



# NEWSLETTER – October 2015

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# Welcome to Netball West Midlands

JOIN US



We have plenty of midlands based Netball News for you covering all areas of the Midlands. To ensure we cover your area please don't hesitate to contact us with any news and information regards your club.

There's a page covering our England roses and their development and staffing structure.

Links to our Social Media pages and development on these.

Your Voice is heard!

And plenty of updates from your front line team working hard to put the Midlands on the MAP!

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the last addition of the Newsletter for this year and what a year it has been! Regional league, Tournaments, volunteers, courses, workshops, CPD events, Golden Globes to name a few..

Yet again the team have been very busy and together we have arranged this newsletter and hopefully compiled all the relevant information you require. Please let us know if you have any news that you wish to share in this Newsletter please let us know.

We hope you enjoy.

**Regional Manager  
Shelley Gudgeon**



### Head of - Stays!

England Netball is delighted to announce that Tracey Neville has been appointed as the permanent head coach of the England Roses.



The former Manchester Thunder coach guided England to a bronze medal at the Netball World Cup in Australia last month, where they sealed third place with an emphatic 66-44 victory over Jamaica.

Speaking of her appointment, the ex-England shooter said "I am extremely proud to have been appointed as the England Roses head coach on a full-time basis.

"I look forward to implementing and developing a style of play that can take the Roses to the next level and to start competing in World finals.

"The focus is now for England to become the best in the world and I am passionate that we reach this goal. I would like to thank Joanna Adams and Sara Symington for placing their faith in me to achieve this."

England Netball CEO, Joanna Adams added "We are very pleased that Tracey has confirmed that she will stay on and lead England into our next four year cycle, culminating in the 2019 World Cup to be staged on home soil in Liverpool.

### Gold for U21's

England were crowned 2015 Netball Europe U21 Champions following a dramatic final day victory over Wales at the Aberdeen Sports Village yesterday.

Both nations headed into the gold medal play-off match having secured wins from their previous two fixtures. The young Roses were pushed all the way but managed to pull clear in the closing stages to seal a 63-56 success.

### Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015

England produced their finest performance of the tournament to overpower the Sunshine Girls 66-44 and take the bronze medal at the World Cup in Sydney earlier today.

It has been a rollercoaster two weeks for the Roses and the pattern resumed this morning. They fell behind early on but surged back to take a five goal half-time lead.



The record-breaking crowd rose to their feet to applaud a world class display from the England Roses as they took revenge for a defeat at last year's Commonwealth Games in the sweetest of styles.

Stay ahead of the game with January's England games. With hospitality packages starting from £89 and tickets on sale from just £16 for a junior and £22 for an adult, this is the ideal chance for England fans to watch the team in action following this summer's Netball World Cup.

### GOLD for Indoor NETS

A thrilling 51-47 victory over South Africa for the England U18 Ladies saw them become 6s World Champions at the World Indoor Netball Association (WINA) World Cup in Brisbane earlier this morning.

It was a fitting finale for the youngsters who had topped their group with four wins from six matches. In lifting the trophy they become the first England side to win gold in the history of the event.





### We have now moved..

We are heading off in another direction at West Midlands Netball. We are off on the other side of Wolverhampton University, Walsall Campus, some would say "thank goodness" as we are closer to Starbucks!



Here's where we are:  
WA Building  
WA231-WA241  
Top Floor  
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### Walking NETS!

Walking NETS has come to Birmingham at the Indoor NETS Centre, Marsh Hill, Erdington. Aimed at those who want to keep fit and have fun, but cannot run for various reasons. So come along and join in the fun, every Wednesday morning. It is indoors, so don't worry about the weather. Just turn up or contact Pauline on 07540 126814 or [Pauline.knight@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:Pauline.knight@englandnetball.co.uk)

### Congratulation's Zoe..!

It is with great pleasure we inform you that Zoe W is now Mrs Stephenson



### Academy keen to help assist with England Stars

Warwickshire Academy coaches and players made the most of the local opportunity to attend Make The Game Live 2015 at the University of Warwick in September. The event was supported by the Warwickshire Academy athletes and both delegates and players enjoyed workshops led by some of England Netball's leading coaches and officials including Tracy Neville & Tamsin Greenway.



### Christmas is coming..!

So Christmas is round the corner and we are closed from the following dates: break up on the 24<sup>th</sup> December and return to the office on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. We hope you all have a marvellous Christmas and New Year and we look forward to another outstanding Year!

