



# *Club News*

*7th February 2013*

## **FAMILY FUN WEEKEND**

WHEN: 6th/7th JULY 2013

WHERE: CULFORD SPORTS CENTRE

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: SAVE BOTH DATES!

THIS IS OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND THE ONLY TIME WE ASK YOU TO HELP THE CLUB TO RAISE FUNDS!

WE ARE TRYING TO EMPHASISE THE '**FAMILY FUN**' ASPECT OF THE WEEKEND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, SO ARE NOT USING THE TERM 'MARATHON' AS NO-ONE UNDERSTANDS IT AND WE'RE NOT REALLY DOING A MARATHON!

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

CAN YOU GET US ANY **RAFFLE/TOMBOLA** PRIZES  
OR ORGANISE A **TEAM** TO PLAY THE BOMBERS

## **Match Report for 1st Team**

The final game of the year on 16th December was at home against Exeter Otters. The team started with confidence and although they lost the tip, Jack started the scoring for the Bombers, followed by three baskets from team captain Drew. Coach Jill included new player Daniel in the starting line up and he worked well in both defence and offense. Though a talented team, the visitors found it difficult to find their shot and Bombers were 18 – 9 up at the end of the first quarter. Otters attempted to press the local side, but good defensive work from everyone and the score was 24 – 17 at half time. In third quarter Aiden used his height successively to gain possession, particularly from rebounds and the score was 40 – 32. During the final quarter, the local supporters gave even more vocal encouragement to the team and the opposition chose to continually foul in the last 2 minutes to attempt to gain an advantage. This was a tactic seen in the Paralympics, but Bombers replied with Jack scoring all six free shots to give the Bombers their first win of the season. This was a fantastic performance from the entire Bombers' 1<sup>st</sup> team who played with renewed confidence, self belief and a skill level that has been in evidence previously this season but not consistently enough to win matches. Other players who contributed to Sunday's success were; Amy Nettleton, Chris Rix, Robert Hubert and Lloyd Jones.

## **Dates of Club Holidays**

The Club will be closed for 2 weeks at half term: 14th and 21st February and 2 weeks for Easter: 28th March and 4th April.

PLEASE NOTE THESE IN YOUR DIARY

## Match Report for 1st Team

Bury Bombers travelled down to Exeter on 26th January for the return leg against Exeter Otters.

Although without Captain Drew through illness, the team were still in ebullient mood for the match. Aiden took the captaincy and with Jack and Chris , they marshalled the relative newcomers Robert and Daniel , supported by Amy . The team put up a good defence but could not match the talented Exeter squad for speed and accuracy at their home venue. However, it was good to see Daniel scoring a basket in the first quarter, with Aiden and Jack also netting points. The first quarter ended with a score of 19 – 8 to Exeter.

The second quarter saw Jack improve his shooting average, scoring 12 out of the 14 points for Bombers in this quarter, two from free shots. Exeter had fewer chances in this quarter and only increased their score by four points. The score was 37 – 22.

Coach Jill had travelled with eight players for this game and was keen to play the full bench. Lloyd and Jordan featured in the third quarter and again the Bombers held Otters in defence to give them fewer shooting chances and they only increased their lead by four points. Chris had a successful shot in this quarter. The score was 53 -34.

The final quarter saw a return to the Bombers starting five and was the best quarter for the Bury team. Otters continued to press the Bombers on every occasion, but Bombers never gave up and had many more shooting attempts than Otters, though their accuracy still needs to be worked on. The score in this quarter was 10 – 9 to Bombers, to give a final score of 63 -43.

### Development Team

We wish the team all the best for their forthcoming matches in Nottingham, 9th February & Coventry 17th March. They play two games at each venue, so their fitness will be tested!! Congratulations to Daniel Dickens, who has taken on the Captaincy.

### Club Subs

PLEASE can I remind all players to mark the register when you pay your subs with the amount you are paying, not just a tick! Please try to bring your money each week.

Anyone who would like to join the first team in paying in advance for the term, please talk to Jill, it could be to your advantage and help club funds.

### CLUB HELPERS

We still need everyone to help with set up on a regular basis. If you could arrive at Culford for 6pm some weeks it would be very helpful. Send Jill a text 07766817685. It is also still useful to know who is unable to come to club.

### Container News

Culford are organising the site for the transfer of our container, however we will need to wait for the drier weather before it can be lifted out of County Upper School.