

Wrexham Squash

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Wrexham Schools Squash Programme— shows the way to future excellence

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When Juniors may play at Phoenix Squash Club

Subject to availability, book
on the day through NEWI
to play at any time .

Juniors playing **MUST** be
accompanied by an adult
with goggles worn during
play.

Enjoy your games but
please do look after your
Club - ensure all lights are
turned off and the Club is
secure before you leave.

**Note - membership
numbers must be quoted
for all bookings and
cards produced on
request by any member.**

With superb support from parents,
the Headteacher and staff at Wats
Dyke Primary School and Wrexham
County Borough Council's Sports
Development Team, the Schools
Squash Programme is going from
strength to strength.

At the beginning of the year, thirty six
Year 4 pupils took part in the first six
week "taster" session at the Phoenix
Club. Under the guidance of Squash
Coach, Laurie Jones, the sessions
concentrated on racquet skills with an
emphasis on fun through sport.

These pupils were then offered the
opportunity to continue their skills
development by joining a twelve
week programme at the club and
80% took up this chance and are
now regular players in the
Wrexham Squash programme of
continuous development and
excellence for juniors.

Building on this success, a group of Year 4 pupils, again from Wats Dyke School,
joined the latest taster session in September using the facilities at Queensway and a
second group have commenced another six week session after the October half-
term. Working with Laurie Jones are senior members of the Phoenix Squash Club
who are getting in some good experience as part of their Level One and Two Squash
Coaches award—we are grateful to them for their time and commitment.



Ability has to be the criteria for COLD

Wrexham Squash are keen to maintain the good work that has been
achieved and to keep pace with the improving standards across North
Wales. With this in mind, members of the Centre of Local Development
(COLD) are expected to play in local tournaments - this is a good indicator
of progress and introduces an unknown element of competition, whilst
allowing an opportunity to represent Wrexham Squash at other clubs in the
region.

With the success of the Schools Squash Programme, future admissions to
COLD will be on the basis of the individual junior's ability. Those not part of
the COLD will be welcome to join other Wrexham Squash sessions.

Congratulations

Wrexham Squash acknowledge the hard work and dedication by the following juniors:-

Robbie, John & Llinos Evans and Hannah Davies — have all been invited to the Centre of Regional Excellence from November.

Robbie (Under 19) & John Evans (Under 15) and Hannah Davies (Under 15 and 13) — who were invited to the Inter-County sessions.

Hannah Davies and Llinos Evans — were invited to the Welsh Squad Training event in September
Well done all !



Wrexham Squash members are presented with new shirts by sponsor John Williams, By-Product Services, Gresford.

Wrexham Squash — Teams & Tournaments

North Wales Under 15 League — we had three teams of 3 players participating against teams from the Flintshire and Gwynedd areas and, at the final held at the St Melyd Club in January, are two top teams came first and second. This league was of great benefit the up and coming players, with no team able to play a national standard or Centre of Excellence player. This was a great result for our Club and congratulations to the following players:-

Firsts — John Evans, Jack Whelan & Adam Holland; **Seconds** — Richard Ackerley, Tom Myers & Anthony Bain; **Thirds** — Hannah Davies, Llinos Evans & Jessica Jones.



Wrexham Closed Squash Tournament — Our second Closed Tournament, sponsored again by Russell and Ann Evans, was held over the weekend 13-14th November. Well done to all who participated.

Annual General Meeting — all parents will be invited to attend the Wrexham Squash AGM in mid January 2005. All are welcome, particularly those who would like to get more involved with the juniors.

Newly Qualified Coaches — **Level 1** (Kevin Jones, Peter Davies, Ann Evans, Richard Jone and Robbie Evans) **Level 2** (Mark Davies). Congratulations all.

North Wales Senior League — our junior team in Division 4 is currently in second place. They recently beat Deeside 3rds with the oldest junior ever to play in a team ! Who was that man ?

Our Youngest Members — in two recent tournaments, we've seen some very encouraging performances from the following young players — Sarah Owens, Emily Jones, Joseph Newnes and Harry Green.

Welsh Junior Closed — this will be held at the Saints Club, Prestatyn on 10, 11, 12 December. This is the premier tournament in Wales this year and all players from Wrexham are encouraged to take part in this opportunity to play other young people from across Wales.

Wrexham Borough Council Sports Award — recognising their work with Year 4 pupils, Wat's Dyke School were in the final nominations as Primary School of the Year. At a glittering awards evening on 1st June we are pleased that our sport was recognised with the Wat's Dyke School nomination, as well as Wrexham Squash being nominated as Club of the Year. We didn't win in either category but it was good to be part of a successful evening which raised the profile of local sporting achievement and the importance of volunteer coaches, parents and young people in this.