



Bromborough Basketball Club

An England Basketball 3 Star Club

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Newsletter January 2016

Happy New Year

We hope you all had a great break and have returned energised for the second half of the season. Already this month we've had the under-16s win by two in overtime and three coming back from behind plus the Seniors taking two important next steps towards a top four position with wins against the hornets and the Warriors.

Great response to our first ever Parents' Evening

Thanks everyone for attending in November, it absolutely blew Trevor away! We've kept up the momentum with parents chipping in to cater at the under-12/14 competition at Wirral Grammar School, the "not the Christmas party" event at the Oval in December and supporting the bowling at Bromborough Bowl on January 10th. The Committee will be discussing dates and venues for the next open meeting at our January meeting.

Two Super "Christmas" events

Thanks to everyone for supporting the "Christmas" parties at the Oval before Christmas and at Bromborough Bowl in early January. Thanks very much to Tina and Julie, who provided party food for the December event. Just about everyone won a prize before Christmas and we had bowling prizes for the winning team and winning individual. Well done to Orrin Hall for winning the bowling.

Here's a selection of photos, which can be downloaded from our Facebook page



North Wales League 2014-15: Under 12 Cup Winners, Under 14 Cup Winners, Under-16 Cup Winners, Under 18 League Winners

North Wales League 2013-14: Under 12 League and Cup Winners, Under 14 League Winners, Under 18 League and Cup Winners

Welsh Under 18 Cup Winners, North Wales League 2012-13 Under 18 Champions

North Wales League 2011-12: Under 12 Playoff Winners, Under 18 Champions and Playoff Winners

North Wales League 2009-10 Under 16 Playoff Winners

North Wales League 2010-11 Under 16 Playoff Winners

Wirral League 2006-7 Under-14 Playoff Winners.

North Wales League 2008-9 Under 16 Champions and Playoff Winners

Wirral League 2005-6: Under-11 League runners up, Under-14 Playoff Winners, Under-16 play-off runners up.

Wirral Club of the Year 2005

Volunteers still required on Tuesdays to staff “the desk”

Many thanks to the parents of the under-12s who have staffed the desk at Bebington High on a Monday. This – coupled with Heather being around towards the end of the under-14 session in her capacity as a mother - gives us almost complete coverage on a Monday. The parents of the under-16s have sat in on Colin's sessions at the Oval so that he has someone to call on for assistance. However, we are missing a similar level of support on a Tuesday, when we now have some non-members attending the under-16s session and – given the item below – we have to consider how to ensure we have people to cope with emergencies.

Safety: a message from the Chairman

This is a reminder to all Members and parents that all Members have signed up to not begin training/playing until a coach is present and has given permission to start.

On Tuesday 12th January we had an incident in a game at Wirral Grammar School for Boys: a venue that reminds us that bad accidents can happen even in the best-kept facilities. The incident resulted in us calling 112, the game being halted for over 20 minutes and one of our players spending four hours in A&E, during which he received five staples in the cut to the back of his head after it struck a hook for securing a handball/hockey goal to the wall.

Every qualified basketball coach is taught to conduct formal Risk Assessments of facilities periodically and to informally assess any changes from the “normal” situation when they arrive. These are covered in the first two bullet points in the club's Policies and Procedures. The third bullet is for players and parents: **No Club coaching session will begin without a qualified Coach present.** This is to ensure that the coach can make that informal assessment of the safety of the facility. While our members are very good at this in the familiar venues, it is ironic that this was forgotten at the unfamiliar venues of Wirral Grammar School for Boys before the under-12/14 competition in December and the Oval for the pre-Christmas fun session. Please let the coaches do their job and look after members.

Support the Under-18s, Tuesday 26th January and Monday 15th February

The Under-18s have the fewest games this season out of any team in the club, after St Gerard's dropped out of the division. They have three home games in the next few weeks, the first of which are on Tuesday 26th at Wirral Grammar School for Boys and then on Monday 15th February at Bebington High School.

A consequence of the game at Bebington High is that there won't be any under-14 training on that night.

Training time changes

On **Monday 15th February** we are to host an under-18s game against Celts Caernarfon at Bebington High School, so under-14 and under-18 training won't take place that night. The under-14s will be compensated by **an extra training session on Tuesday 9th February** (the original date and time for the under-18s game) at Wirral Grammar School for Boys 6:30-8:00pm.

Please keep track of changes via the Team Calendars on the website and through our Facebook and Twitter feeds.

Great Britain Women's games in Manchester

GB Women are playing two games in Manchester as part of their EuroBasket Women 2017 qualification programme.

GB Senior Women v Albania (Saturday 20th February, 7pm tip-off)

GB Senior Women v Montenegro (Wednesday 24th February, 7pm tip-off)

We can get discounted tickets (Adults £5, Children £3) if we make a party booking as a BasketballEngland registered club. Please sign up at the desk on Mondays. We'd like payment as soon as we make the booking please.