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# Oxfordshire Netball

Issue 1

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!**

**Welcome to the new Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter! The newsletter will appear from time to time giving you information about what is happening within Oxfordshire.**

**The idea is that instead of receiving lots of emails about courses and events, they will all appear here, so you can print this off, or email it round to each of your club members as a single, must read item!!**

**Don't forget, you can find up to date info on the county league website:**

**[www.onla.co.uk](http://www.onla.co.uk)**

This newsletter will include a summary of the last committee meeting – what was discussed, and what it means for you. It will be a forum for notices for courses, events and any other netball related announcements.

The newsletter will be written by myself, Kate Blackshaw, as Secretary, and by Sarah Tamone, the Oxfordshire Netball Development Officer. You will by now have received lots of information about courses and events from Sarah via email, all of that information will now be put into this format as and when we have the information to share with you. If you have any queries, or want advice for your club, then please contact Sarah at [stamone@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:stamone@oxford.gov.uk) or call her on 01865 467238.

The length of the newsletter will really rely on you – any letters, reports, and queries etc will be gratefully received, and this will mean that we can all

benefit from ideas about what individual clubs have done to improve netball in their area.

This newsletter is written by volunteers – please do not complain about the grammar – I know my grammar is appalling! However, I would appreciate any suggestions you have as to what you want included in the newsletter – it's designed to improve communication to you – the ones playing netball in the county. So it's up to you! Take the opportunity to have the information you want included in it, in the layout you want.

As ever, I have the right not to include letters or notices that I feel are inappropriate – but that doesn't mean you can't pose questions for me to put to the Oxfordshire Netball Development Board at the next meeting. Please remember we are all volunteers – things do take time, but we need feedback and suggestions in order to make sure we are doing a good job of representing you.

Any notices, articles or questions should be sent to myself, Kate Blackshaw, at:

[ondbsecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ondbsecretary@googlemail.com)

## Introducing the Oxfordshire Netball Development Board:

The ONDB has been set-up in order focus on the development of netball in our area. It is designed to bring together the needs of everyone involved in netball, from small grassroots clubs, to those representing the area in the Regional League and beyond. The Board is made up as follows:

Chair: Maggie Fisher,  
Vice Chair: Tricia Kilczynski,

Secretary: Kate Blackshaw,  
Treasurer: Victoria Bellamy,  
Facilities Officer: Sue Blackshaw,  
Coaching Secretary: Judy Basford,  
Umpiring Secretary: Debbie Horne  
Netball Development Officer: Sarah Tamone.  
Schools Secretary: Sandra Airey

A representative from each of the leagues currently running in Oxfordshire also sits on the Board:

Oxfordshire League Rep: Lesley Williams  
Junior League Rep: Pauline Taylor/Sandy Hunt  
Central Venue Rep: Jo Blackshaw

At ONDB meetings, each member reports on what is happening in their area, and as a Board we discuss improvements, issues and plans for the future. This is recorded in minutes that are sent out to each club.

At the last ONDB meeting (8<sup>th</sup> January 2007) there were a few changes to the committee. I am now Secretary, following the resignation of Sarah Taylor last year. Unfortunately, Clair Merriman has had to step down from her role as Umpiring Secretary, but we do hope she will be back helping out on the Development Board in the future. Debbie Horne has agreed to fill the position of Umpiring Secretary, but cannot continue with her commitments to the Central Venue League. Therefore a number of volunteers are needed to help those left on the Central Venue League Committee for the Summer season. Without this invaluable help it will cease to run as effectively as it has done, therefore are you able to assist? If so, or if you want more information then please email me!

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## Introducing Oxfordshire Sports Partnership:

**Oxfordshire Sports Partnership** are one of 45 County Sports Partnerships in the country. The partners include, national governing bodies such as England Netball, local authorities, education and community all working towards the shared vision of "Everyone in Oxfordshire enjoying a more active lifestyle and achieving personal success through sport". Netball is a priority sport and our development officer is Sarah Tamone who can be contacted on [stamone@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:stamone@oxford.gov.uk) or 01865 467238 for any development needs, be it club, coach, school club links or CAPS.

It is with sad news that I advise Gwyn Foster, England Netball coaching chairman and life member from the Isle of Wight passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan after a long illness. Should you wish to send card/donation please contact Priya Samuel, Netball Development Officer for Hampshire and IOW on 01962 846 032

On Facilities, Sue Blackshaw has been lobbying councilors and chasing up the planning departments to get things moving for the proposed six floodlit single-purpose courts at the Court Place Farm site. Funding is still an issue, and any ideas are welcome – please email Sue at [theblackshaws@gmail.com](mailto:theblackshaws@gmail.com) with your support and ideas. Sue is soon hoping to arrange local radio/TV interviews to raise the profile of the project.

## **CAPS - Club Action Planning Scheme**

This is the club accreditation scheme from England Netball, which is a tool to demonstrate that your club is child friendly, safe and effective, it is linked to the Sport England Clubmark scheme,

which is nationally recognized by England Netball, teachers and parents. The benefits for achieving CAPS are numerous; including accessing to funding reserved for clubs with CAPS/Clubmark, development of players, volunteers and your club and also enhance the number of coaches and officials.

This is really a great scheme to develop the club and understand further what is required for future success.

