

Kent Netball

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Kent Netball newsletter. In this edition you will find the latest news around competition, schools, training and education, talent development and volunteering.

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CLUB COMPETITION UPDATE

Premier League

Its still early days in the Premier League at only 7 games in, but Kent clubs are faring well. **KCNC** are currently sitting in 5th place in PL2, 10 points behind leaders, Linden. In PL3, **Telstars**, new to the division this season, have made a flying start with 7 wins from 7. **Comets**, with 3 wins under their belt are currently in 5th place. Full results and tables are listed at www.englandnetball.co.uk/competitions

L&SE Regional League

Wealden, unbeaten in 5 games, sit at the top of Division 1, 4 points ahead of London club Academy in 2nd. Kent based rivals **Vibrant** are in 6th, whilst **Raiders** are in 7th. **Comets** are 3rd in Division 2, just 3 points behind leaders Whitton, whilst **London Lionhearts** are in 8th. This promises to be a tough division this season as only 5 points currently separate the top 4.

In this season's U16 Regional League **Telstars** and **KCNC** are joined by **Hornets**. The clubs had their first fixture last weekend with Telstars and KCNC posting impressive wins. Good luck to all three clubs for the rest of the season.

Full league tables can be found at www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk

Kent County League

Last year's Regional Play Off qualifiers, Crystal Palace, are early leaders of the Senior County League. Telstars in 2nd are only 5 points behind with a game in hand. At the other end of the table Electra, Comets and Hornets are struggling with the early pace and all searching for their first win.

Kent County Junior League

In the U16 section, it looks like Telstars are gunning for their 3rd successive league title, having 8 straight wins and some very high goal tallies. CFX are hot on their heels in

2nd place, having only lost to the leaders. In the U14 section, newcomers Beacons have made an impressive start and are unbeaten at the top of the table. But with Wealden right behind, and on the same points, it promises to be an exciting and tightly contested season.

Fixtures and tables can be found on the County Competition page of kentnetball.co.uk.

SUPERLEAGUE

Now coming into its 7th season, The FIAT Netball Superleague combines the finest netball players in the UK along with international stars, forming 8 Superleague franchises. Surrey Storm is the superleague team in L&SE and provides a fantastic opportunity to watch top level netball on your doorstep.



Surrey Storm have recently announced England's Tamsin Greenway as their player coach for the new season and their first exciting signing of England star Pamela Cookey. The first home match at Surrey Sports Park will be on Saturday 28th January 2012 against Loughborough Lightning and tickets will be in high demand so book early. Special packages are available for schools & group

bookings. Call the Box Office on 01483 689111, or visit www.surreystormnetball.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

World Netball Series

The World Netball Series will take place at the Liverpool Echo Arena from the 25th – 27th November 2011. Following last years competition, this promises to deliver netball with the "wow" factor once again. Commonwealth Games champions, New Zealand are returning as the defending World Series champions. England, Australia, Jamaica, South Africa and Fiji complete this year's line up. To book tickets for the World Netball Series visit www.worldnetballseries.com.



TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Kent Netball Academy Programme

The trials for the 2011-12 Programme took place in June and July. The girls were put through a tough and rigorous selection process that took place over 5 sessions.

Following the trials, 22 girls have been selected for the County Academy (U17) and 44 selected for the Satellite Academy (U14). Congratulations to all those girls selected. We hope you enjoy your Academy programme and hope that it is the first step in a successful netball career!

A full list of the selected athletes for the 2011-12 Kent Academy programme can be found on the Talent Development page of kentnetball.co.uk

A big thank you goes to all the personnel involved with the trials, in particular the Kent Talent Group for all their hard work.

L&SE Regional Talent Development Programme

Special congratulations go to those girls selected for the London & South East Regional Academy:

- Sarah Durr (*Telstars*)
- Olivia Emanus (*KCNC*)
- Sally Fisher (*Telstars*)
- Nicole Humphrys (*Telstars*)
- Chloe Moxam (*Telstars*)
- Lauren Pedelty (*Wealden*)
- Hayley Pring (*Telstars*)
- Freya Thompson (*KCNC*)
- Laura True (*Telstars*)
- Holly Walton (*Telstars*)
- Asha Williams (*Sabina*)

Congratulations are also extended to the coaches involved, at both club and county level, who have worked hard and supported these athletes in their development.

