

## The Bulletin



### ... Stop Press ... England Netball Board Director to Run London Flora Marathon

Lyn Carpenter, current England Board Director, Chair of Netball Europe and former England Netball Player with 33 caps is running her first London Marathon on 13 April 2008 in aid of Shelter. Lyn has always wanted to run a marathon and the London event this year will be her first, which is also the centennial year for the marathon (1908 - 2008). Having played netball for so many years, the training required for a marathon and netball was so different that it was never possible in the past to achieve this ambition, which has been a lifelong one. The decision to support Shelter was due to Lyn's believe that it is a fundamental right of every person to have a proper roof over their heads. Lyn wants to put her fitness to good use in raising as much money for Shelter this year as she can and hopes her friends and colleagues at England Netball will support her. 'We are all lucky enough to have homes to go to but so many people are just not so fortunate. Running the London Marathon has been an ambition as long as I can remember and I am so excited to be taking part this year'.

#### Join our Team Campaign Update - Netball East

Currently Netball East has around 300 votes, are ranked number one in the East Region but have sadly fallen out of the top five initiatives nationally. Emily St John - Regional Manager would like to thank everyone who has voted so far and to ask for a little extra help by enlisting the support of your family and friends to boost the votes. Copies of the voting slip are available from Netball East and should be returned to Emily c/o England Netball Head Office by 10 August or alternatively why not vote on line:

<http://www.joinourteam.com/initiative/showinitiative?id=539>

#### Death of Mary Bulloch - Honorary Life Member

Following the death of Mary Bulloch on Friday 14 March England Netball would like to share some of the tribute messages received.

How very sad to hear the news of Mary Bulloch's death.

I remember her well not only for the wonderful work she did as Editor of 'Netball' magazine when I was privileged to serve on the same AENA committee with her many, many years ago but also the fact that she was a lovely and gracious lady.

I send my condolences to her family and closest friends.

**Barbara Bishop - Vice President**

Mary was one of the members who helped to support the Association throughout the war years and in the early days of the magazine my husband supplied a number of the photographs. From that time we regarded Mary as a great friend and on a recent visit to Sarnbrook we had lunch with her. She still had a great sense of fun and humour and we spent time reminiscing over our years in netball.

Please convey our condolences to the family.

**Jean Bourne - Past President**

I was very sad to hear of the death of Mary Bulloch, Honorary Life Member. I never knew Mary really well but I remember her name cropping up in my early days in the 60's, and she was always at the heart of netball from then on. Her passion and work on the magazine for so long demands respect. It was not easy in the early years to get wide contributions from the membership, but each magazine, and it was quarterly then, took great efforts to produce. I sent my first article in to her in the 60's and have been going on and off since. I have copies of nearly all the smaller magazines since then and often looked back in them for inspiration during my coaching years. I bumped into her at Wembley and at many other international events in the 70's to 90's when I was involved on the international scene. Netball owes her a lot. She will be missed.

**Betty Galsworthy - Ex England Player and Coach**

Mary, did a lot for Netball over the years and has left a legacy of voluntary service which I hope will not die with her.

**Mary French - Honorary Life Member**

I was saddened to read of the death of Mary, a life long friend and a wonderful supporter of England Netball.

**Nora Ashworth - Honorary Life Member**

I remember Mary well and her invaluable contribution to the Association particularly through her editorship of the England Netball Magazine and her thoughtful verbal input at A.G.M's and other meetings.

**Jean Perkins - Honorary Life Member**

It was with sadness I read the news of the death of Mary Bulloch on return from an Easter holiday. As the Surrey Chairman and later the S.E. Secretary and their representative on the National Executive Committee I knew Mary as a friend and colleague.

**Eileen Brewer - Honorary Life Member**

She was a remarkable person and a great character, who was always so pleased to meet friends and listen to their tales. I was very fond of her.

**Margaret Thompson - Honorary Life Member**

I've known Mary since the early fifties, first as an England player and then we became friends on my becoming President. I have always admired her and had great respect for her as a person and for her commitment to Netball. She was one of the few who gave the game the firm and good foundation on which our game has grown. It is a sad time, but the memories I have of Mary are happy cheerful ones.

