



A message from Chairman Mike Denning.



Hello to all our members and volunteers. I apologise for this belated Newsletter. I had hoped to complete this in the Summer and mid-way through the Season. I promise to improve for next Season. We are very proud of what has been built at Thatto Heath Crusaders both on and off the field. Behind the scenes there are numerous volunteers both on your management committee and Exec together with those who assist at the ground and around the club who seek to keep the club operational and in good order. We are always looking for others to join the team and if you, or anybody you know, would like to join our team please email me direct [chairman@thattoheathcrusaders.org](mailto:chairman@thattoheathcrusaders.org)

On the last page is an **Organogram** of the personnel currently in place leading and managing your club. The leadership team can change and the AGM notice and constitution will be posted early in the New Year at which all members can freely exercise their right to change.

Below I have listed some popular topics. Whilst not exhaustive they are am sure of interest to our members.

#### **Rhino Rugby League**

We have listened to our members concerns over Rhino Rugby and Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary had crisis meeting with Rhino and as a result of many issues remaining unresolved, we have now terminated our contract by mutual consent.

We thank you for your patience through this difficult time. We are still resolving some contractual issues with Rhino and hope to receive payment shortly of monies which we believe remain due.

Due to the hard work of Dave Yates and his subcommittee we have chosen a new supplier for our Kits and Leisurewear going forward. We hope to announce this pre-Xmas once contracts have been agreed. Exciting times!!

#### **Barn Repairs**

The majority of the Barn Repairs following the second arson attack have now been completed. We are indebted to all of the volunteers who participated in getting the barn cleared and then using their expertise and contacts to get the barn re-clad and removing any flammable materials. This was essential in getting our insurers to provide cover. Without the members help here we would not have completed the task. This is the spirit we need to foster at the club and work as a team on and off the pitch.

#### **Thatto Heath Crusaders Fundit Board –**

Thatto Heath Fundit Board has been available for people to purchase plaques for the last 15 months. The link for purchases is available on the website and also on the pull-up banner in the bar. There are still plaques available to purchase (£40 small and £70 large ) for any fitting message .

Perimeter advertising boards have been sold and we continue to have enquiries but still have spaces available for sale. An Ideal Xmas present and supporting your club at the same time.

#### **Club Lottery Promotion –**

We have been struggling with our lottery. A club of our size needs all the support that it can get financially. I am aware that teams all have healthy individual bank balances with the generosity of Sponsors and parents but without our facilities we have no teams!!

With the 2024 season nearly upon us its time to start helping chip away at your team levy challenge and try and win yourself some cash in the process!



Just £500 worth of plays from your teams supporters over the season means you save your team from paying the £250 club levy!

Parents, families, and friends play and get the chance to win cash prizes and the team reaps the reward!

You can play as many lines of numbers per week as you wish for just £1 per line.

You can play the same numbers each time by playing from 1 weeks up to 52 weeks ahead.

It's a simple way to support your team and your club and you could win cash for yourself at the same time!!

We have had 1 Jackpot winner already and many weekly prize winners.

Just click on the link and pay securely with your bank card.

<https://www.ourclublotto.co.uk/play/thattoheathcrusaders/>

#### **Fundraising Events and use of Club Badge -**

Use of the Club badge (for example but not limited to banners, merchandise, clothing, souvenirs etc., etc., is strictly prohibited without written permission from the Club, normally the Club Secretary. Our Club badge is important to us, and the Club retains the right to control its usage.

Any events, for example Fundraising or training away from Close St., or Platts Field that are attempted or entered (if arranged by anyone else) in the name of Thatto Heath Crusaders (for example a team doing a sponsored walk or suchlike whether wearing Thatto clothing or not) must be approved by the Club in writing as the Club may still have some responsibility for the safety of its members and may require an appropriate risk assessment.

#### **Rule Changes**

We are tracking the proposed changes at all playing levels of our game. It is sad to say that due to pressures brought from Insurers there has to be change. None of us are fans of any of the changes as can be seen on various social media posts and the petitions that have been set up. The reality however is that if we do not modify our rules to try and reduce head injuries within the game then the insurance cover will be removed. Without cover you have no game. A sensible approach by all is required here and certainly all stakeholders should be having their input. We will remain close to the debate on your behalf! I will not support anything that reduces our members enjoyment of the game but at the same time provides a safe environment which is covered by adequate insurance should the unthinkable happen!!

I would like to wish each and every one of our members a very Happy and safe Xmas. Please look out for each other and if you know anybody who is struggling at Xmas or indeed at anytime then be a team player and reach out and offer your support.

Thank you all for your continued support. See you in 2024.

For **upcoming events** please visit our website where you can read direct copies of all our Club Social Media

<https://thattoheathcrusaders.org/>

All our **Safeguarding Documents** and **Club Policies** can be accessed here

<https://thattoheathcrusaders.org/safeguarding-documents-club-policies/>

Yours in Sport  
*Mike Denning*

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