Well done also to **Janet Lettman** who has been appointed Assistant Coach within the Regional Talent Programme. Janet is a Kent Academy Coach and County Selector, as well as Head Coach at Raiders Netball Club and a UKCC Tutor.

National Talent League

Trials for this year's Talent Squads took place recently and congratulations go to the following Kent successful athletes:

Surrey Storm

- Amanda Davis
- Olivia Emanus
- Melissa Steingass
- Fran Desmond
- Katie Harris
- Freya Thompson

Mavericks

- Shauna Williams-Young

Team South

- Sally Fisher
- Hayley Pring
- Rebecca Welch
- Nicole Humphrys
- Holly Walton

National Success



National screening took place in April for the England Excel programme. Kent athletes **Sally Fisher, Nicole Humphrys, Katie Harris, Melissa Steingass, Francesca Waters** and

Rebecca Welch were all nominated to attend. Following the trials, **Katie Harris** was invited to join the programme, alongside **Amanda Davies** and **Fran Desmond** who both maintained their place in the programme.

At screening in August, once again Amanda and Fran were selected to remain in the programme, but unfortunately Katie lost her place. Katie will remain with the Excel Academy to train alongside the national athletes from the L&SE region, and hopefully we will see her back in the programme soon.

Congratulations to Katie, Amanda and Fran, and the nominated athletes as to receive the nomination in itself is a great achievement.

Following her successful season in 2010-11, **Katie Harris** was awarded the Young Netballer of the Year Award by Kent Netball. This award was presented to Katie for all her hard work last season that saw her compete for Surrey Storm NTL and her club at senior Regional level, as well as gain selection for the Regional Academy and National Excel Programme. And she's only 17! Well done Katie!



Katie receives her award from Hazel Strudwick, Kent Coach & Selector

SCHOOLS

Primary School Membership

England Netball is offering **FREE** membership to all primary schools who want to be involved in High 5 Netball. Join in the High 5 Netball fun at your school and enjoy the benefits of membership to the sport's governing body – you will be able to access free online training resources, regular e-newsletters, digimags and a host of special offers. To register please visit the High-5 pages of the England Netball www.Englandnetball.co.uk/my-game/High_5



High 5 Resources

England Netball have recently released a number of new High 5 Resources. These resources are free and available to download on the England Netball website and include rule book, rotation sheets and score cards. The website

and resources have all of the information you need to set up High 5 games in your club or school

www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/my-game/High_5

Primary Schools Grant

A funding scheme has been set up by England Netball London & SE to help support the delivery of High-5 netball in Primary schools. Applications are welcome from any England Netball affiliated primary school within the London and South East Region, which includes primary schools in all 33 London Boroughs and the counties of Surrey and Kent. To download an application form visit www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk.

School Tournaments

The 2011 Kent Schools tournaments started in October with the U19 Tournament at Rainham Girls School. There was plenty of high quality netball on show and eventual winners were **Benenden** who narrowly beat **Kings Canterbury** in an exciting final. In the U16 Tournament, **Tunbridge Wells Grammar**, last year's U14 winners, were once again successful beating **Walthamstow Hall** in the final. All four schools will represent Kent in the London & South East Regional tournament on 29th January.

The U14 Tournament is due to take place on 30th November.



Walthamstow Hall U16 squad

Entries for the U13 and U12 tournaments are still being taken. For date and entry forms visit the School Tournament page of kentnetball.co.uk

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Umpiring Courses

Umpiring Courses are organised by Kent Netball, and the programme for the upcoming season has been launched. Current courses on offer:

Beginner Award **Sunday 20th November**
The North School, Ashford
and
Sunday 22nd January
The Malling School, East Malling

C Award Course **Sunday 5th February**
The North School, Ashford

Full details and booking forms, as well as further information on umpiring, can be found on the Umpiring page of kentnetball.co.uk.

Excel Workshops

An England Netball practical coaching workshop is being held in Kent. **"On the Ball"** will focus on catching and passing skills, provide fresh ideas for building coaching sessions, and identify how practice design can help players become more skilful in matches.



