



## NEWLETTER January 2024

### Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed a good break.

Welcome back to judo and our **NEW MATS!** Some of you may be aware that the club submitted a successful bid to acquire a new mat area through the Commonwealth Games Equipment Giveaway and the European Judo Union mat fund. A lot of hard work and effort went into the video submission for the bid by members of the club and we would like to thank everyone who participated in this.

#### **Website**

The new website is now live and can be found here:

[www.wrekinstarjudoclub.co.uk](http://www.wrekinstarjudoclub.co.uk)

It's filled with lots of useful information as well as a gallery of photos which will be added to—please feel free to share your photos from competitions if you would like them included in the gallery.

#### **Presentation Evening**

This will be taking place on Saturday 27th January at Wrockwardine Wood Football Club from 7pm–11.30pm. Please see Mandy, Claire or Rebecca for tickets. There will be food provided, disco and raffle. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Contests for medals will be run on club nights during January so please try and attend all sessions if possible. If you have a trophy from last year, please could you return it to Rebecca ASAP.

## **Fees**

Mat fees have been kept the same for many years with additional expenses of moving and increased rent being absorbed by the club funds. Unfortunately we are no longer able to cover these and consequently have had to increase the standard mat fees as well as introduce a nominal annual membership fee. For existing members, these will come into effect from 1st February 2024. The fee increase for new members is immediate.

New fees can be found on the website and are as follows:

**Junior** - £5.00 per session or £17.00 per month standing order\*

**Senior** - £6.00 per session or £21.00 per month standing order\*

*\*Discount is applied when paying monthly by standing order*

## **Annual Membership**

Junior £10.00

Adult £15.00

We fully understand that with the cost of living crisis, that some members may find the increase more difficult to meet. We have taken this into consideration and are able to support members where needed so please speak to Mandy or Claire.

## **Gradings**

Some of our members graded successfully last year and we will be running further gradings over the coming year. We will notify you of those dates and they will also be added to our calendar of events on the website imminently.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to more good things in the coming year.

*The newsletters will also be available to view online.*