

## **FIXTURES & TEAMS**

There has been **an awful lot of work** going on behind the scenes in scheduling all matches for the season. Unlike mixed leagues with set days, we're not there yet in the female game. Also, as the female game grows, so do the number of teams and fixtures which is challenging in an already heavily congested schedule. But..... after much to-ing and fro-ing we are nearly there with only the Under 13 Girls softball fixtures to be finalised. These had been scheduled as Sundays which clash with the U13 mixed teams so we are just working through rescheduling these which is obviously dependent on pitch availability for all clubs involved.

This season we are delighted to have the following teams:-

- Ladies Softball Division 1 Team (Y7 upwards) Emma Schofield (C) Lindsey Redfearn (VC)
  Ladies Softball Division 2 Team (Y7 upwards) Lucy Pamment (C) Yvette Whitwam (VC)
  - Rules for moving between Division 1 & 2: Div 2 players can play up freely, but only 2 Div 1 players may play down in any match!!
- Ladies Super 8s hardball team (Y8 upwards) Ella Gill (C) Zoe Gell (VC)
- 💅 Girls U13 Softball Lily Hamilton / Emily Constantine (rotating captain / vice captains)
- 💅 Mini Girls windy ball festivals for the Mini Shenanigans further details to follow

Details of all the fixtures can be found at the end of this newsletter. They are already on Play Cricket. Spond will be updated shortly as we will use Spond to Capture availability for all matches.

Girls Softball:- Girls U13 games likely to start early May and will run for 10 weeks finishing with a finals day on 14th July (with the 21st July as a backup).

Ladies Softball:- As there are so many teams this year a festival with all teams will not be possible, therefore, there will be preliminary qualifying rounds to determine which teams will enter the festivals day which is TBC but we are aiming for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **W&G TRAINING**

W&G training will be Tuesday nights – 6-8pm **STARTING 16<sup>th</sup> April** Please note we have taken the decision to push the start of training back by one week due to the dire forecast and ground conditions.

Junior training starts Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, so we will aim to start Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Coaches for this session with be Hannah Stephen and Steve Buss from our mixed Junior session. Fran Hamilton is travelling for work and unfortunately unavailable for the first session, but you are in very good hands.

### SHENANIGANS SHIRTS



We are delighted to announce that we are in a position to heavily subsidise playing shirts to £10 each this season, thanks to our fabulous sponsors:-

- Buzz Safety (shirt sponsor)
- Beanstalk HR (shirt sponsor)
  - Gingers Hair Salon (Ladies Team Sponsor)
  - Healing Energy Holistics (Girls Team Sponsor)

Please click on the following link to order your shirts ASAP so that we can get the

bulk order in and sorted for the season ahead:- ORDER YOUR SHIRTS BY CLICKING HERE

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DATES FOR THE DIARY



The WYWGCL league are putting on some scoring and umpiring courses. So please do try and attend / ask other halves if they'd like to as we need scorers and umpires to make our games happen. With so many teams and matches, we need people to help and support to ensure we can make the games happen. There will be a lot of dividing and conquering this season, so the more support and help, the better.

Free courses being held as follows, please message me privately if you or someone else would like to attend:-

\*Play cricket scorers\* 8th April @ Scholes CC

\*Umpires training (specific W&G focus)\* 15th April @ Scholes CC

2026 will see the club mark our 150 year anniversary. Planning is starting now for ways that we can celebrate. We agreed at the committee that each section would come up with their idea to celebrate and also c ontribute to the overall end of season celebration (more details to follow). So please get thinking about an event we can run.

### ALL STARS

Hannah is leading the AllStars this year and is looking for people to help. Registration hasn't closed yet so we don't know how many we have, but I could do with 2 volunteers per week to help run the session. We only run the course for 8 weeks on a Friday 5-5.45pm starting on 31 May. Let Hannah know if you can help.

Thanks to everyone who helped on Saturday 23 March at Get Set Weekend where members came along and helped get the club ready for the season ahead.