### Support networks:

So here's a list of our county websites  
[www.birminghamnetball.co.uk](http://www.birminghamnetball.co.uk)  
[www.herefordshirenetball.co.uk](http://www.herefordshirenetball.co.uk)  
[www.Shropshire-netball.co.uk](http://www.Shropshire-netball.co.uk)  
[www.staffordshirenetball.co.uk](http://www.staffordshirenetball.co.uk)  
[www.southstaffsnetball.co.uk](http://www.southstaffsnetball.co.uk)  
[www.warwickshirenetball.co.uk](http://www.warwickshirenetball.co.uk)  
[www.worcestershirecountynetball.co.uk](http://www.worcestershirecountynetball.co.uk)  
Check out their website pages.

# Herefordshire

## Lindsay Hacking

### FE NETBALL MASHUP

The very first Netball Mash Up took place in Hereford on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Hereford Sixth Form College. 7 teams from Lucton School, John Masefield Sixth Form, Hereford Cathedral School and Hereford Sixth Form college took part in the mini match type event with all teams playing 3 games throughout the afternoon. With a focus to get more 16-18 year olds involved in sport it was fantastic to see so many girls taking part! This event will now run monthly and is open to all sixth form/college establishments across the county.



### Netball Now

Netball Now returned to Hereford for 6 weeks during the summer and what a 6 weeks it was!! Over 50 ladies took to the courts which included a

mixture of both league and brand new players. There were plenty of budding umpires on the side lines also practicing for their beginner awards. Massive thank you to all who played, umpired and volunteered their time to make it such a success!



### B2N is booming!

B2N has restarted in Hereford and with a record number of 34 ladies at the first session it seems to be a big hit. Following the first session coach Anna Robertson said "I had such a big buzz from tonight. A great turn out and some really good feedback already" Weekly sessions will continue until Christmas.





## ADL (Award in Delivering Learning) Tutor training success

Well done to Jurdene Godsil for successfully completing the England Netball ADL Umpire Tutor Training programme. This has been a rigorous process including classroom sessions, micro teaching, observations, formal assessments and co-delivery. Jurdene has worked tirelessly to complete all elements of the course and she will prove an invaluable asset to England Netball's Tutor Workforce.

To find out more about Tutor and Assessor training, visit:

[http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/officiating/Tutor and Assessor Training](http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/officiating/Tutor_and_Assessor_Training)

## Yendys U16 crowned champions at Poole Junior Tournament

Well done to Yendys Under 16 netball team who were crowned champions at the Poole annual Junior Tournament on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The U16 section saw 14

competitive teams enter, with this being Yendys first year entering the event.



## Grasshoppers Abi Weake awarded at Dudley Volunteer Awards 2015!

Congratulations to Abi Weake who was named as Sporting Champion 2015 at the Dudley Volunteer Awards for her amazing work building and strengthening netball with the Mini-Hoppers! From South Staffordshire & the West Midlands, well done Abi!

To find out more about the 2015 Dudley Volunteer Awards visit:

<https://dva2015.wordpress.com/>



# Staffordshire

## Indoor Netball Association World Cup 2015!

Congratulations to Brogan Griffiths from Tean Valley Netball Club who recently captained the U23 mixed team at the Indoor Netball Association World Cup in Australia. To find out more about Nets, visit:

<http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/my-game/Nets>

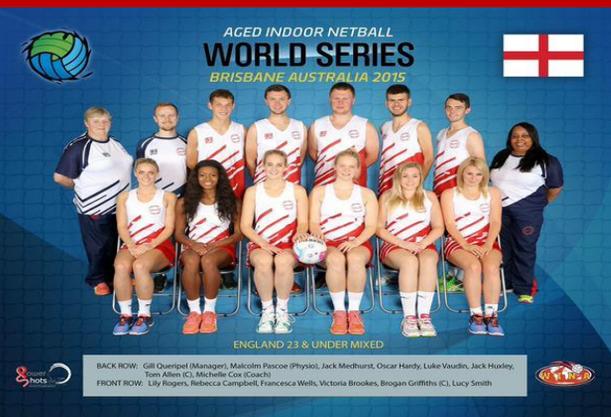


## Amber Sorsby has passed on her passion for netball!

Many congratulations to Amber Sorsby who was recognised at the National Golden Globe Awards at the Ricoh Arena on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Amber was recognised for completing 400 hours of volunteering through England Netball's Pass on your Passion scheme!

From Staffordshire and the West Midlands, well done Amber! To find out more about the Pass on your Passion volunteering scheme, visit:

[http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/volunteers/Pass\\_On\\_Your\\_Passion](http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/volunteers/Pass_On_Your_Passion)



# Birmingham

Pauline Knight



## Sparkhill Netball Club 70<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

70 years old is a good achievement in any walk of life, and Sparkhill Netball Club were particularly proud to reach that milestone this year, as the Club was originally founded in 1945.

