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Dates for the diary

Sun 10 Nov - Corbin Netball Masterclass, All Hallows.

Sun 15 Dec - U14's Tournament - Road to the Copperbox

Mon 16 Dec & Thu 19 Dec - Last training sessions of the term. Prepare for festive fun!

Sun 26 Jan - U11, 12 & 13's Tournament - Road to the Copperbox

Sun 29 Jun - Panthers Summer Awards Day, Farnham Rugby Club



Dear Parents, Carers & Players,

This will be my final newsletter as Chair. After four wonderful years, it's time for me to step aside and welcome a new generation of Panthers leadership! When I first became Chair, the club was on the verge of collapse after the sudden departure of its original owner. Alongside a very small committee, we fought very hard to keep it going. We have built on that early momentum ever since. Despite several key personnel changes along the way – some planned, some less so - Panthers has grown stronger year by year.

It was the appointment of the wonderful Sarah Seddon as Head Coach that really cemented Panthers into the position of genuine stability and strength that we have been looking for since I first started. It's a joy to hear such positive feedback about our teams and coaches when out at matches and tournaments. I'm incredibly proud of the great reputation we now have as a club.

I've loved being part of Panthers, witnessing the positive and life affirming impact it's had on my daughter and her teammates.

It fills me with pride that we've provided so many young players with opportunities to grow through competitive netball, coaching and umpiring development. These experiences are building confident, resilient young people.

As my daughter moves on from her Panthers Juniors journey and prepares for new challenges like college and adult netball, it feels like the right time for me to pass the baton to the newly appointed Chair, Jeanette Nica. I'm totally confident that the club will thrive under her and Sarah's leadership, and I look forward to seeing Panthers reach new heights.

My very last job is to thank all of those people who have given their time and energy into making Panthers what it is today – the Team Managers and committee members of today and the past four years, who volunteer their time, often with very little thanks, except for the smiles on their players' faces. Thank you.

So, it is with genuine pleasure, mixed with just a little nostalgia, that I take my leave of you, but please do come and find me at matches or tournaments anytime.

With kind regards,



Meet our new Chairperson!



Dear All,

I am truly honoured to be elected as the new Chair of the Panthers Elite Netball Club. First and foremost, on behalf of all of us, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Charlotte De Lacey for her outstanding leadership over the past four years. Under her guidance, our club has made remarkable strides in a relatively short time, and we are grateful for her dedication and vision.

I've been in this role for a month now, and I'm inspired by the commitment each of you has shown to make our club what it is today. Because of your efforts, we are in an excellent position to continue moving forward, collaborating with all our stakeholders to achieve even greater success.

Allow me to briefly introduce myself. My journey in netball began watching my daughter play at school and with Panthers.

I joined the Committee as the Club Treasurer, and like many of you, I'm also actively involved as a First Aider for my daughter's team; but you might know me as the person who's always chasing you for money!

I am extremely excited about the ambitions we have as a committee, as we strive to drive our club forward.

As I step into the role of Chair, I'd like to highlight an opportunity for someone to take on the Club Treasurer position. If you have a talent for numbers and financial management, please reach out. I will continue as Treasurer until we find a successor.

I look forward to collaborating with our dedicated Club members and getting to know more of you during the 2024/2025 season. Together, let's make this an amazing season for our netball club!

Thank you!

Jeanette Nica

Our Season in Stats

2024/2025 season might be a club record for number of fixtures played! With 11 teams, in 2 leagues (Wavell and Hampshire) we will see a minimum of 185 fixtures this season. Phew!

As of 14th October, we've played 35 matches this season:

Win:	15	Loss:	12
Draw:	1	Postponed:	7

We have made a good start to the season – let's keep it going! To see our team positions in the Wavell and Hampshire leagues, please click on the icons -->





Head Coach's Report

A fantastic start to the season!

We're only a few weeks into the 24/25 season, but what a start it's been! With 11 teams competing across two leagues, it already feels like we should be nearing Christmas!

There have been some fantastic performances across all the leagues, and it's exciting to see the results coming in each week with some impressive wins. Most of our Panthers teams are sitting mid-table or higher in the Wavell league, and 4 out of our 6 County teams are in the top two spots, which is an amazing start! I was also super pleased to hear the oppositions parents talking about the level of fitness our girls displayed on court in recent fixtures – clearly, all that pre-season work is paying off!

While winning is wonderful, the coaching team are equally proud of the friendships being built on court. Several new teams have formed this season, and it's so rewarding to watch them grow stronger together each week.

We've also welcomed over 15 new players across all age groups since the season began, which is fantastic!

Despite heading into winter, we've also managed to fit in a tournament. The Dynamos travelled to Bournemouth for the Poole NC tournament. The weather was kind to us, and while we didn't come away with many wins, the girls gained invaluable experience competing against some of the best teams in the South!

I hope everyone has seen the new ball work program we've shared. We encourage all players to practice some of these drills at home, at least once a week. It will make a huge difference to their success on the court.

I hope the girls have enjoyed the start to the season as much as we have. I look forward to seeing the progress as the season continues!

Sarah Seddon

Head Coach





WANTED! CLUB TREASURER

We're looking for a new Club Treasurer to take over from Jeanette as she takes on the role of Chairperson. If you have a talent for numbers and financial management and you're not currently receiving payment from the Club, whether as a Coach, Umpire, or otherwise, please reach out to Jeanette or a Committee member.

For more information about the role, please check out the job description on our website or click on the piggy bank for the link --->



London Pulse Hubs Success!

Congratulations to our Panthers players who have been selected for The London Pulse hubs. We're so proud of you!!

Chloe Austin
Farrah Knight
India Gillett
Niamh Lumpkin

Ava Marshall
Amaya Hughes
Megan Harding
Rose Symcox

Holly Tigwell



Players of the Month!

Congratulations to our September players of the month. Well done girls. A great effort all round.

U8/U9 - Sofia Coetzee
Cats - Lotte Sparkes
Cubs - Verity French



New club Kit

Remember that you can now order Panthers-branded kit (except dresses) using [this link](#).



Bring your own ball

To ensure we have enough balls at training, please can each player bring their own netball with them.

Any size 5 netball will do - you don't have to buy a new one! However, if you're planning to invest then we love Flyhawk for great grip and long-lasting performance.

