

THORNTON CLEVELEYS RUFC NEWSLETTER



December 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due for all players & social members.

Membership Fees are as follows:

PLAYER: £95

STUDENT: £60




SOCIAL: £40

SUPPORTER: £20

WALKING RUGBY

Walking Rugby is now being held for all members at 6:30pm every Thursday down at Thornton YMCA. It's an excellent way to keep fit and catch up with old mates. Contact Terry Ryan for more info.

THIS MONTHS FIXTURES

	4 th December 2021:	Hoylelake (Home)	16 - 25
	11 th December 2021:	International Weekend	No Fixtures
	18 th December 2021:	New Brighton (Away)	Postponed (COVID)

RESULTS

Aspull	33 - 5	TCRUFC
Heaton Moor	P - P	TCRUFC
TCRUFC	16 - 25	Hoylelake
New Brighton	P - P	TCRUFC



Other News

The Club decided that this Christmas we would run a Gift Appeal for all members to get involved and donate a gift for those less fortunate at Christmas. Social Secretary Jack McFarlane organised for the benefactors to be those children with health issues who would have to spend some, if not all, of the Christmas period in Blackpool Victoria Hospital Women & Children's Unit.

The first collection was taken at the BarBaa's Annual Christmas Lunch where 5 bin liners full of gifts was gratefully received and the second collection was for donations by the players at the Players Christmas Do. The Club would like to say a **MASSIVE** thank you to all who organised and donated. You should be proud of the joy you will no doubt be bringing to local children less fortunate this Christmas!

200 CLUB

WINNERS OF THE 200 CLUB

September – 1. R. Hesketh 2. M. Whelan 3. J Parkinson

October – 1. J Parkinson, 2. J Nash, 3. A. Lloyd

November – 1. M & J Long, 2. J. Nash, 3. Crampton

Please can all winners make themselves known to JJ McKinnon ASAP – 07701 367287

TOUCH LINE BARBARIANS



The Barbaas held their Christmas lunch at the Ashley on 4th December.

Numbers were limited by the caterer for technical reasons, so we had a full house. No one was put off despite the price increase which was the first since we started the lunches possibly 15 years ago.

The “call” was to wear a Santa hat, and everyone complied. We no longer have a fine master so there is an opening for someone to volunteer.

We were pleased to include Jack Wills and Grant Blackshaw from the Exec, continuing to promote player/supporter relations.

The Exec have instituted a Christmas present collection to be given to Children’s Ward at BVH and the sac was filled. A very worthy cause.

They also ran a raffle which will help club funds.

We also welcomed representatives from Lancashire Rugby: Gill Burns MBE and Rachel Gooding. Gill is Lancashire President and Rachel is the coach of Lancashire Girls rugby.

Gill has a remarkable list of achievements, in many being the first woman, and she captained England to win the World Cup.

Phil Horsfield



Rachel Gooding and Gill Burns MBE in BarBaas Corner

WALKING RUGBY



The club currently hosts walking rugby every Thursday on the 1st XV pitch from 6pm onwards. Numbers have improved recently following the efforts of Tim Merrill et al. Last week 12 players attended and were ably refereed for an hour by Richard Blackburn.



Anybody of any age is encouraged to pop along - rugby experience or ability is irrelevant. Fitness levels don't matter either - but it is surprisingly more physically demanding than you might expect! You'll definitely feel like you've had a good workout afterwards. It's great fun and is a lot more competitive than you might imagine too.

Any type of sports/active wear can be worn. Football/rugby boots are preferable but not essential.

In true rugby style, the players retire to the Gardner's Arms afterwards for post-match analysis and a couple of well-earned pints.

Give it a "try", I'm sure you won't be disappointed!

Paul Smith