

Welcome to the fifth issue of the Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter! Having had a break for the summer, we head into the next season full of new ideas, hopes and challenges! Most of you should already have affiliated your players, but just in case at the end of the newsletter is a copy of the guidelines for this. As ever there is lots of news, announcements and information here for anyone involved in Netball in our area... so enjoy!

For up-to-date information of what we are doing across Oxfordshire, please use our website: [www.oxonnetball.co.uk](http://www.oxonnetball.co.uk).

Since the last edition of the newsletter, we were extremely lucky in Oxfordshire to have had a coaching session run by Jan Crabtree of TeamBath. I for one enjoyed it immensely and learned a lot from the day. Many thanks to Judy for organising that!

Congratulations also go to Lauren Addison, who received the award for Young Volunteer of the year at the recent National Golden Globes Awards, the write-up from the programme, copied below, outlines what lots of young people can aspire to achieve – well done!

“Lauren has been volunteering at Trinity Netball Club for three years. She began by assisting with the High 5 section. She is now the lead coach and team manager of this section, while also coaching and umpiring the U12's.

Lauren regularly coaches in schools and has coached and managed teams for the Oxfordshire Youth Games. She organises trips for club members to attend Super League

matches, which involves booking tickets, arranging transport and communicating with parents. Lauren has attended a number of courses and workshops, both generic and netball specific to assist her development. She is a Level 1 coach and has attended the C Award Umpiring Course. Lauren is proving to be a valuable role model for other budding young volunteers in the club who say they want to “do what Lauren does”.

Congratulations also go to Caitlin Williams and Emma Kilczynski, who both played very well at England home training trials, but narrowly missed out on places – both are going forward to trial for the new Team South U19's superleague franchise – good luck!

Also, Mary-Rose Crapper attended Extension Centre trials recently.

A final congrats goes to Teresa Barrett, who was chosen to help coach England Netball's Home Training.

Finally, don't forget the coverage of Superleague will soon be hitting our Sky Sports screen, the first match to be shown is likely to be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, and will show the Mavericks vs Team Bath match from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – keep up to date with the fixtures by viewing the superleague page at [www.englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk)

## ONDB News

Well, the first meeting back after an AGM requires lots of organising of exciting plans. The coaching bursary forms have now been created and are ready for anyone

who wants to apply for funding to help pay for Level 2 and 3 UKCC courses. The submission dates for these are 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008. You can request a form from [ondbsecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ondbsecretary@googlemail.com). The forms should also be available to download from the website soon.

The website also now has a fantastic new map to show where all the clubs are in the county – just click on the clubs section and have a look! If you need to update any of the contact information for your club please email

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

## Winter Central Venue

Winter Central Venue may well go ahead this year, to register your interest in entering a team please contact Maggie via the secretary email address above.

## Facilities

We are all aware I'm sure of the desperate need for some central venue facilities, to pull together the development of netball across the county and to provide us with somewhere to play centrally.

As applications for funding are going in, the Oxfordshire Netball needs to expand our pot on money in order to match bids from funding bodies. It is really essential therefore, that we all get behind the new fundraising campaign. Each club is being allocated a third of a netball court, people can “buy” a square of the court for £2, each square has a grid reference and after the closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> December, the

references will go into a draw to win:  
 £100 – first prize  
 £50 – second prize  
 £25 – third prize

So do your bit for the project and buy some squares – if each club fills in all of their third then we will have raised our target of £5000!

Once money from clubs has been sent in, a map of the six courts will show just how much each club has raised!

Clubs have been sent the fundraising pack by post and email – but to request a form or for more information, please contact Kate at [ondbsecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ondbsecretary@googlemail.com)

## Juniors

The ONDB held a successful Junior meeting at the end of July. Some important issues were raised at the meeting regarding both local development of junior clubs, and encouraging more senior clubs to start junior sections, getting more girls involved with netball locally; and also considering the progression of club teams to the Regional level. I am pleased to say we have representatives in the South Region Leagues – Oxford Blues U14's and U16's squads will be competing at that level – good luck to them for the coming season! The Junior League is currently adapting to the new focus on club netball, and as such has redesigned the league to support future entry into the regional leagues. This is a very positive step forward and the workforce behind the junior league are doing a fantastic job – it takes a lot of commitment to run junior sections

