



# Sutton Coldfield Pokéclub Newsletter

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Welcome to our February newsletter. Remember to check our website for updates to event dates and other news at [www.suttoncoldfieldpokeclub.weebly.com](http://www.suttoncoldfieldpokeclub.weebly.com)

## Upcoming dates for your diary:

23 February	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
2 March	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
16 March	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
23 March	Regional Championships	Registration 9.15am – 10.30am	£5.00

This event will be held at the United Reformed Church which is behind the Gracechurch Shopping centre

13 April	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
20 April	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00

## Plasma Storm

Our pre-release tournament on 2 February will give everyone their first opportunity to get their hands on cards from the new Plasma Storm set ahead of the release date on 6 February. As well as a number of new EX cards and Plasma Pokémon the set will also feature three new Ace Spec cards.



There's a lot of anticipation about this new set and no doubt we will be seeing some new competitive decks making use of the new Plasma Pokémon and their associated energy and trainer cards.

Our very own Dan has written an epic blog on our website previewing the new set so please take a look and feel free to add your comments.

## League Season dates

The current league season is Castella. If you attend at least one league meeting in a season you will be awarded one play point for each season that you attend. The 2012/2013 league seasons are as follows:-

Castella 13 January to 17 February  
Driftveil 8 April to 12 May  
Opelugid 1 July to 4 August

Nimbasa 25 February to 31 March  
Mistraltan 20 May to 23 June  
Humilau 12 August to 15 September

## Play Points

We still have a few players who are not registered to receive Play Points.

You earn Play Points by attending Pokémon leagues and other tournaments but to qualify for play points you need to have a trainer account on [www.pokemon.com](http://www.pokemon.com) and also need to have selected 'yes' to the option to participate in the Play Pokémon Program. You can find details on how to do this on our website <http://suttoncoldfieldpokeclub.weebly.com/optiming-in-for-play-points.html>

Play Points are important if you are thinking of attending the UK National Championships. Last year, Seniors and Masters could only attend if they had earned 10 or more Play Points. Juniors weren't required to have any Play Points but it looks likely that will change this year so it would be best if you setup your account as soon as possible – play points can normally be backdated.

If you are under 13 years of age you'll need a parent or guardian to create an account for themselves first as they will need to authorise your account to participate in Play Pokémon programs.

### Badge Cases

Don't forget to order your badge case from the Pokémon website to store your league pin badges in. The badge cases are free of charge, one per player. To order a badge case you will need to login to the Pokémon website with your trainer account. On the My Play Pokémon tab, find the Leagues section and click on Order Badge Case. Select Pokéclub as your league and then select the next available season to complete the order.

Badge cases will be sent to the league and you will be able to collect them from Joanna as soon as we receive them but it may take some time for them to be delivered.



Your Pokémon Club staff are Joanna, Glenn and Chris

