet
- Standards: A marked improvement in discipline and respect — players are driving the culture shift we've worked for
- Welfare: The next step is ensuring every team has a qualified First Aider, improving safety, confidence, and professionalism across the club

6. Priorities for the Next Quarter

- 1. Sustain league momentum focus on consistency and execution
- 2. Embed the Player Development Pathway bring it to life across all sections.
- Support Colts and Women's transitions smooth progression into senior rugby
- 4. Train First Aiders and enhance coaching CPD equip our people with the best tools to coach and care
- 5. Plan ahead for 2026 develop the next stage of the academy and performance structure

7. Final Thoughts

Thanet Wanderers is in a brilliant place.

Results are improving, participation is growing, and the culture across the club feels united and positive.

This season is about progress, pride, and potential — setting the foundations for long-term success.

A huge thank-you to our coaches, players, parents, volunteers, and sponsors for their commitment and helief

Let's keep driving standards, celebrating our progress, and showing what Thanet rugby stands for.

ELLIOT BLACKMORE

Director of Rugby



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LADIES AND GIRLS TRAIN WITH CANADIAN COACH

On Saturday the 25th October Thanet Ladies and girls took part in an open training session at St. Peter's Recreation Ground run by Canada Women's Coach Alex Austerberry.













MATCH REPORT

TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS II 43 - 22 THANET WANDERERS

Thanet Wanderers suffered their first defeat of the season away at Tonbridge Juddians II in what was a far closer contest than the final score suggests. The 43–22 result slightly flatters the home side, with Thanet pushing hard for much of the match and showing real determination throughout.

Thanet were backed by fantastic travelling support for the long trip to Judds. That journey was made even longer by a walk past several better pitches to reach a less-than-ideal playing surface half a mile from the clubhouse.

There were three changes to the Thanet starting XV: Browning came in at prop, Clement started at hooker, and Hickmott made his first appearance of the season at flanker. Letts was also a surprise inclusion, having become available thanks to the EU.

First Half: Strong Response

Thanet kicked off, but it was Judds who made the brighter start, using their speedy backline to stretch play wide at every opportunity. After some slick handling, their powerful prop crashed over for a converted try, giving them an early 7–0 lead.

Thanet responded immediately. After several well-worked phases involving both forwards and backs, a driving maul was set up, and Cannon powered over for his eighth try of the season. The conversion went wide, but Thanet were on the board at 7–5.

Judds hit back quickly, with their fullback making a dangerous break before the forwards finished the move with another converted try to extend their lead to 14–5.

Thanet weren't rattled. Some impressive interplay between backs and forwards – including a highlight-reel offload from Herbert – opened up space for Thompson to score in the corner. Walton nailed the touchline conversion to bring the score to 14–12.

Thanet continued to pile on the pressure and were rewarded when Herbert hit a hard line off

a short ball to crash over for another try. The conversion looked good, but a disagreement between the touch judges led to it being ruled out, leaving Thanet 14–17 up at halftime after an excellent comeback.

Second Half: Game Slips Away Late

Judds came out strong after the break, scoring two quick converted tries through their backs to regain control at 28–17.

A controversial penalty against Thanet for holding on – just as it looked like they had turned the ball over – led to a successful Judds penalty kick, stretching the lead to 31–17.

Thanet weren't done. Sustained pressure in the Judds half led to a brilliant individual effort from Walton, who broke the line from a ruck, chipped over the last man, and won the foot race to touch down. The conversion was missed, but at 31–22 with 10 minutes to play, it was game on.

However, a speculative pass in attack was intercepted, and Judds capitalised with a sweeping counterattack for another converted try, making it 38–22.

Thanet kept fighting, pinning Judds in their 22, but a well-executed move from a scrum allowed Judds to cross once more. Surprisingly, their usually reliable fullback missed the conversion, bringing the final score to 43–22.

Final Thoughts

For 70 minutes, Thanet matched a very strong Judds side, playing some impressive rugby with solid set-piece work and effective interplay between backs and forwards. They scored four tries to secure a bonus point, but a few missed chances and small errors proved costly in the closing stages.

Despite the result, Thanet remain top of the league by a single point, though they have played one more game than second-placed Tonbridge Juddians II.

