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Bromborough Basketball Club

An England Basketball 3 Star Club

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Newsletter September 2015

Welcome to a great new season!

As we come up to our 20th birthday, can we better last season, when all four junior teams won a trophy for the first time ever? Well, we'll certainly be hoping to.

Heather's picked up almost a whole new **under-12** squad during the summer, when we've had record attendances for summer training. Daniel and Harrison remain to support her as assistants with some assistant assistants as well. We hope the new players will join and blend with those who played in the super-exciting play-offs last year.

Mike Hayes has returned from University and is taking over the **under-14s**, assisted by Rhys. Their squad will be a mix of players who won at either under-12 for Heather or under-14 for Colin last season.

Colin moves to the **under-16s** with many from his under-14 squad from last year. They will join Rhys and Calum, who have trained and played with the Seniors during the summer.

Adie Jackson will coach an **under-18s** team which could be the most changed squad in the club. With three possible new players to the club in this age group they will have to gel quickly.

We welcome back Mike Hayes, Mark Colman and Dave Colman to the **Seniors**, which may have an average age of over 20 for the first time ever. With the exception of James and Connor plus new signing Jack Price the whole squad started their club basketball at Bulldogs.

Leagues

All four junior teams will play in the North Wales League, while we hope to enter under-14 and under-16 teams in a Friday evening league in Liverpool. After entering two squads for the Wirral Summer League we considered two senior teams in the expanded Wirral League (it now has 9 teams), but decided to stick with one team.

Important Changes to training

From Monday 7th September the Skills Session will move to a Tuesday. We are considering a further under-16s session on a Wednesday, which would start towards the end of September..

Mondays at Bebington High School

Under-12s 6:00–7:30pm, as in previous years.

Under-14s 7:30-8:45pm, this session will now take place on the full court.

Under-18s 8:45-10:00pm, as in last season.

Tuesdays at Wirral Grammar School for Boys

Under-16s 6:30–8:00pm, as in last season.

Individual Skills 7:00-8:00pm, this has moved from Mondays at Bebington High.

Seniors 8:00-9:30 pm, as in last season.

This will mean that most players will get two opportunities to train, as selected members from each age group will be invited to “play up” in the older age group.

However, the physical differences between new year 10s and the eldest under-18s means that much of the under-16 squad would only have a single session. Therefore **we are considering a second under-16 session at Bebington High on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30**. Colin will discuss this with parents on Tuesday 8th September.

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

Volunteer required on Tuesday

A consequence of the change to training times is that all members won't be at Bebington High on a Monday. Potential new members in the under-16, under-18 and seniors will be directed towards the skills session on a Tuesday, so we need someone to take an attendance list, collect subs from those not on Standing Order and to collect contact details for new members.

Please talk to Trevor about this, as he will be the Committee Member present every Tuesday and either he or Cathy (on a Monday) can show you "the ropes."

What a great Presentation night!

A massive thank you to those who attended a great evening at Bromborough Social Club. We had a great evening with trophies for every age group, a great raffle, club awards, the first inductions into the Bulldogs Hall of Fame, visits from some ex-members and a fond farewell from last year's under-18s to Clayton, who won Championships in seven different years as a player and a coach for us. There are over 30 photos on our Facebook page, which can be viewed through the website. Here are the winners:

	u12	u14	u16	u18	Seniors
Most Valuable Player		Alex Williams	Nathan Collins	Adrian Jackson	Clayton Phoenix
Coaches' Award	Olivia Grant				
Most Improved Player	Arvo Kulu	Daniel Griffiths	Rhys Edwards	Hannah Jones	Adrian Jackson
Best Potential	Riley Doyle				
Defensive Player		Orrin Hall	Sam Waldron		James Kinsella
Top Scorer				Connor Burns	

The Club Awards were as follows:

Best Attendance	Daniel Griffiths
Most Fun	James Kane
Bulldog of the Year	Nathan Collins

It's our birthday!

We don't have an exact record of the date, but sometime in September or October 1995 the first Bulldogs training session took place in the Sports Hall at Acre Lane, Bromborough. We started celebrating the 20th Anniversary with the 20th birthday hoodies and it has been fantastic to see every member wearing theirs.

Every member who was paying Standing Order in June will also receive a new Bulldogs water bottle. Almost everyone received theirs during the summer holiday. For newer members, Hoodies and water bottles will be available for purchase by placing an order at the desk on a Monday or Tuesday.

We had plans for a 20th Anniversary party, featuring a game on 13th September against Cheshire Phoenix under-18s (probably including Nathan Collins, Leighton Cook and Callum McGinley). Unfortunately the Phoenix had to pull out because their BBL team has a game at the new Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Look out for details of something in September/October.

Order your 20th Anniversary Hoodie and (spare) Water Bottles

Member Name _____ Chest Size _____ (Child age or adult S, M, L etc.)

Name on Hoodie _____ Name on **sleeve / chest** (please select one)

20th Anniversary Hoodies are £20. Navy blue hoodies (no personalisation) are £16, usually available from stock.

I would like to order _____ water bottles at £2.50 each. I would like **red / navy** top.

In the event that bottle tops are damaged, we can replace at 50p per top.

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