As ever, volunteers are needed to help out, especially with the

prospect of local clubs being promoted up to the regional leagues from the 08/09 season. If you are interested in helping out then please get in contact with the junior teams, through myself, or the Junior League contacts. In addition, if you are in a senior squad and think you may want to start up a junior section locally, then there is help and advice out there for you, just get in contact with a current team, myself, or Sarah Tamone. The notes from the junior meeting were sent round to all clubs, but if you want a copy they are still available from [ondbsecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ondbsecretary@googlemail.com)

## Academies

The selection days for the academies were successful with 40 girls selected to attend the academy across the U14 and U16 age group. The academies will commence on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 7-9pm at Oxford High School. Although, these are still in their infancy I do appreciate that there have been some teething problems, I am committed to logging these and ensure that any issues are ironed out for the following years. I understand that Wednesday nights has not been suitable for many players, clubs and coaches and wish to apologise, however, trying to find a suitable venue was challenging and therefore had to settle for this night.

The academies are an exciting opportunity to get talented players recognized and allow them to progress further in their playing career. A guide to the academies and the netball competition structure for the county will follow soon to ensure that parents, clubs, teachers

and players are aware of the opportunities.

-Sarah Tamone-

## Sports awards:

Nominations for the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership Sports Awards are now closed with a good number being received from netball. Thank you to all those who nominated and Good Luck! I hope to see many netball faces who have made the shortlist at the awards in November

## Notices:

Raychem Netball Club (Swindon based) have recently gained a place within the Regional League and are looking for a coach of level II or above (or an up and coming coach) to help them with this forth coming season. They are looking for somebody on a Wednesday night, maybe twice a month (less or more would also be great), and would be willing to pay.

Contact Lisa Kellett via Kate: [ondbsecretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ondbsecretary@googlemail.com)

Kidlington Netball Club are proud to announce they received £500 in sponsorship from:

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 tandoori restaurant

11-13 Oxford Road  
 Kidlington  
 Oxford OX5 2BP  
 Open 7 days a week  
 Monday - Saturday: 12noon to 2.30pm  
 & 6.00pm to midnight  
 Sunday: 12noon to 2.30pm  
 & 6.00pm to 11.30pm  
 T: 01865 372827  
 01865 378884  
 F: 01865 849889

Just show's what a netball night out in a great restaurant can achieve!!

## ITV filming opportunity

Sarah Charlton from ITV sport has contacted me regarding a new service they are about to start:

"On Wednesday we will be launching our Grass Roots sports channel – you can already view it here: [www.itvlocalgrassroots.com](http://www.itvlocalgrassroots.com) If you have any footage of the events you are planning then feel free to upload it here. It's a great way to distribute your footage to the community"

This could be a really good opportunity to get our chance to have some local media about the sport we love – if you are planning an event – even maybe the first match of the season, or a rivals match – or anything, then please think about using this service. But please be aware of the restrictions on filming/permission issues.

## **Design a New European Logo**

If you have a flair for design, and have loads of stylish ideas, then Netball Europe needs you!

The association, which represents the seven netballing nations across Europe (England, Gibraltar, Malta, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales) as well as new associate member Israel, wants to replace its existing logo, which has been used for more than ten years.

And, for the winning designer, the Association is offering ten Gilbert netballs for their school or club. The new logo will be revealed at the Netball Europe Festival in Dublin in June 2008 and used on all publicity materials for Netball Europe.

The new logo should be eye catching, simple yet effective and suitable for use in a variety of

media.

To see the existing Netball Europe logo, log onto the international area of [www.Englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk)

To enter the competition, email your design to [info@Englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:info@Englandnetball.co.uk) by 15 January 2008 - England Netball will select the best three logos from the entries receive and then send them on to Netball Europe for final adjudication, alongside the top three entries from the other member countries.

So get designing, and create a new image for netball across Europe!

## **Coming soon a new netball opportunity!**

There will be a meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 8pm at Railway pub, Wheatley to discuss the set up of a new fun and fitness netball club. An Awards for All bid was recently granted to encourage netball in the village, funding has been granted to buy equipment and pay coaches to create a club. This is an ideal opportunity for women to get back into netball or a chance to take up netball in a fun environment. The focus is ages 16+. Perhaps you have a daughter who plays netball and would like to give it a go yourself, or maybe you are a student at the school who wants to play netball outside of school? For more information please contact Steve Kemp on [sjkemp@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:sjkemp@oxford.gov.uk) or call 01865 467285.

## **Netball South Website launched**

Netball South have launched their new website, thanks to the hard work of Anna Maundrell, regional development officer and Jenny

Hotchkiss, Regional Manager and everyone who worked behind the scenes.