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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	tober		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						
No	vember		March							
8	WESTCOMBE PARK 2nds	номе	7 MAIDSTONE	номе						
22	MAIDSTONE	AWAY	21 OLD ALLEYNIANS 2nds	AWAY						
29	OLD ALLEYIANS 2nds	номе	28 AYLESFORD BULLS	НОМЕ						
ъ			April							
De	cember		18 MEDWAY 2nds	номе						
6	AYLESFORD BULLS	AWAY	25 SIDCUP 2nds	AWAY						
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Fixtures in BLOCK TYPE are COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE matches



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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
THANET WANDERERS	5	4	0	1	183	83	100	5	0	21	
TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS D6 XV	4	4	0	0	172	75	97	4	0	20	
WESTCOMBE PARK 2ND XV	4	4	0	0	141	87	54	4	0	20	
FOLKESTONE	4	3	0	1	157	70	87	3	0	15	
MAIDSTONE	4	2	0	2	137	126	11	3	2	13	
OLD ALLEYNIANS 2ND XV	5	2	0	3	153	160	-7	4	0	12	
MEDWAY 2ND XV	5	2	0	3	91	177	-86	2	0	10	
AYLESFORD BULLS	5	1	0	4	125	193	-68	3	1	8	
SIDCUP 2ND XV	5	1	0	4	139	187	-48	2	1	7	
VIGO	5	1	0	4	79	193	-114	1	1	6	
BECKENHAM 23ND XV	4	1	0	3	70	96	-26	0	1	5	

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

8th November 2025

Sidcup 2nd XV v Aylesford Bulls

Folkestone v Beckenham 2nd XV

THANET WANDERERS v Westcombe Park 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV v Maidstone

Vigo v Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

KENT COUNTIES LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

Saturday 11th October 2025

Aylesford Bulls 36-31 Maidstone

THANET WANDERERS 31-10 Beckenham 2nd XV

Medway 2nd XV 21-43 Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV

Vigo 7-24 Folkestone

Sidcup 2nd 19-38 Old Alleynians 2nd XV

Saturday 18th October 2025

Beckenham 2nd XV 24-33 Vigo

Folkestone 58-19 Sidcup 2nd XV

Old Alleynians 2nd XV 50-29 Aylesford Bulls

Tonbridge Juddians 2nd XV 43-22 THANET WANDERERS

Westcombe Park 2nd XV 35-3 Medway 2nd XV

RESULTS GRID COUNTIES 2 KENT LEAGUE

AWAY TEAM ►	AYL	BEC	FOLK	MA	~	ALLE	SIDC	_		BEC	WEST
HOME TEAM →	AYLESFORD Bulls	BECKENHAM 2NDS	FOLKESTONE	MAIDSTONE	MEDWAY 2NDS	OLD ALLEYNIANS 2NDS	SIDCUP 2NDS	TWRUFC	TONBRIDGE Judds 2nds	BECKENHAM	WESTCOMBE Park 2NDS
AYLESFORD BULLS				36-31					13-50		
BECKENHAM 2NDS	24-15				12-17					24-33	
FOLKESTONE					24-63		58-19	12-20			
MAIDSTONE						38-20					
MEDWAY 2NDS									21-43		
OLD ALLEYNIANS 2NDS	50-29										26-38
SIDCUP 2NDS				40-42		19-38					
TWRUFC		31-10					34-18			76-0	
TONBRIDGE JUDDS 2NDS						36-19		43-22			
BECKENHAM			7-24		24-26		15-43				
WESTCOMBE PARK 2NDS	38-32			30-24	35-3						

LADIES 1ST XV NC2 LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR 2025 -26

2025 September		2026 January						
21 ASHFORD	AWAY	11 SEVENOAKS	номе					
October		18 LORDSWOOD	AWAY					
5 LORDSWOOD	LORDSWOOD HOME							
19 BECKENHAM 2ND XV	AWAY	8 BECKENHAM 2ND XV	НОМЕ					
November		22 FOLKESTONE	AWAY					
9 FOLKESTONE	НОМЕ	March						
23 BECCEHAMIANS	AWAY	8 BECCEHAMIANS	НОМЕ					
		29 SEVENOAKS	AWAY					
		April						

26 ASHFORD

HOME



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MATCH REPORT

THANET WANDERERS LADIES 1XV v LORDSWOOD VALKYRIES

Kick-off: 2pm | Venue: Home | In aid of Breast Cancer Awareness

It was a sea of pink at St Peters this weekend as Thanet Wanderers Ladies hosted Lordswood Valkyries in their latest league fixture. The team proudly used the occasion to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Awareness, pink socks, bows, and hair showed the squad's full support for a great cause. Their efforts paid off too, over the weekend, the club raised an amazing £500 in support of breast cancer charities.

