



November 2024 Newsletter

We can't believe that it is already past half term! It's been a strange start to the season with the enforced break from training. Having said that, the Leisure Centre floor looks great! Please remember to wipe any dirt / grit from your trainers when you arrive to keep it looking that way!

Committee update

At the AGM in September, our Chairperson and club founder, **Nicky Fuller** stood down. Nicky started the club 21 years ago and has watched it grow into the thriving club we have today. Her knowledge and expertise on committee matters and keeping us on the straight and narrow, will be missed. Thank you for your time, dedication, words of wisdom and stamina Nicky! You will still see Nicky at training sessions when the regular coaches are unable to make a session. James Hurrell is our new Chairperson, and we are also welcoming Catherine Pound onto the committee.

ESSENTIAL COMMITTEE ROLE REQUIRED URGENTLY – CAN YOU HELP?

We have lost **Loti Ryan** from the Safeguarding Officer role and are looking for a Parent/Carer who can support in this role urgently. **This committee role is critical to the continued running of our club.** Further details about the Club Safeguarding Officer role can be found in the advert in the attached PDF (or on the [website](#) (PDF)), but please note that full training and support will be provided to any volunteers.

All queries or expressions of interest should be sent for the attention of James Hurrell: hello@flamesnetball.co.uk



Fixtures

These are now available on the Flames website:

<https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/league-fixtures>. This year's squads are smaller than normal so we need your commitment to play in these fixtures as we do not have much wiggle room to play people up should players be missing. With smaller squads the bonus is that there will be lots of match play for everyone!

Please note that dates for matches after Christmas are also listed on the website and whilst we currently don't know the actual schedule, the dates will not change.

Training

A full schedule for the run up to Christmas is available here:

<https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/team-training/> (November 8, 15, 22, 30 and December – 6, 13). Sadly, we have lost **Loti Ryan** from our coaching team after half term. I'm sure you would like to join the committee in wishing her well in the future and to thank her for giving up her Friday evenings and weekends to coach the players. We would love to see her back coaching with us in the future, so fingers crossed everyone!

The U14 training sessions will be taken by Gail and Sophie between now and Christmas. The training times will remain the same:

Age Group	Time	Coach
U11 & U12	6-7pm	Catherine
U14	7-8pm	Gail & Sophie
U16 & U19	8-9pm	Sophie



NETBALLHer Kit

As part of the NETBALLHer initiative from England Netball (details can be found here <https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/support/netballher>) all our kit bags include a 'Caught Short Kit' which will be restocked as required with sanitary towels etc. Our kit bags always come to training sessions and matches and the girls do not need to ask us to access it. Please communicate this to your daughter and also take a look at the website as there is some really useful information on many health topics there and it is free to access.

Dawley League Affiliation with England Netball (ENgage)

If you haven't managed to do this yet, please follow the instructions below – it will take you a couple of minutes. Thank you.

All players need to add "**Shropshire Junior League**" (2064048) to their ENgage profiles. This is so that the league can easily check that players are registered, playing for the correct club etc. Here are the instructions....

Linking My Child's account to the Shropshire Junior League

- Log into your ENgage account (as the parent/ guardian, please make sure you are logging into ENgage using your own ENA ID)
- In the **My Family** section of your profile select your child to access their account
- Click **Add New** in the **My Organisations** section of their profile
- Enter "**Shropshire Junior League**" in the **Search** field under **Name**
- Click the **Search** button
- The organisation will appear below in the search results – now select the organisation by clicking the right arrow as shown in this example:



Search Clear


* Name City/Town

Postcode Search

By joining this Organisation your data will be available to this Organisation for the purposes of administering your involvement in Netball. Any Organisation that you join has a contractual basis or legitimate interest to send you news, information and offers about your involvement with the Organisation. If you do not wish to receive these communications you will be able to update your communication preferences in the Communication section of your ENgage profile.

From time to time your Organisation may also like to contact you with other information or send you information and offers from their sponsors and partners. Please set your preferences for receiving additional communications in the Communication section of your ENgage profile.

For further information about what data England Netball collects, why it is collected and what we do with it please see our full privacy policy at <https://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/privacypolicy/>. How your Organisation will use your data will be detailed in their privacy policy.

 Shropshire Junior Netball League Committee , League →
Org Ref ID - 2064048

- You should then see this organisation added to your child's profile screen under "**My Organisations**"
- Sorted!

ENgage & Club Fee payments

Thank you to everyone who has made these payments and also affiliated themselves to the Dawley League.

U14 Netball Trip – PGL

We are currently looking at offering our U14 group a netball tour to PGL at Boreatton Park (near Baschurch). Dates would be from Friday 9th May (after school) to Sunday 11th May 2025. The weekend would include two full mornings



of netball as well as plenty of time to sample all the adventurous activities on offer!

The approximate cost of the trip is £198 per child (inc VAT) but club may be able to make a small contribution towards this.

If you are interested, please email Sophie on hello@flamesnetball.co.uk to register your interest before **Friday 15th November**.

Don't worry if you're not U14, there will be other opportunities in the future!

Donations & Grants

We have been lucky to receive four generous contributions towards the club so far this season.

Firstly, thank you very much to **Wenlock Spring** who very kindly covered the costs of our new match balls for the season – it is much appreciated!

Thank you also to **Britpart in Craven Arms** who are donating **£250** towards club funds. We intend to put this towards some bench coats for chilly Sundays at Dawley and some new training equipment.

We have also been lucky enough to be awarded a **£300 Santa's Sleigh Grant** following an application earlier in the year. We have a few ideas for this, but are always open to suggestions of how we can use it to improve Flames!

Finally, a big thank you to [Reverend Henry Fletcher's, Munslow's and Poor's Land Charity](#) for the **£100** donation to the club. This charity have been wonderful supporters of Flames Netball in the past (see <https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/fundraising/>).

If you are aware of any funding we may be eligible for, or any local businesses who would be willing to support us, please do get in touch.



Superleague Netball

Following the revamp of the Netball Superleague, our local Superleague team has changed from Severn Stars to the **Birmingham Panthers**. This new franchise has recruited several previous Severn Stars players but there are new faces in the squad too!

You can follow the Panthers here: <https://www.birminghampanthers.com> or through our website – look under 'Affiliations'.

And talking of Birmingham Panthers, our very own **Bitsie Mansell** has been selected to the Performance Pathway squad...congratulations Bitsie, that is a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations also go to Abi, who helped us with umpiring and coaching in previous seasons. Baby Flynn arrived in July and is growing fast.

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break, look forward to seeing you at our next training session on 8th November.