



NEWSLETTER NUMBER 4

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Dear «Name»

We would like to wish a belated happy new year to all of our players, parents and supporters.

Northern Thunder Youth Academy.



Four of our under 14 girls (Chloe Marshall, Nadia Herhoffer, Betty Callaghan & Emily Newbold), have been selected to be part of the Northern Thunder Youth Academy, who are a development squad for talented young netball players in the North West (We also already have Lucy McDermott in the high performance squad, which means she is one of the top 20 players in the north west!). The Youth Academy were all there to support the opening game of the Superleague season for our local team, Northern Thunder. They were playing Hertfordshire Mavericks at The Castle Leisure Centre, Bury and achieved a convincing victory 44 - 39. It was an exciting game with an amazing level of skill. The young girls who watch these games get a great deal out of seeing netball played at its very highest level and the spin off for their own skill development is massive. So if you get the chance, take your daughters up there for an inspiring and fun night out! You can follow the team and book tickets by visiting their website, www.thundernetball.com.

We also have access to limited free tickets to Northern Thunder matches. Players should contact Kevin through their team manager if they would like to take advantage of these.

Didsbury Kit – Important Changes

We have a small amount of trackies and hoodies in stock from the most recent order. To check if we have any in the size you require please contact your team manager. For all future orders we have arranged with Cooper Sports for club trackies and hoodies to be available from their shop for you to purchase direct. You will be able to personalise both trackies and hoodies with up to 3 letters – no more piles of 15 identical items of clothing that need to be reunited with their owners at the end of matches! It is recommended that you contact the shop by telephone or email before visiting, to order your kit. Cooper Sports are based at 11, Town Square, Sale, Cheshire, M33 7WZ. Tel: 0161 969 7937 or mail sales@cooper-sports.co.uk.

Hoodies

Hoodies are available in the following sizes:

	Youth M	Youth L	Youth XL	S	M	L	XL
Chest Size				34/36"	38/40"	42/44	46/48"
UK Size	Age 8/9	Age 9/10	Age 10/11	Adult 8-10	Adult 12	Adult 14-16	Adult 16-18

(approx)

Prices will be £15 for Youth sizes and £18 for the Adult sizes (inclusive of 3 personalised letters).

Tracksuit bottoms

These are available at £18 per garment (inclusive of 3 personalised 3 letters).

Dresses

The dresses will continue to be supplied through the club and orders should be placed through your team manager who should order through Gail (gailrook@ntlworld.com). As these are made to order, please do be aware that they do take a few weeks to make up. Dresses can be made in all adult dress sizes from size 6 up to size 20 in three lengths and cost £30. Please specify on ordering if you require short, standard length or long.

North West Netball Pink Week

Didsbury Netball Club was proud to have supported North West Netball Pink Week, an initiative to support Race For Life, a major fundraiser for Cancer Research UK which is a charity that supports the fight against cancer. In the last week of January, all players wore something pink at training and matches and we raised a fantastic £228. We'd like to say thanks to all of the people who contributed and collected on behalf of this hugely important cause. Special thanks to Beth White for her sterling work with the collecting bucket at the Cheshire and Merseyside tournament.

Cheshire and North West Competitions

Following a short break for Xmas, the Cheshire and Merseyside Junior Netball League is back under way. All our teams continue to perform well and Didsbury top the divisions in 6 out of 8 age groups. The under 14s scored a barely believable 72 goals in one game in January, surely some sort of record!

The under 14s and under 16 teams both won their leagues in the Cheshire Regionals where both teams were underrated. In the North West games, the Under 16s have won both of their games against opposition from Lancashire and Merseyside. The under 14s lost to Ribble in their first game, then recovered well to beat Capricorn 58-32 in the second. The most recent games in Cumbria were cancelled due to the weather.

News from the Penguins

The Penguins team have received sponsorship from advertising company, WRT Group Plc (www.wrtgroup.co.uk). They have sponsored Gilbert training skirts for the whole Penguin squad. We are very grateful for this sponsorship and would like to thank Nigel and Linda Jordan for their kind donation. Penguins have also received sponsorship from Paragon Printing Ltd (www.paragonprinting.co.uk) who offer printing services. They have sponsored Gilbert training tops for the whole Penguin squad. Thank you very much for this donation and we would like to thank Nadene and Alan Marshall. We would be grateful if anyone at Didsbury can help promote, support and use both businesses as they have really helped the Penguins!

I would also just like to congratulate the Penguins in gaining first position in the 1st division, losing just one match to Oldham since the start of the season! Player of the month for Penguins is: Emily Bowcocke

Wings of Hope

Wings of Hope (www.thewingsofhope.org) is an organisation that provides education for poor children in developing countries around the world. Two of our players, Rebecca Gorman and Grace Ferris from the Platypus, along with some friends from school, are running a series of events to raise funds in support of this organisation. The showpiece will be a triathlon on 15th February at the Galleon gym in Didsbury. The girls will complete a 5K run, 20K bike ride and 750m swim. To support them in their efforts you can visit: www.justgiving.com/FellowshipOfTheWings.

Subscriptions

To play for a team at Didsbury Netball Club there is a fixed monthly price of £16 per month. This money is used to fund the hire of facilities at Parrs Wood, equipment, match fees at Reddish and tournament entry cost which are all significant. To ensure that we can continue to offer high quality training and guarantee regular matches for all our players please can all parents and players ensure that this payment is made. To avoid unnecessary administration, we ask that the payment is made via a standing order – please contact your team manager for details.

Future Newsletters

If you have anything you would like to share with members of the club we would be happy to include it in a future newsletter. Mail Simon with the details at simonferris@ntlworld.com.

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