Lordswood kicked off, but the ball failed to go ten, giving Thanet an early scrum on halfway. From there, the home side settled quickly, moving the ball confidently through the hands. Neave Evans, Amy Fowler, Emily Williams and Ella Thurman-Newell combined well to make early ground, setting the tone for a fast-paced and physical first half.

Thanet kept the pressure on with several strong attacking phases. A well-worked move through Neave Evans and Tabs Raymonde saw Brioni Reah crash over the line despite three defenders clinging on, a proper forwards' try! Chloe Siddall coolly slotted the conversion to make it 7–0.

The momentum stayed with Thanet as Sorcha Maddison and Brioni Reah punched holes through the defence. After some brilliant link-up play between Tabs Raymonde, Sorcha Maddison, Emily Williams and Neave Evans, the pressure finally told, Neave Evans powered over from close range for Thanet's second. Tabs Raymonde added the extras to stretch the lead to 14–0.

Lordswood struck back just before half-time,

scoring in the corner after sustained pressure. The conversion went wide, leaving the half-time score at Thanet 14 – 5 Lordswood.

The second half turned into a real battle. Lordswood came out firing, using their physical pack to dominate possession and territory. Thanet's defence, led by big tackles from Sian Boyce, Ella Thurman -Newell, and Leigh Bowen worked tirelessly to hold them out. Eventually, Lordswood broke through to score under the posts, closing the gap to 14–12.

With the wind behind them, Lordswood continued to press and added another try in the corner to take the lead 14–17. Thanet threw everything into the closing minutes, fighting hard for territory and possession, but a late penalty to Lordswood ended the game.

Full Time: Thanet 14 - 17 Lordswood

It was a tough, physical contest played in great spirit, with both sides showing grit and determination. Thanet's defence was outstanding, and the effort from every player was clear to see.

Forward of the Match: Brioni Reah, played like a true forward, relentless in attack and defence. Back of the Match: Chloe Siddall, creative in attack and always finding space.

Special Mention: Neave Evans, Excellent playing out of position and still making huge carries.

CLAIRE TURNER



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Replacements:

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- 17 RILEY POTTER
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MATCH REPORT

Thanet make it four bonus point wins in a row with a strong performance against Beckenhams' 2nd XVI

Thanet made it four consecutive bonus point wins with a dominant performance over Beckenham 2nds, showcasing excellent teamwork, solid defence, and some thrilling tries.

There were a few changes to the line-up for this fixture: Mirams returned at fullback, McCourt-Welsh slotted in at prop, and Riddell-Broomfield made his first appearance of the season on the flank.

Beckenham started strongly, applying early pressure, but a crucial line-out steal by Long allowed Thanet to clear their lines and push into the opposition's 22. Good interplay between forwards and backs earned a penalty, which was kicked to the corner. A promising catch-and-drive followed, but strong Beckenham defence forced a turnover, and they cleared their lines.

Playing uphill, Beckenham tried to relieve pressure with a deep kick, but Thanet responded well and earned another penalty, again kicked to the corner. Another catch-and-drive had the line at their mercy, but the ball was unfortunately spilled, allowing Beckenham to escape.

In a moment of danger, Beckenham launched a superb counter-attack from their own 22, with their forwards and backs combining beautifully. Fortunately for Thanet, their winger kicked ahead with the line in sight, and a desperate last-ditch challenge led to a Beckenham penalty. Thanet stole the ensuing line-out and cleared their lines once more.

Thanet continued to apply pressure. Smart link-up play created space for Thompson, resulting in a drop-out on the Beckenham try line. Thanet kept them pinned inside their 22, and after several pick-and-goes from the forwards, Walton sniped over in the corner to open the scoring: 5–0.