**Jean Robinson - Honorary Life Member**

Mary was an example to us all as she gave willingly all her time and skills to netball. The magazine was her pride and joy and her war cry was "write it don't just say it", making many of us feel guilty. She had a great knowledge of the history of our game and many memories that she was always pleased to share. In the true sense of the word she was a lovely lady who will be remembered with affection by many.

**Alison Burnley - Honorary Life Member**

Donations totalling £125 have been forwarded to St Stephen's Church, Ealing in memory of Mary.

#### Minister of Sport Letter

England Netball has received a letter from Gerry Sutcliffe, Minister of Sport on behalf of the Prime Minister. The letter is in response to a communication England Netball wrote to Gordon Brown to thank him for promoting the concept of Netball being a showcase event in London 2012 and inviting him to the Test Match v Malawi. It is an extremely positive letter that acknowledges the great work being done by the entire "Netball Team" to develop and deliver high quality sporting opportunities for our existing and prospective members. Encouragingly it is not just a standard reply but has been personalised to Netball and recognises our hard work and achievements.



A full size version of this letter can be viewed on page 6 of this bulletin.



## Appointments, Vacancies & Leavers

### Talent Administrator

Anne-Marie Thompson has been working with England Netball as a temporary member of staff in the performance department for the past year and has been extremely dedicated to her role as temporary Talent Administrator. I am very pleased to announce that as of Monday 17 March Anne-Marie became a permanent member of England Netball staff, as the Talent Administrator. Welcome on board Anne-Marie!

### West Midlands Regional Administrator

I am extremely sorry to announce that Louise Handley, West Midlands Regional Administrator left England Netball on 4 April 2008 to take up an excellent Marketing opportunity in London. Louise made an enormous impact on West Midlands netball and will be sadly missed. Good Luck Louise.

### Warwickshire Netball Development Coordinator

Tracy Murphy, NDC-Warwickshire will leave the West Midlands team on 1 May 2008 for a new role as Business Development Manager at CSW Sport. Tracy has been an asset to the region, taking on the regional administrator role before moving on to the Warwickshire NDC role. Her knowledge of netball is second to none and her contribution to both her county and the region as a whole has been excellent. The region will be sorry to see her leave however, we wish her every success in her new role.

### Karen Rothery - Commercial Director

Karen leaves England Netball to take up a position as CEO of The British Universities and Colleges Sport. I thank Karen for her contribution to the development of netball over the last 2.5 years and wish her every success in her new role.

### Esther Nicholls - Competition & Events Manager

Esther is leaving England Netball on 16 April to join UK-Sports World Class Events Team. Esther has transformed the Events and Competition function during her time with England Netball and will be missed by all. Thank you Esther for your hard-work and commitment and good luck for the future.



## Commercial

A busy time in the commercial department with national finals and the culmination of the Co-operative Superleague dominating our activity. Our relationship with The Co-operative continues with the arrival of Clara Co-oper (or CC as she prefers to be called) from her spaceship to entertain the crowds at the Co-operative Superleague playoffs. We will be seeing much more of her in the future.

The test series is almost upon us, and Kukri, our official kit sponsor, will for the first time be selling specially designed event merchandise. The new retail range should also be on sale, be amongst the first to see it. We will also be selling the Avon Empowerment bracelet, first of anyone in the UK to do so, well ahead of the official launch date of 4 June. We only have 100, so it's first come first served, and the proceeds go towards helping Refuge, our official England Netball charity.

Major news also to be launched at the test series, England Netball is starting it's own England Supporters Club - go along to the England Netball official merchandise stand and pick up a goody bag with a water bottle, towel and key ring, and be one of the first 500 to join the club. Members will qualify for special discounts, competitions and other benefits.

We will be announcing next week a new official partnership - England Netball has a new official sports bra supplier, the leading high street brand, which will supply bras to the England teams and provide discounts to members. Look out on the website and in the England Netball magazine for more news.

We have also recently renewed our long relationship with Mitre as our official netball supplier - for 4 more years, but this time with a special website which Mitre are developing for us right now, where members can get special packs of merchandise and help raise funds for netball - Mitre will be passing a royalty to England Netball for all sales made through the website.

