

KENT NETBALL

Kent Netball Development Officer

I'm Natalie Beckett and I am the new Netball Development Officer for Kent. I came into post in January 2007 and my role involves the support and development of clubs, coaches, officials, players, volunteers and school netball. Kent Netball encompasses all the Kent Districts and the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham. If you need help, support or information regarding any netball activity in Kent please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk or call 01622 605057.



April's focus is....

JUNIOR NETBALL



High 5 Netball

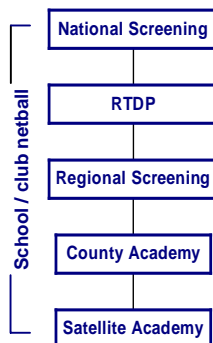
High Five Netball is the link between the fundamentals of sport and the full game of netball. It is a fun, skilful game, where players are able to rotate positions and adapt their skills to play in any position. Rules have been modified and players can build up a range of movement skills and develop the concept of teamwork. The game encourages maximum participation from everyone involved, and introduces the roles of scorers, timekeepers and umpires. It is played by both boys and girls in years 5 & 6 (9-11yrs) and is the only game recommended by England Netball for players of this age.

If you are interested in establishing High 5 in your school or club then contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk for further information.

Junior Development Pathways

With the disbanding of County squads, the junior pathway is now through Academies and Regional/National Programmes. The pathway is as follows:

- Attend Academy Trials – players are nominated by club /school.
- Successful trialists participate in Satellite (12-14yrs) or County Academies (14-16yrs)
- Selection to attend Regional screening day
- Participation in the L&SE Regional Talent Development Programme (RTDP)
- Selection to attend National screening
- Participation in England Talent Programme



These programmes provide quality training sessions, focusing on individual player development. Girls continue to

receive their competition through their schools and clubs.

If your school / club wish to ensure they receive trial information contact Kim Stafford on ks4feb@aol.com.

Regional / National Success

The following Kent girls were selected into the Regional Talent Development Programme for 2006/07

Rebecca Anderson	<i>Telstars</i>	Natasha Bond	<i>KCNC</i>
Sally Burden	<i>Comets</i>	Chrissie Durston	<i>KCNC</i>
Amanda Hicking	<i>Telstars</i>	Holly Parkinson	<i>Comets</i>
Kim Piper	<i>Telstars</i>	Grace Power	<i>KCNC</i>
Jemma Stolworthy	<i>Comets</i>	Sophie Ware	<i>Wealden</i>

Chrissie, Kim, Natasha and Sally were also selected to attend the National Screening Day in March.

This year has seen two local girls selected for National Squads; *Sarah-Jane O'Sullivan* from KCNC and *Courtney Cummins* from Wealden. The girls were selected into the England U19 & U17 Squads and recently took part in the Netball Europe Championships where both teams came away with gold medals.

Congratulations to all of you!!

JUNIOR CLUB COMPETITION

Kent County Junior League

The Kent County Junior League (KCJNL) was set up for the 2006/07 season and has provided the main competition for talented young players in the county. 8 teams participated at U14 & U16 level in what has been an enjoyable first season with a very good standard of play. Telstars won the U14 section, whilst Breakaways were U16 winners. The top 4 U16 teams went on to take part in the London & South East (L&SE) Regional Rounds for the U16 National Club competition.

To round off the season the League held a tournament at Rainham Girls School on 25th March, which was won by Comets (U14) and Telstars (U16).

The 2007/08 season will see the start of the U16 Regional League. This will include the top two teams from the Kent County Junior League.

For more information on the KCJNL contact Judy Swan on

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National Club Tournament

England Netball currently provides a National Club Tournament for U14 & U16s. Clubs take part in Regional Rounds competing for a chance to represent their Region at the National Finals.

The L&SE U16 Regional Rounds took place on 1st April at LEH School in Middlesex. Kent was represented by KCNC, Breakaways, Telstars and Wealden. Despite some great play by all the clubs, they did not make it through to the next stage. Well done to all those that took part.

The L&SE U14 Regional Rounds will take place on 5th May at Redbridge Sports Centre in Essex. Good luck to all our teams!

SCHOOL COMPETITION

County Schools Tournament

Kent Netball hosts School tournaments every year for U12, U13, U14, U16 & U19s. This year's tournaments have been held throughout the year at Rainham Girls School. The results are as follows:

U19 Winners	Benenden	U16 Winners	Benenden?
RUP	Colfes	RUP	Newstead
U14 Winners	TWGGS	U13 Winners & RUP	<i>(details not available at time of print)</i>
RUP	Invicta Grammar		
U12 Winners	TWGGS		
RUP	Sevenoaks		

Well done to everyone that took part!!

National Schools Competition

A National Schools Competition is held by England Netball every year. Regional Rounds are held for U14, 16 and U19 age groups, the winners of which progress to the National Finals.

Kent was represented by the winners from its School Tournaments and, in spite of their determined play, they were unable to progress to the next level of competition.

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

MMNL High 5 Tournament – On 9th March Malling Maidstone Netball League held a High 5 Netball tournament for schools in and around the local area. The event provided opportunities for young players to take part in competitive High 5 netball, and also gave Young Netball Organisers from MNM Netball Club the chance to gain umpiring experience, and learn how a tournament is organised. 20 teams from local junior schools took part in

the day's play with the team from Sandling eventual Cup Winners, and Watringbury winners of the Plate competition. The Fair Play Award was awarded to Roseacre School. Sheila Camis, Chairman of MNM Netball Club, and tournament organiser, was pleased "It was a good day weather wise and the event was supported by a substantial number of parents as well as the teachers".

Medway Junior League – On 24th & 31st March, the Medway Junior League held netball "taster sessions" for girls aged 10–15 years. Organised by Jill McCandless



from the League, and Sarah Risby, Sports Development Officer for Medway, the sessions aimed to provide coaching opportunities for girls in the area, and to help boost participation in the

junior league. More than 60 girls attended over the two days. Jill and Sarah will be running follow up coaching sessions for these players prior to giving them competition in the summer league.

Man High 5 Festival – on 14th March the England Netball L&SE Regional team organised a H5 Festival for schools in the London Boroughs. The event, sponsored by the Man

Group, took place at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre and attracted 12 teams from across the boroughs. Eventual winners were Eltham CoE Primary School, with Burnt Ash Primary School taking the Runners Up spot. It was a successful day, enjoyed by all the teams and the Regional team hope to run this again next year.



Dates for your Diary

5 May	Regional U14s Club tournament
10 June	National Club Finals
28 June	London Mini Games
30 June	London Youth Games
15 July	Karen Tappin Rally
22 July	Beginners Award Umpiring Course
4 Aug	Skills and Drills Workshops (Aylesford)
20 Aug	Summer Camp at MMNL (Aylesford)

Do you have any key dates you would like us to include? Are you holding a course, skills day or a tournament in 2007? Or if you have any news stories you would like to tell us about, email natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk



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