Beckenham responded immediately from the restart, earning a penalty which they slotted to make it 5–3.

Thanet continued their dominance, and a flowing move saw the ball moved left through

the backs. Thompson showed great footwork to beat the defence and score, with Walton adding the extras: 12–3 at half-time — a scoreline that didn't quite reflect Thanet's control, especially playing downhill.

The second half started perfectly for Thanet. Strong defence forced a Beckenham spill from the kick-off. Thompson fly-hacked the loose ball forward, recovered it, and was driven over for his second try. Walton nailed a tough conversion to extend the lead to 19–3.

Thanet continued to press, with Cannon making some powerful runs. Another promising move saw the ball go wide again, with Thompson heading for the corner before popping the ball inside to Mills, who crossed the line — only for the try to be controversially ruled out by the touch judge.

Beckenham, attacking down the slope, knocked on again under pressure. Walton pounced, weaving through defenders to score a superb individual try in the corner: 24–3 (conversion missed).

Beckenham fought back, scoring a converted try after several strong carries from their forwards before spreading it wide to their backs: 24-10.

Thanet had the final say. After another sustained attack, they earned a line-out in Beckenham's 22. A perfectly executed catchand-drive from the 22-metre line saw the forwards power over with Smith scoring the try and Walton converting to seal the win: 31–10.

This was an all-round impressive performance from Thanet, with sharp defence, clinical attack, and an outstanding set-piece. The forward coaches in particular will have enjoyed the dominance up front.

Coaches' Man of the Match was Giotto McCourt-Welsh for his powerful scrummaging and dynamic ball carrying.

ROB WALTON

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A FEW WORDS FROM A FORWARDS COACH

I was hoping my first contribution to the club programme would be as the guest writer for The Rebel, but I suppose this column will have to do!

With the end of my playing days on the horizon (although a few years away with Lettsy as my "canary in the coal mine"), I wanted to make sure I stay involved around the club. So, when Elliot was looking to bolster the coaching ranks this year, I offered to lend a hand. I've primarily focused on the lineout and team plays, and it's worked really well having a group of coaches each focusing on specific micro areas — even if the sight of so many coaches did draw a few laughs from the Beckenham team a few weeks ago!

It has been an enjoyable season so far. Even the loss against Tonbridge Judds was a high-quality game, with spells of superb attacking rugby that earned us the four-try bonus point. Our attack has been a real strength compared to last year — we've picked up a try bonus in every game — and that makes our form feel more sustainable. We head into a tough run of fixtures before Christmas, starting with Westcombe Park today and then three away games out of four, but the

aim is to go into the break firmly in the mix for top spot.

From a forwards perspective, it's been great to have Gil Smith playing regularly at hooker and to see the likes of Fin Hickmott and Owen Long step up and take leading roles in the lineout. Their technical level is excellent and they've fully bought into the approach — a real credit to the club's youth coaching. We've notched a couple of maul tries already and that's an area we'll keep working on as we move into the classic English winter conditions!

Off the pitch, Elliot, Warren and the other team leaders are doing a brilliant job in building a strong culture and sense of community. It's awesome being able to bring my three kids (Hattie, Edie and Brody) up to the club after home games and letting them have a spin on the fine wheel, though apologies if you're trying to enjoy a quiet pint and find them crawling under your table!

Thanks for your ongoing support, Lenny.

LENNY BROWN

Forwards Coach





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

		2026							
mber		January							
SHFORD BARBARIANS	AWAY	10	ASHFORD BARBARIANS	HOME					
JNBRIDGE WELLS 3rd XV	AWAY	17	SWANLEY	AWAY					
er		24	SNOWDOWN CW	HOME					
WANLEY	HOME	Feb	oruary						
NOWDOWN CW	AWAY	14	WEAVERING	AWAY					
EAVERING	HOME	28	CRANBROOK 2nds	HOME					
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RANBROOK 2nds	AWAY	21	ASH	HOME					
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LESFORD BULLS 2nds	HOME	11	ASHFORD 2nds	HOME					
SHFORD 2nds	AWAY	18	DOVER 2nds	AWAY					
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KENT RURAL A LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 11th October 2025 Ashford 2nd XV 23-20 Cranbrook 2nd XV	Saturday 18th October 2025 Ash 31-5 Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV
Snowdown CW HWO THANET WANDERERSd 2nd XV	Ashford Barbarians 15-35 Snowdown CW
Swanley v Ashford Barbarians	Dover 2nd XV 21-10 Cranbrook 2nd XV
Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV 7-21 Ash	Swanley 59-19 Tunbridge Wells 3rd XV
Weavering Warriors 21-22 Dover 2nd XV	THANET WANDERERS 2nd XV 47-7 Weavering Warriors