There will also be a "viral marketing campaign" - in the summer, watch out for it.

I am now preparing to leave England Netball after 2 and a half fascinating years here - thanks to all my colleagues for their support over this time - and I wish England Netball continued success.

### Competition & Events

#### The Cooperative International Test Series

- Final preparations in hand and we look forward to welcoming Malawi to England as well as all our supporters to the event!
- The Cooperative have agreed to partner EN on the series and we are delighted with their continued and invaluable support of EN activities
- Tickets are still available at Wembley, Sheffield and very few at Coventry as we speak..... Get your tickets now!

## The Cooperative Netball Superleague

- Play Off Weekend 1 and 2 have been completed successfully and we have our two finalists in Mavericks and Loughborough Lightning who will fight it out to be this seasons champions. So we will see a new winner to the Superleague Trophy. We wish both teams the best of luck for the coming match.
- National Schools Competition was staged successfully in terrible weather and threats of cancellation but we got there! For a list of the winners please contact Richard Steed; [events@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:events@englandnetball.co.uk)
- Under 16 finals still to take place next weekend and well done to the qualifiers thus far.
- Challenge Cup competition is well underway with over 70 entries in a highly complicated North and South draw! Many thanks to all for their support of the event and may the giant killing continue until the finals in June at Loughborough at all three levels! Good luck in all the matches this weekend!
- Premier League many congratulations to Linden for securing the league title their second in three years. A second title this season for Colette Thomson their coach!
- Premier League 2 remains close as it has all season with place in the league and the league title still up for grabs!
- NTL Championship has been won by West Midlands Warriors the academy league associated with the superleague has survived its first season and well done to them. The first winners! Watch out at the test series to see them presented with their title

As a highly busy period starts I would like to thank Matt and Richard for all their support to me in my time at England Netball. It has been a pleasure to work with you both.



## Performance

### Malawi

The Malawi National team have arrived safely in the UK ahead of the three Test matches against England on the 14, 16, and 18 April. The Team are starting their visit with some time in Scotland, where they will play Scotland on the 11 April, before heading South to the first Test in Sheffield. With the introduction of the new World Ranking system, every match counts for World Ranking points of course now, so the pressure will be on both teams throughout the series. It is worth noting that this is only the second sports team from Malawi to travel to the UK –the Malawi National Football team visited England in the 1970's, but no other teams have competed here.

The interest in Malawi, and among the Malawian Community here in the UK is very significant! Look forward to the singing of the Malawians in the crowds!

### England

With our new National Coach (Sue Hawkins) having only arrived in the country 2 weeks ago, this Test series is a very early opportunity to get to know the squad. Working with Sue, the selectors have invited an extended squad into training in Sheffield, with the team to compete being identified from that training camp. We wish the whole squad well for the series, and trust that Sue enjoys the first of many home Test series victories!

### Lyn Gunson

I am saddened to say that Lyn Gunson has handed in her resignation as 21 and Under Coach (and University of Bath Director of Netball), and is returning to New Zealand. Lyn has made an incredible contribution to netball in England and the SW of England in her time here (8 years +), coaching England at Open and U21 level, and playing a major role in developing the next generations of athletes and coaches. There is some good news – Lyn's last contribution will be to work with Sue Hawkins and the National Squad through the Malawi Test Series. That gives us the chance to say thank you and farewell to Lyn properly, so be prepared!

### Anti-Doping

Nigel Holl attended a UKSport hosted Anti-Doping Conference. There is much changing in the world of Anti-Doping – a new Independent National Anti-Doping Authority is being established (taking over from UK-Sport), and there is a newly established Independent Panel which can hear cases if we as a Governing Body wish to use their expertise. There is also a revised World Anti-Doping Code being introduced – which will require us to update our Anti-Doping policy before 31 December 2008. We await specific guidance on areas that we need to update. Further issues will be raised with PTAG – a wider education programme (based on the UKSport 100%Me) than we currently operate would be beneficial.

