

THORNTON CLEVELEYS RUFC NEWSLETTER

February 2022



95th Anniversary

TC END OF SEASON SUMMER BALL

Please keep your eyes peeled for further information regarding the Summer Ball. Preliminary information is shown below.

SAVE THE DATE

DATE: 21ST MAY


PRICE: £35PP

LOCATION: SAVOY HOTEL

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.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

	5 th February 2022:	BYE WEEK	
	12 th February 2022:	Trafford MV (Home)	29 – 22 (Win)
	19 th February 2022:	Aspull (Away)	Postponed
	26 th February 2022:	Heaton Moor (Away)	Postponed



Members of the 1st XV sheltering after poor weather postponed Heaton Moor Away forcing them to take refuge in local Ale House, Shipwrecked.

Other News

The Committee were contacted by a combination of YMCA, Wyre Council and Wyre Rivers Trust recently to attend a meeting relating to planned works to be undertaken at the King Georges Playing Fields. Their plan is to complete a secondary phase to the works that were completed last time in tree planting and landscaping. Essentially, their plan is to widen the dyke all around to increase water flow in wet weather but also to retain water in dryer periods. They will be extending the dyke out to the old mini rail track and installing a stone walkway around the field and resurfacing the old 2nd XV pitch. We have the plans and if anyone is interested, these can be requested by email via tcrufc.exec@gmail.com. The organisers are looking for volunteers to assist with the simpler tasks of tree planting and stone spreading so if anyone is keen, keep an eye out for a programme of works to be distributed soon. The works will run from May-June.

200 CLUB - JANUARY

£30 – P. Worthington

£20 – J. McKinnon

£10 – M&J Long

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



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DOC'S EASTER LUNCH

Phil 'Doc' Horsfield has pencilled in a date for his Easter Lunch so all who are interested should keep an eye out for further comms to be distributed. The provisional date is 19th March. Any further enquiries should be directed to Doc who will be happy to advise.

RUGBY REPORT

In a month of poor weather, rescheduled fixtures, and injuries, not much rugby was played either under The Windmill or away. There was however, one thrilling fixture against 2nd in the league, Trafford MV. In weather that could only be compared to writings of a certain holy book, a slog fest of epic proportions was played out at St. Georges Playing Fields.

The game started very well for the hosts, taking ascendancy with solid phase play in challenging conditions. After a brief period of dominance, a penalty was awarded in close range to the visitors posts and TC took the 3. With it seeming Trafford were still on the bus, TC again began to capitalise with solid forward carries and tip ons to unlock the MV defence. A brace of penalties were welcomed from the boot and it was 9-0 coming up to half time. Trafford then started hitting their straps and building phases with pace and power, leaving the TC defence scrambling on many an occasion. 2 quick tries saw them right back into the game at 9-12 leading into the half time oranges, but with the last play of the half, TC made a clean break and were through to dot down in the corner and push the lead out to 14-12 at the whistle.

The second half started just as ferociously as the first had ended and with some slick handling, in worsening conditions, TC rounded the MV defence and scored within 2 minutes of the restart with the extras being added. 21-12. It was shaping up to be an absolute belter of a game with colossal hits flying in from both sides and quality handling giving it all the feeling of a test match. However, the visitors began to build pressure and territory forcing TC to call on mammoth defensive efforts on their own goal line for phase after phase until the line was breached again with a close-range effort in the corner, which was unconverted to leave the match poised at 21-17 to the hosts with 15 minutes to go. Against the run of play, TC worked their way down the pitch on the back of a few penalties and sneaked a cheeky 3 points to widen the gap to 24-17.

This seemed to deflate the visitors who again, conceded a few penalties and TC were in firing range. A solid set piece ignited a solid pick and go set, and within moments, TC were over in the corner with the kick unconverted. 29-17 with 10 minutes left and the visitors mustered up whatever they had left and threw the kitchen sink. The onslaught continued and eventually they crossed the white line to narrow the gap to 29-22. With 5 minutes left, it looked ominous for The Larks with the MV boys banging at the door, however the defence stayed staunch and resolute and with the last play of the game, the ball was knocked on and to the host went the spoils.

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