

Hazel Rider

8th January 2018



Hazel with Ann West (Right)



Hazel presenting her award
September 2015



Hazel with Kim White MBE.

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It is with much regret that we announce the death on 6 January 2018 of one of our earliest female Officers, Hazel Rider (nee Needham). The Cambridge Harrier was in at the beginning of women's involvement in veteran athletics. A founding member and longtime Chairwoman of the Women's Veterans AC, Hazel also was Chair of the Organising Committee when we hosted the European Veterans Track & Field Championships in 1984 at Brighton and Crawley. We offer our sincere condolences to her family.

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HAZEL RIDER (née Needham) has died aged 85 after a stroke.

The Cambridge Harriers runner won the WAAA mile aged 18 and ran 2:16.3 for 880 yards and later became honorary treasurer of the WAAA and founder member of the Women's Veterans' Association.

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Joyce Crust & Joan Mills – Life Members

Hazel was a sincere and dedicated athlete and netball player. She always gave 100% and was committed to training – she probably started the early training sessions for county netball.

Notable highlights of Hazel's netball involvement were:

- Member of Kent County Netball Club
- Kent 1st Team player - 1959 to 1964 (approx.)
- KCNA Committee Member 1965/6
- Umpire
- July 1974 – Received winners' trophy in "Sport for All" tournament in Derby
- Member of the Kent Schools Netball Committee
- Veterans Olympics, Toronto 1975 – Medal Winner
- On the working party for the creation of Guidelines for teaching netball in the Primary School – Copyright Kent Schools Netball Assoc.
- WD in Kentish Times Cup Final in 1975 (Wanderers v Tonbridge Teen & Twenty)
- Received award Umpiring at the Inter Borough Tournament
- Regular attendance at KCNA AGM's
- Kent Schools Life Member 1980
- Needham/Rider Salver for Services to Kent Youth Netball – donated in 2000.

Ann West – Life Member

I Met Hazel in 1957 when I did my first teaching practice at The Gordon School at Eltham and Hazel was the PE mistress in charge of me. We remained family friends ever since (61 years) and went on to set up the Kent Schools Netball Association together.

Hazel captained a Medway netball 3 age group teams group at a tournament in Derby, making sure that no one was smoking at half time or between matches! We won the whole tournament. Thereafter Alan (my husband) called her "my captain".

We used to meet up with Hazel and John for pub lunches and lively discussions at their local. Most recently we have enjoyed working together as Life Members at Kent Schools Netball Tournaments checking one another's ability to master the ongoing score tables.

We'll miss her.

Kim Stafford – Life Member

I remember taking over as Chair of Kent Schools Netball from Hazel and was terrified of her - but she became a very good supporter over the years! Her daughter Fiona was in the Kent Squad for a while, so we kept in touch.

Marge Millar – Life Member

Hazel was an invaluable member of the Kent Netball Association and its developments and she was a strong supporter of Kent Schools' netball. She was a regular attendee at local and county events and demonstrated this in the donation and presentation of her Needham-Rider Award for services to Kent Youth Netball.

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