### Talent

**Regional Talent Coaches – club & coach programme:** The appointment of Regional Talent Coaches courtesy of the Club and Coach Award from Sport England has got to the point of the first new member of staff starting. This is great news, and we welcome Joan Young as the Regional Talent Coach for Yorkshire & Humberside. Thus far, we have appointed in 5 and a half regions, with re-adverts currently placed for those regions where we have not been successful in recruiting. The current situation is as follows:



## Regional Services

### CAPS Assessment

Clubs that passed their CAPS assessment and were awarded Bronze/Silver/Gold.

Name on Certificate	Bronze Silver	Region
Seatonians Netball Club	Gold	England Netball - North East
Charlestown Netball Club	Silver	
Halton Netball Club	Silver	England Netball - North West
Stockport Netball Club	Bronze	
Phoenix Netball Club	Silver	England Netball - Yorkshire
Tibberton Netball Club	Gold	England Netball - West Midlands
Flames Netball Club	Bronze	
Dacorum Youth Development Netball Club	Bronze	
Manor Netball Club	Bronze	England Netball - East
Jaguars Netball Club	Bronze	
Crosskeys Netball Club	Gold	
Hillcrest Netball Club	Bronze	
Cumberland Netball Club	Silver	England Netball - London South East
Minchenden Netball Club	Silver	
Thunderbirds	Bronze	England Netball - South
Ashton Aces Netball Club	Bronze	
Natwest Netball Club	Bronze	England Netball - South West
Randwick Netball Club	Bronze	
Longwell Green Sports	Silver	

### CCPR Sports Club of the Year Awards 2008

England Netball South Club FM Eclipse Netball Club have been short listed for the prestigious CCPR Sports Club of the Year Award 2008. As such they are a guaranteed prize recipient and will find out at the awards ceremony in London on May 6 as to whether they have come 1st, 2nd or 3rd. With prizes of £6000, £3000 and £1000 respectively up for grabs, FM Eclipse have done exceptionally well and are in for a much deserved windfall.

Region	RTC Name	Full time / Part time	Start Date
North East	Re-advertise		
York & Humberside	Joan Young	Full time	Thursday 3 April
North West	Karen Greig	Full time	Monday 14 April
West Midlands	Re-advertise		
East Midlands	Rosie Port	27 hours per week (decision to be made re: additional 8 hours)	Late May (date tbc)
East	Jo Munnion	18 hours per week (additional 17 hours to be re advertised)	Mid April (date tbc)
South	Jan Crabtree	Full time	Monday 16 June
London & South East	Re-advertise		
South West	Jo Binns	Full time	Part time 23 April Full time 14 July

### National Screening

94 athletes attending the national Screening on Sunday 16 March. From that group 32 athletes were selected to attend the Easter Performance Camp in April. There have been some timing issues with the nomination process this year – resulting in some difficult situations for some athletes and regions. Whilst the timing had been flagged some-time earlier, this does need to be reviewed, and Kelly Parkynn (National Talent manager) will address this.

### TASS (Talent Athlete Scholarship Scheme)

An internal review has been conducted of the “home training” situation, and this links in with a national review of the TASS programme across all sports. This review will make further progress at a national meeting in April, after which we will be able to confirm the approach for 2008/9 onwards.

## Life in the world of volunteering...

### Young Leaders Camp 2008

England Netball has teamed up with English Gymnastics, UK Athletics and the Rugby Football Union to offer a unique opportunity for young coaches, umpires and volunteers to attend their Young Leaders Camp 2008.

The purpose of the Young Leaders Camp is to deliver an inspirational leadership opportunity for young people aged 16-19 years and to train those young leaders in a number of areas of the game, using them as long-term advocates and volunteers within Netball Clubs.

The inaugural and prestigious camp is taking place at Bradfield College near Reading from Monday 11 August – Wednesday 13 August 2008 and will involve a whole variety of learning opportunities around leadership skills, team building and netball in general.

The event will be run by staff from the four sports with the programme covering a whole breadth of netball from learning about coaching and umpiring, to engaging with the media, sports psychology, high five, running a club and much more!

