

GEMS NETBALL CLUB

10th Birthday Charity Tournament

This year Gems Netball Club is 10 years old. To celebrate, we are running our first charity tournament.

In 2009, Gems Netball Club became official after 3 years of playing as a friendly back to netball group. During this time one of our players would bring her sons to make up the numbers and eventually one of them, Toby, became our Club mascot.

In 2015 Toby was diagnosed with high grade Hodgkin's lymphoma, he then relapsed with lymphatic brain tumours and underwent a stem cell transplant. During this difficult time, Gems offered support to him and his loved ones under what was referred to as #NetballFamily. Thankfully Toby is now in remission and living his life to the full.

Whilst Toby was receiving treatment at the Piam-Brown Ward (children's oncology) at Southampton General Hospital, many players had the privilege of meeting Abby who was also receiving treatment. Sadly, Abby passed away and gained her wings at the tender age of 11, but her amazing legacy continues with the charity, Abby's Heroes, set up by her awesome family. They now offer gifts and money to local children and families affected by cancer.

Tournament Date: Sunday 16th June 2019,

Timings: 9am-1pm

Venue: Wyvern College, Fair Oak, Nr. Eastleigh

(Wyvern have kindly donated the courts for free)

Entry Fee: £10 per PLAYER via the virgin money donate page.

Entry: Please enter your team via Annie – <mailto:annieanslow@yahoo.co.uk>

Abby's Heroes will be donating the medals.

We will be running a cake sale and raffle on the day.

ENTRY LIMITED TO 10 TEAMS ONLY

Please note 100% of Monies will go to the Charity.

