



December 2024 Newsletter

Merry Christmas everyone! Thanks to everyone for their commitment to training and matches this term.

Committee Update

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Safeguarding Officer. Thank you to Mary Pope, who has volunteered to take on this role. This is excellent news for the club and Mary comes with lots of experience from Safeguarding roles in schools. Mary will now be undertaking training to support the club moving forwards.

We are still looking for a Membership Secretary for next season and also more coaches. If you think you can help, please send all queries or expressions of interest to hello@flamesnetball.co.uk.

Club Fees

If you paid half of your club fees in September, please can we remind you that the other half is due before the end of January. The remaining fee amounts are as follows:

- U11 (years 4 – 6) - £50.50
- U12 / U14 / U16 (years 7 - 11) - £60.50
- U19 and those training with us but not playing matches - £30

Our new account details are as follows:

Account Name: Flames (Shropshire)

Sort Code: 30-99-50

Account Number: 54006763

Please add your child's name as a reference on the payment so that we can track who has paid.



Fixtures

Please note the dates for the matches after Christmas.

- 12th, 26th January
- 2nd, 9th, 23rd February
- 2nd, 16th, 23rd March
- 6th April

Please note the dates in your diaries. 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 this year to play people up should players be missing. With smaller squads the bonus is that there will be lots of match play for everyone!

While we don't know the actual schedule, **the dates will not change** and if the weather is bad, postponed matches will be played on the next available date so please keep **ALL** the dates free to help your teammates and the coaches.

Rescheduled matches from the beginning of December will shortly be available on the website <https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/league-fixtures/>

Training

Training dates for January onwards are as follows:

January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

February 7th, 14th and 28th

March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

April 4th and 11th

Please note a change to the training age groups and timings below for U12:

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



IMPORTANT: Collection after Training

It is really important that players are collected from the foyer at the Leisure Centre **promptly**. Please do not wait in your cars; the Leisure Centre car park is busy and dark and we will not let them come and find you!

The coaches are responsible for your child until you arrive, so late collection impacts on the start of the next session which is unfair on the coaches and the next group of players. We understand that sometimes people occasionally get delayed so please send us a message on the WhatsApp group chat if this is the case, so that we can manage the situation. Thank you.

PGL: Under 14's Netball Trip

We mentioned in our previous newsletter about 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**](mailto:hello@flamesnetball.co.uk) to register your interest **by the latest Friday 3rd January**. Unfortunately, if we don't have enough interest by this date, we will not be able to proceed with the trip. Don't worry if you're not U14, there will be other opportunities in the future!



Sponsorship Money

We have purchased 4 sets of rechargeable hand warmers to use at Dawley. We tried them out a couple of weekends ago and they went down well! We are looking to purchase 4 'bench / subs' coats soon from money received from Britpart. We have also purchased a hand held Crazy Catcher for use during training sessions.

Dawley League Affiliation

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 'The Shropshire Junior League' (2064048) to their profiles. This is so they 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 on **Add** in the My Organisations section of their profile
- Enter the 'Shropshire Junior League' 2064048
- Click the Search button
- Select the organisation by clicking on the 'Tick'
- You should then see the below box added to your child's profile screen under 'My Organisations'
- Sorted!



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.

Have a lovely Christmas break everyone, look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