On the Ball: Essential Ball Skills
22nd November, 6.30pm to 9.30pm
Northfleet School for Girls, Northfleet

To book a place visit the Courses at kentnetball.co.uk

UKCC Courses

England Netball have release their latest UKCC programme with the following courses to be held in Kent

Level 1 **31st March, 1st & 29th April**
Canterbury Christ Church University

Level 2 **12th & 13th May, 9th & 10th June, 8th July**
Maplesden Noakes School, Maidstone

To download course details and booking forms visit www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/get-involved/coaching. You can also find details of courses across the country.

Coaching Opportunities

If you are looking to improve your coaching, England Netball London & South East are offering all coaches the opportunity to observe high performance sessions in the Regional Excel Programme and with the Surrey Storm Talent squad. By attending these sessions you will:

- Observe high performance coaches
- Meet other coaches from across the Region
- Gain new practice ideas
- Receive information on the Excel Pathway
- Observe high performance players

For further session details contact Natalie Beckett on natalie.beckett@kent.go.uk or 07786 191562.



Emma Blackmore,
Regional
Excel Coach

VOLUNTEERING

Kent Netball Awards

At the Kent Netball AGM in September, Kent Netball presented the following awards:

- The Joyce Crust Award – **Norma Roche**
for services to netball in Kent
- The Needham Rider Salver – **Michaela Emanus**
for services to Youth Netball in Kent
- The Marge Millar Award – **Kent Netball Talent Group**
organisations involved in the development of netball
- Young Netballer of the Year – **Katie Harris**

This season Kent Netball has introduced further volunteer awards to celebrate the efforts of its volunteer workforce. You can nominate your coaches, volunteers and teachers for all their hard work. The award categories are:

- Netball Teacher Award
- Coach Award
- Officials Award
- Young Netball Volunteer Award

In addition to the new awards, Kent Netball have opened their existing awards for nominations from their members. For full details of the awards, the eligibility criteria and nomination forms visit kentnetball.co.uk Nominations are being taken now and up to 1st June 2012.

This is your opportunity to say thank you to your volunteers – nominate them now!

FUNDING

Funding for Netball In London

In partnership with Sport England, England Netball L&SE have set up a new grant scheme for netball activities in London. This funding provides a fantastic opportunity for clubs, schools, organisations and local authorities to provide new netball opportunities in London. The funding covers a range of areas and activities that support England Netball's strategic objectives. Grants of up to £4000 are available. For information on this funding scheme visit www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk

Mayors Legacy Fund

The Mayor's Sports Legacy Fund aims to increase the number of Londoners working and volunteering in sports and physical activity, and up-skill those already involved, leading up to the 2012 Games. The programme is managed by The National Skills Academy and offers subsidises on the cost of training courses. You could get up to 75% off UKCC course costs if you meet the funding criteria. www.sportactivensa.com



BACK TO NETBALL

Back to Netball is growing in strength in Kent since the introduction of the programme last year. Back to Netball provides a gentle introduction to the sport for female players aged 16+ that would like to return to or are new to the game. The emphasis of these sessions is on learning new skills and having fun playing netball with friends.



New Back to Netball sessions!!

Meopham Leisure Centre

Taster sessions on 27th November, 4th & 11th December

Contact 01474 814199 or

visit www.meophamleisure.com.

Lewisham & Dartford
coming soon early 2012

Look out for details on these groups and all the existing groups across the county on the Back to Netball page at kentnetball.co.uk.

A London Back to Netball Festival was held on 22nd July at GMH Park, Elephant & Castle, organised by the L&SE regional team in partnership with Southwark Council. The festival was open to teams from Back to Netball groups, as well as individual players. Teams were given plenty of fun match play and also able to participate in a shooting competition run by England and Mavericks star, Sasha Corbin. The event was a resounding success and the women enjoyed putting their new-found skills into practice. The Regional team hope to run another festival soon, as well as roll out similar festivals across the region's counties.



Participants at the London Back to Netball Festival

**Are you a coach interested in delivering Back to Netball?
Is your club / league / facility interested in providing Back to Netball sessions?** Contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

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