Saturday 25th October 2025

Aylesford Bulls 2nd XV 28-26 Snowdown CW

KENT RURAL A LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
ASH	4	4	0	0	116	26	90	0	0	16	
DOVER 2ND XV	4	4	0	0	144	72	72	0	0	16	
THANET WANDERERS 2ND XV	5	3	1	1	103	88	15	0	0	15	
SNOWDOWN CW	4	4	0	0	146	48	98	0	1	14	
WEAVERING WARRIORS	5	2	0	3	109	142	-33	0	1	12	
SWANLEY	4	2	0	2	133	99	34	0	1	11	
AYLESFORD BULLS 2ND XV	4	2	0	2	95	89	6	0	1	11	
TUNBRIDGE WELLS 3RD XV	4	1	1	2	74	111	-67	0	0	9	
ASHFORD 2ND XV	4	1	0	3	92	159	-67	0	0	7	
CRANBROOK 2ND XV	4	0	0	4	42	130	-88	0	1	5	
ASHFORD BARBARIANS	4	0	0	4	49	139	-90	0	0	4	



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 pratice 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





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
THANET WANDERERS WOMEN	3	2	0	1	94	58	36	0	0	10	
LORDSWOOD Valkyries ladies	3	2	0	0	31	26	5	0	0	10	
FOLKESTONE LADIES	2	2	0	0	69	17	52	0	0	9	
BECKENHAM LADIES 2ND XV	2	1	0	2	76	82	-6	0	0	8	
SEVENOAKS LADIES	3	1	0	1	76	14	62	0	0	7	
BECCEHAMIAN LADIES	2	0	0	2	15	75	-60	0	0	4	
ASHFORD LADIES	2	0	0	2	12	101	-89	0	0	4	

WOMEN'S NC2 SOUTH EAST (EAST) LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday 11th October 2025

THANET WANDERERS Women 14-17 Lordswood Valkyries Ladies

Sunday 19th October 2025

Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV 29-43 THANET WANDERERS Women

Folkestone Ladies 45-0 Beccehamian Ladies

Lordswood Valkyries Ladies 14-12 Sevenoaks Women

Sunday 2nd November 2025

Beckenham Ladies 2nd XV 17-24 Folkestone Ladies

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 19th October 2025 | League Fixture | Away at Beckenham RFC

Thanet Wanderers Ladies produced a superb all-round performance on Sunday to claim a 43-29 away victory over Beckenham 2nd XV in challenging, rain-soaked conditions. Despite travelling with only 14 players, the Wanderers showed tremendous grit, teamwork, and skill to secure another deserved league win.

Beckenham kicked off, but Thanet wasted no time asserting themselves. Neave Evan's powerful early carry set the tone, driving deep into the home side's territory. Sustained attacking pressure followed through Ella Thurman-Newell, Rebecca Dixon, Sorcha Maddison, and Helen Hollinsworth, before Gee Cordell broke from the base and linked beautifully with Amy Fowler who dived over in the corner for the opening score.

Beckenham responded with a try of their own, but Thanet hit back quickly, Neave Evans charging over in the corner for her first of three tries on the day, with Tabs Raymonde adding the conversion to make it 12–5. Soon after, Chloe Siddall and Tabs Raymonde combined brilliantly down the right flank, with Tabs Raymonde finishing off the move to extend the lead to 17–5.