### **VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN OUR AWESOME W&G SECTION**

We need volunteers!!! Can you help in any way? Fran & Hannah cannot do it all alone. Some key things we need help with are:-

- Social Media posting about fixtures and results and any exciting stuff we want to share
- Fundraising & Socials someone to drive regular fundraising activities for W&G such as football cards, etc
- Scoring & Umpiring (see note above about free courses)

### FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE CLUB

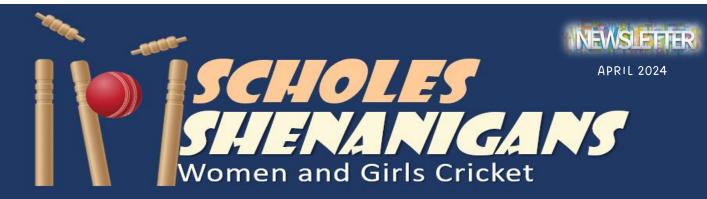
As many of the adult Shenanigans have junior players are the club also, it's very important to reiterate the importance of Friday's Junior Training nights. Fridays are hugely vital for the juniors. Not only the training sessions but behind the scenes.

This season we're asking the age groups to provide kitchen/sweet shop cover on a rotating weekly basis. No prep/training required. So first up would be U9s (April 12 weather permitting) running up through the ages (11s,13s,15s & 17s). Allstars too, once we know who has registered. This way if you volunteer to help you should only have to do it once per season. Please contact your age group coach to enrol to help out.









# LADIES FIXTURES (Girls u13 Softball to follow)

## Team Name on Play Cricket: Scholes Ladies

Team	Day	Date	Time	Home or	Opposition
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Softball Division 1	Tuesday	30/04/2024	18:00	А	Holmfirth
Softball Division 1	Monday	06/05/2024	18:30	Н	Almondbury Wesleyan
Softball Division 1	Wednesday	15/05/2024	18:30	А	Denby
Softball Division 1	Sunday	26/05/2024	14:00	А	Thurstonland
Softball Division 1	Monday	27/05/2024	18:30	А	Cumberworth
Softball Division 1	Monday	03/06/2024	18:30	Н	Cawthorne
Softball Division 1	Sunday	16/06/2024	14:00	А	Thongsbridge

After these 7 games above are played, the league will then split to top 4 and bottom 4 and the final 3 fixtures will be scheduled to give each club 10 x games

## Team Name on Play Cricket: Womens 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

Team ्र	Day 🗸	Date <sub>u</sub> î	Time <sub>↓↑</sub>	Home or Away 🔽	Opposition
Softball Division 2	Sunday	05/05/2024	10:00	А	Moorlands
Softball Division 2	Thursday	09/05/2024	18:30	Н	Meltham
Softball Division 2	Sunday	19/05/2024	09:30	А	Cawthorne
Softball Division 2	Thursday	23/05/2024	18:30	А	Slaithwaite
Softball Division 2	Thursday	30/05/2024	18:30	Н	Thurstonland
Softball Division 2	Tuesday	04/06/2024	18:30	А	Shepley
Softball Division 2	Sunday	16/06/2024	13:00	А	Thongsbridge
Softball Division 2	Thursday	04/07/2024	18:30	Н	Marsden
Softball Division 2	Monday	08/07/2024	18:30	Н	Kirkburton

## Festival Preliminary Rounds – Final Date TBC but 30<sup>th</sup> June likely

Team ्र	Day 🚽	Date <sub>↓1</sub>	Time <sub>v</sub> î	Home or Away 🗸	Opposition
Festivals Preliminary Qualifier - Softball Div 1	Monday	24/06/2024	18:30	Н	Cawthorne
Festivals Preliminary Qualifier - Softball Div 2	Tuesday	25/06/2024	18:30	н	Thongsbridge

### Team Name on Play Cricket: Womens 1st XI

Team	Day 🗸	Date 🖵	Time <sub>↓</sub> ↑	Home or Away 🝷	Opposition
Hardball Development	Sunday	21/04/2024	13:00	А	Holmfirth
Hardball Development	Sunday	12/05/2024	13:00	Н	Denby
Hardball Development	Sunday	26/05/2024	16:00	А	Thurstonland
Hardball Development	Sunday	02/06/2024	13:00	А	Almondbury Wesleyan
Hardball Development	Sunday	09/06/2024	13:00	А	Kirkburton
Hardball Development	Sunday	16/06/2024	16:00	А	Thongsbridge

We also need more players for both Women & Girls U13!!!!!

So please, encourage anyone you know to come and train and practice with us.

We need to ensure we can fulfil all our fixtures !!!

HERE'S TO AN AWESOME SEASON