To celebrate, Sparkhill put together an Anniversary Funday & Tournament and invited past & present Sparkhill players, along with local clubs to come and help us celebrate in style, with support from the Big Summer of Netball and Moseley School.

The day was a resounding success, not only was some great netball played; we had absolutely fabulous weather, and it was wonderful to welcome back so many old faces – our nostalgia table was a real hit, bringing a tear to the eye of many as they looked through photographs and articles. Friends and families had a lovely time, and the Ice cream van and burger stands did a roaring trade!

Congratulations go to Sutton Royals and Saints who won the Senior Cup & Plate sections of the tournament, and to Birmingham City NC who won the intermediates section.

Sparkhill did manage to get in amongst the trophies, with our fledgling team of Cubs finishing runners up in the Intermediates final!

With nearly 30 teams attending, 250 players, 20 umpires and around another 100 or more spectators, it was a fantastic community event and we may consider making it an annual event!

B2N

Birmingham's 'Back to Netball' new participation figures soar during quarter 2 of this year. The 301 enthusiastic girls and women looking to netball as their sport, consist of a combination of students now settling in and around the city, existing community members and new 6<sup>th</sup> form students. The record high numbers achieved in September alone (170), follow the trend set over the past few years.



website:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sparkhillnetballclub>

email: [Debbie@bhleakerubber.co.uk](mailto:Debbie@bhleakerubber.co.uk)

# Worcestershire

Gayle Penn

## Movement into Prem 2.

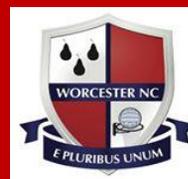


Undefeated Ryland NC in the premier league 2 is hoping for a big turnout at their next home match at Bromsgrove School on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. The Bromsgrove side gained promotion last season and have continued their winning ways with wins over Grangetown, Telstars and Premier Romans. Their superb start means they move up to second place in the league with all to play for and Head Coach Amie Blake has now urged the people of Bromsgrove and Worcestershire to get behind them as they prepare for 5 home matches before the Christmas break. 'We are hoping for really good turnout at are home matches', she continues ' we have got players in our squad that thrive of playing in front of a big crowd and can help us with our winning streak'

## Worcester Reds drumming up for thriller game!

Worcester Reds have also had 2 home wins at the University of Worcester. Their last match winning 43-29 versus the Jersey based Team Jets and the match before another win against Kent County.

This is all building up to the 1st local derby match between the 2 Worcestershire sides on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Bromsgrove School and with Worcester Reds familiar with Ryland's home venue it is anticipated to be a thriller.



[http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/competitions/2015-16/premier-league-2/figures\\_104](http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/competitions/2015-16/premier-league-2/figures_104)



### [Congratulations to Copsewood Diamonds NC in Coventry for supporting club member](#)

Siobhan Ashby to raise £3000 towards the Breast Cancer Unit at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire through the their pink laces of love #lolshivers campaign. A fantastic cause and an amazing effort. Proud of you all.



### [Maintaining Standards](#)

CAPS celebrations and congratulations to **Lyndon Centre** in Solihull and CAPS coordinator Tracey Parker for achieving GOLD club status and becoming one of 4 GOLD, 2 SILVER and 5 BRONZE clubs in the county.

### [Huge Leap forwards with new Netball Club.](#)

Junior netball provision in Stratford Upon Avon has taken a huge leap forwards with the formation of newly affiliated club Stratford Thunderbirds. The club has exploded onto the Warwickshire netball scene entering teams into the CWNA Youth League, the WM Regional Development League as well as the England Netball National Clubs competition. Warwickshire NDO Sarah Taylor has commended the club on its positive strides to provide high quality recreational and competitive opportunities for the local community. " Head Coach Kelly McCormack, Active Communities Manager Nick Richards along with the newly formed club committee lead by Lucy Hargreaves, are working full steam ahead to develop an exciting new club that will certainly make its mark in the county."

Visit for further details [www.stratfordthunderbirds.com](http://www.stratfordthunderbirds.com)

Congratulations to all involved, we are excited to see the forward movement.



Netball Dynamix come to Warwickshire . Read all about our recent coach workshop . <http://www.warwickshirenetball.co.uk/coaches-feature.html>

Congratulations to LMR Netball Club for winning the CSW Sport Satellite Club of the Year and to club member Lauren Hall for winning participant of the year.

