

Welcome to the sixth issue of the Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter! I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas (seems a while ago now!) and have now managed to get back to match fitness in the New Year!

Congratulations to the massive effort each club has put into fundraising for the netball centre! See later for a full update.

Don't forget, 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).

By now, you should all be aware that Sarah Tamone, our Netball Development Officer, left her post in November 2007.

The post was only funded until March 08, and we are currently waiting to find out whether we will be able to have another part-time person to call on, or what is to happen in the mean-time.

Whilst this potentially brings forward another period of change, it has really highlighted that there is lots for the ONDB to achieve – be it with coaches and umpires, youth development, CAPS, leagues, and of course the all important facilities! In order to do this, the ONDB have decided to introduce sub-committees to the board. As such, each area will have a sub-committee – for example Umpiring. The umpiring sub-committee will then be headed by the board member – so Deborah Horne, who will be able to call together those within her sub-committee to make decisions and work together to achieve their own aims. The board member will then attend ONDB meetings and feed back and consult on any issues.

The ONDB have identified the following new voluntary roles which we believe we need to develop Oxfordshire to it's full potential!

- **Umpiring Administrator**  
Helping mainly with the administration for courses and updating the contact details of current umpires, and dealing with bursaries.
- **Academies Administrator**  
Helping with the administration/organisation and development of the Academies.
- **School-Clubs links sub-committee.** This would be a number of members working towards improving school club links across all school ages – being a link between the schools system, the development board, and junior and senior clubs. A nominated member of this sub-committee would be an ONDB member and attend meetings.
- **Coaching Secretary** – ONDB member. At the moment, duties would include updating contact details of known coaches and passing on information for UKCC courses that are organised regionally and nationally; and dealing with the bursaries.
- **CAPS co-ordinator**  
Helping and encouraging clubs to obtain CAPS accreditation using resources from EN.
- **Central Venue Committee**  
Without a committee, the central venue will not be able to run in the summer – we need a group of volunteers for this. A nominated member of this committee would be an ONDB member and attend meetings.
- **End-of-season/Award Ceremony Organiser/s.**  
To organise an Oxfordshire wide awards ceremony, celebrating our achievements!

If you feel you could help, or are interested in finding out more about the new roles, please don't hesitate to contact myself (01865 371033), or Maggie.

You don't have to already hold a position within your club – you can be any age and have any amount of experience with netball – we just need people with the drive to want to develop netball!

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## News

The South has a new Regional Manager – Helen Wynn.

Also, the South website was launched at the end of 2007, please take a look and use it to keep up-to-date with South news!

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

Following on from the mention in the last newsletter, Congratulations go to Caitlin Williams who was successful in being selected for Team South. Not only that, but she's also an assistant coach for Trinity U12s and is booked to do her Level 1 currently.

Find out more about Team South and the NTL at the regional website above!

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## Junior Netball Festival – March 1<sup>st</sup>

This is an open competition for any junior team (U14 and U16's). It's being held at East Grinstead. Look at the South website for more info and for the entry forms – closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> February!

## ONDB News

### Fundraising!

I'm pleased to announce the winners of the recent "buy a square of court" initiative were as follows:

First prize (£100) – Vale  
Second prize (£50) - Unique  
Third prize (£25) – Arrows

I'm also really pleased to announce the total raised was £1638!

Well done to you all, that's a fantastic effort, and particular commendation goes to the three clubs which managed to raise the maximum £300 each – Challow, Wallingford and Kidlington! In saying that, I'm so pleased that when clubs are having to fundraise for their own needs, the 12 clubs that entered were able to give what they could to the cause – I think you for your continued support on this!

I also need to apologise to at least one club which I did not include in the scheme, and the new clubs that also missed out – if you do feel you can help with some fundraising and give a donation under the scheme (although you've missed the draw), then we'd always be very happy for your support!

Look out for updates on the Oxfordshire website, or contact Sue, at [theblackshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:theblackshaw@hotmail.com) for more information about the project and how you can get involved.

### Winter Central Venue

There was not enough interest this year to run a Winter Central Venue league. Any comments or suggestions for this are welcome.

## Umpiring Courses

Contact your club for more details on the following:

1<sup>st</sup> March, John Mason School – **Beginner Course** (£15 fee) for people with little to no experience of umpiring. (deadline 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb)

8<sup>th</sup> March, John Mason School **C-course** (£20 fee – deadline 29<sup>th</sup> Feb)

### Funding Opportunity - Coaches

The Oxfordshire Sports Partnership is able to help with coaching course fees, for the UKCC level 2 and 3 courses. The next deadline for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## Oxfordshire Sports Partnership Courses

For all up to date information of local sports courses, visit [www.oxonactivesports.co.uk](http://www.oxonactivesports.co.uk), click on infrastructure, and click on workshops!

This does club development courses, as well as first aid, safeguarding and protecting children etc.

