

Presentation Evening round-up

Thank you all for coming to the Presentation Evening at the end of May – it was well attended, and we hope you all had a fun time. The film, kindly edited by Nicky Fuller, is available on the website.

Thanks to those of you that were able to bring a donation of food and/or raffle prizes – this was very much appreciated. The raffle raised £133 for club funds, so a big thank you for supporting us!

Thanks must also go to our special guest speaker Ella Sankey (former Flames Netball player and Severn Stars U21) who took time out to come and speak to us and to answer your questions.

For those of you who were unable to attend, the following awards were given out during the evening, well done to all of you:

U11

- Coaches Award: Otilie Hurrell
- Most Improved Player Award: Daisy Pound
- Players' Player Award: Sarah Beever

U12

- Coaches Award: Katie Northwood
- Most Improved Player Award: Evie Clift
- Players' Player Award: Eden Pope

U14

- Coaches Award: Belle Robson-Lee
- Most Improved Player Award: Rachel Beever
- Players' Player Award: Sasha Davis

U16

- Coaches Award: Ruth Shaw
- Most Improved Player Award: Poppy Carr
- Players' Player Award: Molly Jeffries, Emily Kirkwood

Club

- Most Valuable Training Partner: Annabelle Kirkwood
- Rising Star Award: Matilda Mavin

2024/25 Season Training

Training will begin again on **Friday 6th September 2024** at Church Stretton Leisure Centre with the following sessions:

- **5pm – 6pm:** U11 with Gail Robinson (years 4 - 6)
- **6pm – 7pm:** U12 with Catherine Pound (year 7)
- **7pm – 8pm:** U14 with Loti Ryan (years 8 - 9)
- **8pm – 9pm:** U16 (+U19) with Sophie Burgoyne (years 10 – 13)

Your age category is determined by your age on the 1st September 2024 (for example if you are 11 on 1st September, you are categorized as U11 – i.e. 11 and under).

We will provide a full list of training sessions on the website in due course.

2024/25 Season Fees

Club Membership Fees (full season):

- **U11:** £101
- **All others:** £121

England Netball Affiliation Fees for the 2024/25 season have not yet been announced but should be soon – to give you an idea of costs, the fees for 2023/24 are listed below. These fees can be paid on ENgage from **1st August 2024**.

2023/2024 season:

- **U11:** £7
- **U12 and U14:** £10
- **U16 and U19:** £18

We do recognise that the club fees are a large increase in comparison to 2023/24 (when fees remained the same as 2022/23), however, the club's costs for hiring the courts at Church Stretton Leisure Centre have also increased by over 20% in the same period. Even with the increase to club fees, the cost of a single training session is still less than £5, which we firmly believe is good value for money. Fees can be paid in two instalments over the season, but please get in touch with us in confidence if you need to discuss payments.

You can find out more about membership fees (when and how to pay) on the website:

<https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/membership/>

Please DO NOT pay any club fees yet as we are in the process of changing banks! We will let you know when the new account is up and running.



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Piercings

Now is the time to get your ears (and other body piercings!) done so that you can take them out for netball training and matches. The league has **categorically stated that piercings are not allowed for matches** (taping is NOT acceptable) and the **same rule applies for our training sessions**, so please take this opportunity to sort things now and then this won't impact on training and matches from September. If you turn up for netball with a piercing, we will not allow you to play until it is removed. Thank you!

2024/25 League match schedule

A very provisional schedule is available on the website:
<https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/league-fixtures/>.

Dress swap

We know that some of you may need to swap your match dress for a different size if you intend to play in our league matches. If this is the case, please contact Juliet Hurrell in the first instance to enquire what is available.

Volunteering with Flames Netball

As a club we rely heavily on the goodwill of parents and friends who volunteer to help at training sessions, at league matches, and at other events over the course of the season: without this help we would find it difficult to function properly. We are therefore always happy to accept offers of help – if you think you could offer us some of your time, even if it's just for an hour during a training session, please get in touch. We would also be **very** happy if any of you wanted to get involved with the Flames Netball committee – this is not an onerous job, meeting only a handful of times a year, usually in the pub! Your input to your club is vital!

Fundraising

Flames Netball is a not-for-profit club: coaches, committee members and volunteers are all unpaid, however, simply by existing, the club generates costs. We are lucky to have received a number of generous donations over the years (see <https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/fundraising/>) to help with the running of the club and for specific items and events, however, we need to keep this going and we would therefore welcome any suggestions for fundraising events to help keep the club going: it could be something as simple as a cake sale, or something bigger. If you have any ideas or would be willing to organise an event, please get in touch.

Thank you....

To **Wenlock Spring Water Ltd.** (<https://www.wenlockspring.co.uk/>) for kindly purchasing 20 new netballs for us for the coming season. This extremely generous donation allows us to



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maintain a good standard of equipment during the training sessions and to play our matches with a decent ball with a good grip, which always helps in the cold, wet conditions of Dawley!

AGM

We have scheduled our AGM for **Wednesday 25th September 2024** (time and location to follow). All are very welcome but do please let us know if you would like to attend so that we can organise sufficient space.