<http://www.warwickshirenetball.co.uk/awards--recognitions.html>

The new Warwickshire Netball Midweek League burst into life on 14<sup>th</sup> October with the opening night of fixtures at Caludon Castle in Coventry. The league has been introduced to develop new and emerging teams, as well as supporting umpire development. For the full round up of results and photos please visit <http://www.warwickshirenetball.co.uk/midweek-league.html>

Visit to read all about High 5 to 7 Aside success in Coventry <http://www.warwickshirenetball.co.uk/high-5.html>

# Shropshire

## Zoe Stephenson

Amy's honest endeavour pays off!

Congratulations to Amy on her new Position as a member of the England Netball Youth Advisory Group.

Amy's Story

I applied for it on the EN website they chose 4 new members from across England, the group is made up of 8 members and I'm the only one from West Midlands. The group analyse EN propositions and come up with new ideas and plan stuff the link to the website: [www.englandnetball.co.uk/youth/involved](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/youth/involved)



**Amy's Netball History:**

<http://www.shropshire-netball.co.uk/?p=1507>

### League Council

The League Council is a sub committee of the Main Shropshire Netball Association.

Its main aim to provide a link from the County Committee to all the Leagues in the County.

They are also responsible for organising the Church Stretton Tournament held each year – date this year is 28th June 2015

Each league can nominate to members two represent them on the committee.

### Committee

Chair Ali Thompson

V Chair Karen Bennett

Secretary [Becca Bowdler](#) – Main Contact

Treasurer Pam Dean

### Golden Globe NATIONAL steal!

**National Recognition:** We love this time of year as we get the chance to come together to appreciate all things netball and those who are very much on the front line of our sport, we all know what it takes to give the time up from friends and family when endeavouring in what we love, well this year round the West Midlands had what can only be described as fantastic recognition from our deservedly so “unsung heroes” at the National GGA.



**It's a NETS sort of thing!** NETS! Fun, Fast and How? 4 teams, 32 players, one court surrounded with NETS! Yes NETS! West Midlands Netball created a little competition seeing 32 players come together to play mixed netball but with a difference... NETS everywhere, playing off the NETS, Not touching the NETS, Shooting from outside the “D” for 2 points, running as fast as you can to create a speedy and a somewhat intense game! But we did it and you loved it! Also in attendance was England NETS player Jack he commented on the day “What a fantastic day to be had by any netballer out there, this was a great introduction to our game and we're thankful for the opportunity from the West Mids Team to put this together so quickly, can't wait till the next one”

The Ricoh arena in Coventry hosted the nominees, friends, family, coaches, volunteers and a selection of England stars. We were very proud of the fact that Page Jackson (Young Volunteer Award), Sarah Davies (Teacher Award), Dayl Dufrane (Muriel McNally Award) and to top it off Amber Sorsby & Carla McShane received a reward for their achievements in volunteering through Pass on your Passion scheme. What an absolute fantastic achievement and we are so proud of everybody.

This is an exceptional time for anybody, but the feedback we have had from all that received their awards has been remarkable and to embark on such a journey from the Region to National finals must be worth so much more, so please don't forget if you know anyone who deserves your nomination then please do the honourable things and shout up ready for the Regions 2016 GGA!



**CAPS Congrats:** A huge congratulation's to all our re-assessments CAPS clubs within our region, we are proud of your achievements yet again and also proud that you adhere to responsibilities set by England Netball. It allows us to “thank you” for all your hard work that you are putting forward for our netballers of today and of course those of our future too. Thank you to the County areas for keeping up appearances within the West Midlands, and those who are yet again working towards this achievement.

# Courses/Workshop

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## UKCC Level 1;

8<sup>th</sup> November & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Fenton Manor – Staffordshire **FULL**

12<sup>th</sup> December & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016  
Malvern Active – Worcestershire

10<sup>th</sup> January & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
TCAT College – Shropshire

7<sup>th</sup> February & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
The Moathouse – Coventry

## UKCC Level 2;

20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
North Birmingham Academy - Birmingham

## UKCC Level 3;

February Dates LAUNCHED..!  
[CLICK HERE](#)

## Umpiring;

Please email –  
[westmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:westmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk)

## Workshops;

12<sup>th</sup> November  
High 5

22<sup>nd</sup> November  
TTL

7<sup>th</sup> December  
Getting Physical

Look out for Double Days!

## New for you!

### @ENCoaching\_

Netball coaching is becoming more popular each day, so new for you from England Netball is the new twitter page to help and support you “Our coaches” through your journey!

## Get Into Coaching

Netball is changing. Participation is growing, more clubs are developing and players are getting faster and stronger. High quality coaching at all ages and ability levels is essential in helping us to be the number one sport for women and girls in England.