UKCC Coaching courses are still being run from the South Region, so visit [www.netballsouth.co.uk](http://www.netballsouth.co.uk) for more info. UKCC level 1 dates are to be announced shortly.

The next UKCC Level 2 around the South area is:

14 & 15 June 12 & 13 July & 2 or 3 August 08, venue to be confirmed (London and South East);

or 19 & 20 July 16 & 17 August & 7 September 08 at East Grinstead (south)

### Regional Planning Day 2008

I attended the Regional planning day on behalf of the ONDB:

A Coaching Workshop is being held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for UKCC Level 1's, and potential Level 1's. This is in Aldershot, from 12pm to 5.30pm, and the entry fee is £25. The workshop will be

focusing on "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR"

when you set up a routine, practice or skill. Your club should have an entry form, or contact the south via their website.

Esther Nicholls, Competition and Events Manager, talked through the structure of decision making within this department, and the stages of consultation. This will culminate with guidelines to be sent to the Region, along with a calendar of events, by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with details for the following season.

Helen Wynn (the new Regional Manager) announced that Paul Clarke has been accepted onto the post as EN CEO on a permanent (rather than acting) basis.

Phyllis Avery also gave a talk on the Golden Globes – there is at least one new award this year – I have master copies of the applications, which are to be completed on-line. These need to be with EN before 31<sup>st</sup> March, the national awards will be held on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> in Nottingham, and the Regional date has yet to be announced.

As part of a pack I was given a load of posters advertising England vs Malawi test series (A3), and some leaflets, EN merchandise forms, and a Childline poster. If anyone wants any of these please let me know!!

Also in the pack was a job advert for a Regional Talent Coach, with Job Description. More info can be found at the South website. Also,

information was provided regarding Coaching Tutors/Assessors courses, again look at the Regional website for more info!



## England Netball is carrying out a national survey of all it's member clubs and they want to hear from you!

EN recognise the great amount of effort that you and your fellow volunteers put in to running your clubs. Your thoughts, views and opinions are important – not only to ensure that EN is catering for your needs, but to feed into their new plan for 2009-19.

Visit:

[http://www.englishnetball.co.uk/Clubs/Club\\_Survey\\_2008.php](http://www.englishnetball.co.uk/Clubs/Club_Survey_2008.php), to fill in the survey (takes around 20 minutes).

### Netball Coaching Scholarships

(wording taken from email of 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 08)

England Netball is working on a new project with YST and scUK. We are providing up to 15 Coaching Scholarships for young coaches and leaders who will be in year 11 or 12 from September 2008.

The package will include:

The young coach would not be awarded any funding direct but instead will be offered a scholarship package which will include the following support:

- Opportunity to claim up to £250 per year to undertake Sports Specific Coaching Awards via their designated NGB and/or generic CPD.
- A level 3 trained mentor identified by their NGB or via Sports Coach UK who will

work with them to identify when, where and what they need in terms of supporting interventions.

- A lifestyle support mentor within their school/college (if applicable) who will help the coach to balance their coaching commitments against academic, performing and social pressures.
- Opportunity to attend 2 x Coach Scholar 'Development' Days per year and a Young Leaders Camp.

A young coach will be classed as a 'scholar' for two years but it is important to recognise that the support they receive will not be stopped after this time; this scholarship is very much the start of their journey to becoming an 'expert' coach in their chosen field. Following the scholarship it is expected that their mentoring support will continue and depending on their selected pathway they will be supported through other mechanism such as Regional Coaching Centres and of course via their National Governing Body.

Criteria for the scholarships are:

- Young coaches should be aged between 16 and 18 years of age and in full-time education as of Sept 2008.
- Are currently engaged in volunteering within the community and are committed to achieving 200 hours of volunteering
- Can demonstrate their commitment to coaching and articulate the aspirations they have as a coach and their desire to succeed.

- Would be willing to undertake their level 1 and/or 2 coaching qualification.

This is a great opportunity, we are one of only four sports involved with this project. I have attached the application form for you to distribute. Applications need to be into Rebecca Skinner, Volunteer Development Manager (Netball House, 9 Paynes Park, Hitchin, SG5 1EH) by Friday 22nd Feb. Please contact Rebecca if you have any questions, 01462 442344 or [rebeccas@englishnetball.co.uk](mailto:rebeccas@englishnetball.co.uk)

### Notices

Kidlington Netball Club are looking to play some friendly matches during the season and over the summer, particularly for those players that are not getting regular league matches. If your club has members that might be interested then please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at [kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk) We'd also use the matches as a great chance for some up and coming umpires to get match practice!

Look out for the raunchy 2008 Sobell House Hospice Calendar, from the guys at 3663 in Abingdon! I have a number to contact them if you're interested in getting hold of one!

### England vs Malawi Test Series:

Sheffield Arena (14 April), Coventry (16 April) and London Wembley (18 April)  
See [www.englishnetball.co.uk](http://www.englishnetball.co.uk) for details/purchasing of tickets.