Please visit

[www.netballsouth.co.uk](http://www.netballsouth.co.uk) to have a look at all the information from the region. There are course dates, contact information, updates on how the regional teams are faring and more.

## **Courses**

The regional office are pursuing venues to hold level 1 and 2 courses. Dates should be announced shortly. Please visit [www.Englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk) for all courses currently being held.

There are many courses available through the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership, with the requisities such as sports coach uk courses for Clubmark and also others which will help your club to develop. Keep your eyes peeled for the Lessons from ..... events which are workshops from coaches in various sports which offer you skills that can be developed across a variety of sports. There are also first aid courses, safeguarding and protecting children, funding courses, and lots more.

For more information visit

[www.oxonactivesports.co.uk/content-688](http://www.oxonactivesports.co.uk/content-688)

## Affiliations – 2007/8

This guide (sent to all clubs originally in August) should give you all the information you need to know about affiliating to England Netball, South Region and Oxfordshire.

Victoria Bellamy is the Oxfordshire Netball Development Board Treasurer, and is the main contact for affiliations within Oxfordshire. [vbellamy@blenhiempalace.com](mailto:vbellamy@blenhiempalace.com).

We hope that all clubs will be affiliating online this season, and for the 2007-2008 affiliation, this service was available from the **1<sup>st</sup> August**. All clubs should have user name and password in order to log-in to the England Netball Membership area - <http://om.englishnetball.co.uk/script/login.asp?member=true> (remember to click on the *club* login section) or follow the links from [www.englishnetball.co.uk](http://www.englishnetball.co.uk). If you need help with this or your user name/password then you should contact England Netball affiliations department: [affiliations@englishnetball.co.uk](mailto:affiliations@englishnetball.co.uk) or telephone 01462 442344.

Once logged on, you can then click on submit affiliations to add new players or re-affiliate existing ones. This year's fees are as are as follows:

**Over 18's = £31.50**  
(EN £20.50, SR £2, Oxfordshire £9)

**Under 18's = £22**  
(EN £13, SR £2, Oxfordshire £7)

Please note, unlike previous years, the ONDB have decided that the £7 junior fee must be paid by ALL junior players, including those playing in the junior league.

## **All players MUST be affiliated via Oxfordshire prior to playing in the Oxfordshire Leagues.**

When all the affiliation details have been updated on the system, you are then ready to proceed to the payment calculator. As indicated at this point, you will then be asked to **pay the amount in full to England Netball**. England Netball will then pass the fees onto South Region and Oxfordshire on a monthly basis.

Initially you will be able to add, amend and delete participants from your club. However, on subsequent submissions, you will only be able to add and amend details – as membership is non-transferable. The fee for second affiliations (for a member outside of Oxfordshire to join a second club to play within Oxfordshire) is £9, anyone who fulfils this criteria should be added to the system of the club within Oxfordshire and will then be required to tick the box to pay the fees.

There are no-longer cut-off dates for online affiliations:

- To register for our major November competitions, participants must be affiliated and paid by 19th October 2007. After this first return, Clubs may continue to affiliate players online at anytime. To be eligible for a competition, participants must be affiliated and fees paid to EN no less than four days before the competition.
- Providing they affiliate and pay by 19th October 2007, participants will be included in the December Magazine mailing (or by 19th January for the February issue, 19th March for the April issue, etc).
- Clubs that affiliate manually, and Clubs in Counties that collect fees on behalf of EN, will retain the same affiliations deadlines as previous years (7th October, 7th

January, etc)

(taken from England Netball website on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007)

The benefits of EN affiliation are provided on their website.

The benefit of affiliation locally are:

- Access to Oxfordshire Leagues and CentralVenue Summer League
- Providing club leagues for U14, U16 players
- Providing support for C and Beginner level umpires, linking with leagues. Bursary support for this and UCKK Level 2 coaching courses.
- Access to the County Development Officer [stamone@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:stamone@oxford.gov.uk)
- Access to officials who are able to support funding applications
- To represent the views of members at the Regional level
- Links with Schools & Schools tournaments
- Facilities development, via the development officer (A portion of the fee is designated for developing central venue facilities).
- Mentoring for Coaches and Umpires
- Annual Tournaments (Mixed & Versatility)

If you have any problems with the online system in general, you should email

[affiliations@englishnetball.co.uk](mailto:affiliations@englishnetball.co.uk)

**Don't forget, your membership cards will appear with the December issue of the Magazine!**

Finally, what would you like to see in the next issue? It would be useful to have your input on the content of the newsletter. Also, please send your news/stories in so we can share with everyone your successes or anything else that you wish to report.