## Recommended for you!

A journey for any Netball coach to take is definitely England Netball’s Make the game Live! Ensure you book on next years event;



As the game progresses, the role of the coach in helping to develop players and teams cannot be underestimated. That’s why at England Netball we recognise the need to provide coaches with a portfolio of courses and workshops that are packed with expert knowledge, covering all areas of player and game development.

Our coaching pathway allows coaches to plot their own learner journey through a range of qualifications and workshops, helping them to fulfil their coaching potential. So, for more information on these, please explore the coaching section of the website.

## Why Coach?

For many netballers in England, their coach is the individual that empowers them to fulfil their potential, inspiring them to carry on playing and enjoy the sport. Having the passion, enthusiasm and willingness to learn are qualities needed by any coach.

You may be a parent who wants to help at their child’s local school or club, or maybe you have been playing for a while and want to explore a different way of getting involved in the sport. Whatever your reason for getting into coaching, we can help you to find the right training to progress your knowledge and understanding and give you the confidence to realise your coaching ambitions.



## My Game 2 has landed!

Several years ago England Netball launched *My Game* – the term used for an umbrella group of netball programmes and projects which are being delivered to our ever-increasing participant base.

In order to provide inclusive products appropriate for our wonderful netball family, we undertook a huge research project to understand what motivates our participants and what we can do to give you the best possible netball experience.

England Netball has refused to rest on its laurels and we have once again listened to our fabulous netballers and will now be bringing you My Game 2.

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



# Your Voice

# Our Netball Family



## JOIN US on Social Media

Join us in our Social media HYPE!

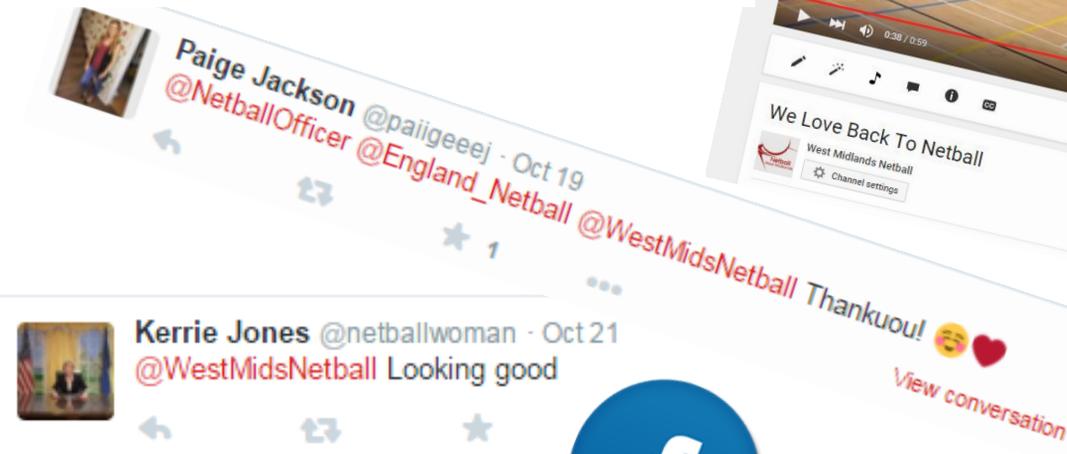
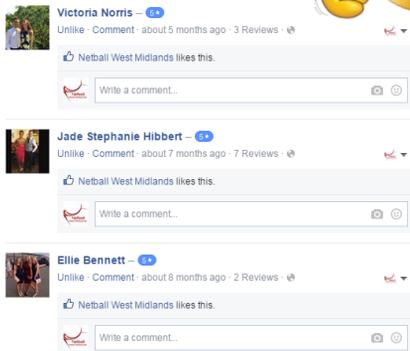
Since January this year we have seen a huge amount of people join our family of Netball and we love sharing our news to you! So be sure to Like, Follow and Pin us!

Click on the Logo's of Social Media and Join us now!



## Your Team

- Kate O'Leary - @NetballOfficer
- Pauline Knight - @Bham\_Netball
- Sarah Taylor - @WarwickNDO
- Lindsay Hacking - @NDOHereford
- Ruth Hughes -
- Gayle Penn - @NDOWorcs
- Zoe W - @B2NBlackCountry
- Val T - @B2NBirmingham



## Your Team

- Kate O'Leary – Staffs & South Staffordshire Netball
- Pauline Knight – Netball Birmingham
- Sarah Taylor – Sarah Taylor Warwick NDO
- Lindsay Hacking – Herefordshire Netball Development Officer.
- Ruth Hughes -
- Gayle Penn – Worcestershire Netball Development Officer
- Zoe W – Back to netball-BlkCountry
- Val T – Back to Netball Birmingham

