



NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Welcome to our new home!

It's been a while since our last newsletter but I'm sure you're aware there has been a lot going on behind the scenes with securing a new venue following the end of our residence at Wellington Market.

Our new venue is secured for the next 5 years, which puts us in a great position to extend our judo offering. And as we are now a Community Interest Company we will also be extending the use of our venue to other sports and community groups, which we will be advertising soon.

In the meantime, there are a number of modifications needed to get the venue the way we want it, these will obviously take time, so please bear with us but first on the agenda are doors for the changing rooms and more toilets. We will keep you updated when we are carrying out jobs if you're interested in helping out with a paint brush etc!

Booking In

We're aware that the Office is short on space, however, the reception area is going to be used as a community area so we are trying to find a way to make it easier to book in and improve Safeguarding and Fire Safety as we now have a number of rooms and two floors to cover. From next week (20.05.2025) could EVERYONE please book in at the Office—parents and carers etc included so we have a record for fire safety—and sign out when you're leaving the building. For those leaving children, please leave your contact number in case of an emergency. The fire escape plan is on the wall as you enter.

Safeguarding

If, for any reason, you are delayed collecting your child after a session, please message the Community WhatsApp group as all the coaches and volunteers are on the group, one of us will pick it up.

Competitions

Please see the Notice Board for upcoming competitions and events, which will be updated regularly.

For entries to any competitions, please express your interest by writing yours or your child's name on the individual competition lists on the Notice Board—Rebecca will liaise with the senior coaches regarding yours or your child's suitability for entry. We do not advise entry to competitions until this has been discussed. To enable coaches attendance at competitions, please try to give us at least a month's notice.

Guest Coaching Session

Alan Jones MBE 8th Dan, will be joining us next Thursday 22nd May to share his international coaching expertise in both the junior and senior sessions. He will be bringing along some of his players for the senior session too. This will be a great experience for all players!

Gareth's Charity Bike Ride

You may be aware that Gareth is undertaking a massive thousand mile bike ride across Spain and France in aid of DKMS, helping to fight blood cancer. Find the story and Just Giving page here:



Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is a great way to support our club without costing you a penny! Thousands of brands like eBay, Amazon, Tesco etc participate in the scheme and each time you shop via the Easyfundraising website, you earn anything from a few pennies to pounds depending on the retailer. It all adds up—so far we've raised **£223.21!**



The Newsletter is also available to view online on the club website.