If you are interested in applying for the scheme, you will need to apply for a CAPS folder from England Netball on [south@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:south@englandnetball.co.uk)

### **Accredited Oxfordshire Clubs:**

Abbey – Bronze

**Clubs working towards CAPS:** Trinity, Abingdon Centre, Challow

## **Oxfordshire League needs a Chair**

The Oxfordshire League is still currently running without a Chair which is not acceptable. The vast majority of readers of this newsletter play in the league, but without the voluntary commitment of the committee it cannot run. Please consider whether you could find the time Chair around four meetings a year, and have an input into how the league runs. For more information please contact Lesley Williams, at [lesley.williams@rmpc.co.uk](mailto:lesley.williams@rmpc.co.uk)

## **LEAGUE HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

The league are currently in the final stages of creating a handbook for all players, coaches and officials, which will be with all clubs shortly. In it contains the code of conduct, which the league expects all members to adhere to. There has recently been a couple of incidents of bad language and lack of respect for the umpires on court, and it must be made clear that this is not to be tolerated. All players in the league must be responsible for keeping up to date

with the rules and code of conduct.

The ONDB has agreed to adopt the handbook and expect that it is adhered to in all of the leagues that are running in Oxfordshire. When it is sent out to clubs, the handbook should be circulated to all club members.

## **TV Coverage of Superleague Are you watching?**

Superleague matches are being shown on Sky Sports 2 or 3 or Extra (depending on the week) on Thursdays at 5pm, 8pm and Midnight, and early Friday mornings.

## **Regional League Home Matches coming up:**

Oxford Blues (juniors):

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

Time: 10am

Venue: Outside at Headington Girls School.

Trinity Oxford:

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, and 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Time: 1pm

Venue: Headington Girls School:

Abingdon Centre:

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> Apr

Time: 1pm

Venue: John Mason School

## **Tournaments:**

The Versatility Tournament is on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2007, Vale are running it this year, details will be sent to clubs in February.

The date for the Mixed Tournament, (raising money for facilities) is preliminarily the 1<sup>st</sup> July, contact [kateblackshaw@gmail.com](mailto:kateblackshaw@gmail.com) for more information.

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## COURSES

### **UKCC Level 1 coaching**

These are all being run through England Netball at present and therefore, the locations are selected centrally  
 Venue: Henley College, Oxfordshire  
 Dates: 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007  
 Assessment 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Time: 9am –6pm.  
 Cost: £170 per person  
 Booking form attached, return to England Netball

### **Club for All**

This workshop identifies the benefits of opening up your club, to include a wider membership base - meaning more coaches, players, officials and increased revenue, improved eligibility for lottery funding, and quality ratings such as Clubmark; whilst ensuring the involvement and support of the local community.

Required for all clubs who wish to be CAPS accredited

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Time: 19.00-22.00

Venue: Oxford Brookes, Harcourt Hill Campus

Cost: £10 per person

Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January

Booking form attached, return to the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership  
**AND**

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Venue: Bodicote House, Banbury

Time: 6.30-9.30pm

Cost: £15 per person

Booking form attached, return to Cherwell Sports Development

### **Movement and Power**

This workshop will be taken by Rodger Hughes who is UK Athletics Level 4 Senior Performance Coach and UKA Tutor.

Topics covered will be:

- \* Running Styles - acceleration - change of pace - rest and recovery
- \* The problems for the beginner - efficient movement

- \* How to challenge the performer - beyond the beginner
- \* How an athletics coach can enhance team sports

Date: Monday 22nd Jan 2007

Time: 1900-2130

Venue: Oxford Brookes University - Headington Campus

Cost: £10 per person

Booking form attached, return to Oxfordshire Sports Partnership

### **Introduction to the FUNDamentals of Movement**

A workshop designed to explore balance, agility and co-ordination and to deliver good movement in your coaching sessions

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Venue: Thameside Primary School, Abingdon

Cost: £12 per person

Contact: Vale of White Horse Sports Development on 01235 547646 to book a place

### **Safeguarding and Protecting Children (formerly Good Practice and Child Protection)**

A must have for clubs with juniors.

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Venue: Exeter Hall, Kidlington

Time: 6.30-9.30pm

Cost: £20 per person

Booking form attached, return to Cherwell Sports Development

### **Funding for your Club**

This workshop provides practical ideas for raising money through fund raising and sponsorship

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Time: 7-10pm

Venue: Caterton Sports Pavillion

Cost: £20 per person

Booking form attached, return to West Oxfordshire Sports Development

### **Developing Partnership with Clubs and Schools**

This workshop focuses on making the transition from schools to clubs meeting

the needs of both

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Time: 7-10pm

Venue: Witney Artificial Turf Pitch

Cost: £20 per person

Booking form attached, return to West Oxfordshire Sports Development

### **How to coach children in sport**

Presents the principles of good practice and also an introduction into Long Term Athlete Development

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Time: 7-9pm

Venue: Carterton Sports Pavillion

Cost: £15 per person

Booking form attached, return to West Oxfordshire Sports Development

### **UMPIRING COURSES**

Beginner and C Award courses to be arranged on demand by Netball Development Officer email [stamone@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:stamone@oxford.gov.uk) or phone 01865 467238 to register your interest.

#### Affiliations Update:

All new affiliations should be going through England Netball online: the email address for queries at England Netball is: [affiliations@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:affiliations@englandnetball.co.uk)

#### **Comments Corner**

Finally, did you enjoy the issue or perhaps you have some comments to make? Either way this is your chance! Send your queries/emails to:

[ondbsecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ondbsecretary@googlemail.com)