The rain began to fall heavily, but it didn't slow Thanet's momentum As Thanet's forwards took control, The front row led by Emily Williams was outstanding, their dominant scrummaging gave wanderers a solid platform throughout. Vicky Flower and Rebecca Hewitt were relentless in contact carrying hard and leading the defensive line. Beckenham crossed again, but Wanderers kept their composure. A fine team move involving Sophia Richardson, Neave Evans, and Tabs Raymonde ended with Neave Evans touching down for her second, Tabs Raymonde converting for 24–10. Moments later, Gee Cordell broke free from deep, showing pace and strength to score under the posts. Tabs Raymonde adding the extras for a 31-10 halftime lead.

In the second half, Thanet's dominance continued. Neave Evans completed her hat-trick

with a storming run through the Beckenham defence, before Tabs Raymonde added her second of the game following excellent interplay with Sophia Richardson and Neave Evans. Chloe Siddall converted to make it 42–10.

Beckenham battled hard in the final stages, scoring a series of tries as injuries reduced Thanet to 12 players. A brief stoppage saw the game moved to another pitch for player safety, but Wanderers refused to yield. Strong defence from Fleur Moat, who returned to the squad and impressed with her positional play and confident runs, helped Thanet hold firm and close out the match for a 43–29 victory that showcased their resilience and togetherness.

Coach Patrick Liddle said: "Really proud of the performance from the ladies today. Turning up with 14 players is always going to be tough, but the team pulled together brilliantly, applied what we've been working on in training, and came away with a thoroughly deserved win."

- **Forward of the Match:** Fleur Moat recently back in the side and made a big impact with her strong carries and tireless support play.
- Back of the Match: Tabs Raymonde influential in attack and defence, controlling the game, scoring, converting, and leading the backline with maturity.
- Special Mentions:
 - Neave Evans outstanding hat-trick performance, leading the charge from the front
 - Vicky Flower played a full 80 minutes in demanding conditions, showing consistency and commitment
 - Chloe Siddall scored and converted in her final game for Thanet before moving on to play at a higher level with Thurrock; the club wishes her every success

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

202	25		2026							
Sep	otember		January							
13	VIGO 2nds	HOME	10 VIGO 2nds	AWAY						
Oct	cober		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						
Nov	vember		28 GRAVESEND 4ths	AWAY						
8	GRAVESEND 4ths	номе	March							
29	SHEPPEY 2nds	AWAY	21 SHEPPEY 2nds	НОМЕ						
Dec	cember		28 CANTERBURY 5ths	AWAY						
6	CANTERBURY 5ths	НОМЕ	April							
13	DARTFORD VALLEY 2nds	AWAY	11 DARTFORD Valley 2nds	НОМЕ						
20	DEAL & BETTES 3rds	HOME	18 DEAL & BETTES 3rds	AWAY						

KENT RURAL C LEAGUE RESULTS

Saturday 11th October 2025

Dartford Valley 2nd XV v Lordswood 2nd XV

New Ash Green 10-50 Gravesend 4th XV

THANET WANDERERS 3rd XV 0-0 Old

Gravesendians 2nd XV

Saturday 20th September 2025

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3rd XV

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4th XV

Vigo 2nd XV 51-24 Sheppey 2nd XV

New Ash Green2nd XV 10-50 Gravesend 4th XV

Saturday 25th October 2025

Dartford Valley 2nd XV 19-22 Lordswood 2nd XV

Gravesend 4th XV 33-38 Vigo 2nd XV

KENT RURAL C LEAGUE 2025-26

TEAM	P	W	D	L	P/F	P/A	P/D	T/B	L/B	PTS	ADJ
THANET WANDERERS 3RD XV	4	3	1	0	114	29	85	0	0	15	
VIGO 2ND XV	4	3	0	1	140	116	24	0	0	12	
OLD GRAVESENDIANS 2nd XV	5	1	2	2	65	106	-41	0	0	12	
GRAVESEND 4TH XV	3	2	0	1	123	48	75	0	1	10	
DARTFORD VALLEY 2nd XV	3	2	0	1	90	55	35	0	1	10	
LORDSWOOD 2ND XV	5	2	0	3	97	165	-68	0	0	10	
CANTERBURY 5TH XV Zingari	3	2	0	1	129	.70.	59	0	0	9	
NEW ASH GREEN 2ND XV	4	0	1	3	42	127	-85	0	1	6	
SHEPPEY 2ND XV	3	0	0	3	59	143	-84	0	0	3	

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