England Netball has 40 places up for grabs. To be eligible, volunteers need to meet the following criteria:

- Young Leaders should be aged between 16 and 19 years of age at the time of the camp
- Are currently engaged in volunteering in netball, either in a school or club environment
- Can demonstrate their commitment to volunteering and articulate the aspirations they have as a volunteer and their desire to succeed

This camp is kindly being part funded by the AENA Youth Trust and without their support, England Netball would be unable to be involved – so, big thanks!

Application forms for the Young Leaders Camp 2008 can be found at <http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk>. Alternatively contact Ayesha Malik on 01462 442344 or at [ayesham@Englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:ayesham@Englandnetball.co.uk) and she will send you a hard copy of the application form.

The deadline for applications is Friday 23 May 2008.

To find out more information about the Young Leaders Camp 2008 please contact England Netball's Volunteer Manager, Rebecca Skinner by email : [rebeccas@Englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:rebeccas@Englandnetball.co.uk)

### Coaching Scholarships

England Netball has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust, Sports Coach UK and Double Olympic Champion, Dame Kelly Holmes to offer a unique opportunity for gifted and talented young coaches to become part of the 'Believe to Achieve with Kelly – Coaching Scholarships' Programme. The scheme has been advertised throughout the Regions and we received over 40 applications from young coaches across the County. England Netball have now selected 15 young coaches to be put forward to Youth Sport Trust. We're keeping our fingers crossed that all 15 young coaches will get a scholarship...we will keep you posted!



## Development

### Officiating

- Chris Harpham and Sheelagh Redpath attended the Membership Meeting to give an overview of the officiating strategy
- Jan Burke oversaw the umpires and table officials involved in the CSNL final play off and Under 21 selection matches at the EIS in Sheffield
- 6 umpires worked all day at the National screening in Bath overseen by Sheelagh Redpath (Ian Fuller, Caswell Palmer, Jayne Bourne Carol Williams, Paul Withers Lucy Mitchell)
- Final preparations well underway for the test series umpires and table officials, all the Premier League play offs where the Umpire Talent ID team will be overseeing these matches together with the Under 16 playoffs / final
- Video coverage for England umpires from the Netball Europe Champions is gradually being transferred onto DVD and copies forwarded to England umpires.
- Judith Groves (IFNA IUA from Avon) has been appointed as one of the officials for the Scotland v Malawi match in Scotland. Gary Burgess (Performance umpire from Bedfordshire) has been appointed as third official – a great opportunity for both of them and in particular for Judith as this will be her first major international appointment
- Delivery of the new rules was made to a group of 33 performance umpires and coaches, EN Board members, Corporate Team at Head office, Table officials, Umpire Talent identification members Netball magazine personnel prior to the CCNSL finals in Crawley on 5 April. Work has already started with the regions beginning to identify dates for their regional delivery of the rule. The England squad will have a session during their training on Thursday 10 April in Sheffield



## Public Relations

### Messages of Support

England Netball has sent messages of support to Turton High School in Bolton who will be visiting Barbados on a netball tour during 2008 and Trafford Junior Netball Club who will be taking their U14 Netball Squad on a tour to Australia this summer.

### Maccabiah Games - July 2009

A message of support has also been forwarded to Maccabi GB who will be taking a Junior and Open Netball Squad as part of the Great Britain Team participating at the 18th Maccabiah World Games in Israel.

The Maccabiah Games are held every 4 years in Israel and were first held in 1932, they are now the 3rd largest sporting event in the world after the Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games.

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Dear Paul

Thank you for your letter of the 25 February, inviting the Prime Minister to attend the Test Match between England and Malawi at Wembley on 18 April. In my capacity as Minister of Sport, I have been asked to reply.

Unfortunately, the Prime Minister is unable to attend due to existing diary commitments. However, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of England Netball in increasing growth across a number of key areas in the sport including accredited netball clubs, club membership, coaches and volunteers, as well as improving success at the elite level of the sport. The recent development of the SuperLeague has also been a major step forward for the sport and with the increased television coverage the future appears encouraging for the sport.

These achievements reflect the all the hard work and commitment of the organisation and have been instrumental in the sport's resurgence of popularity and national success in all age groups.

The Prime Minister and I would like to pass on our best wishes to all those involved in the organisation of the event, and have every expectation it will be a tremendous success.

yours  
  
GERRY SUTCLIFFE



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