Welcome!! My name is Sally Kendrick and I’m the newly appointed Netball Development Officer replacing Emma Warren. Due to the fantastic job Emma did whilst in this post, I have decided to follow in her footsteps and continue producing the newsletter.

The bulletin is designed to keep you up to date with local netball information, news and events.

If you have anything you would like to appear in the next issue, December 2009 please contact me via email before 25th November 2009, at sally.kendrick@englandnetball.co.uk

Academy Trials

Staffordshire & South Staffordshire Academy trials have now taken place.

A big well done to all the girls who attended the trial dates and congratulations to those who were successful.

Thank you to all those involved in the trials.

Sandwell Back to Netball

Congratulations to the Sandwell Back to Netball project which successfully ran for 10 weeks over the summer period. In total, approximately 50 females attended the project.

Another B2N is planned for in the New Year in Sandwell, keep up the good work.

Any clubs who are recruiting new players please contact myself or Mandy Williams mandy_williams@sandwell.gov.uk to create exit routes for participants who wish to continue playing regularly.

Well done to the following clubs in achieving the Bronze CAPS accreditation at their club:

Chase District– Staffs TFKA Coseley– South Staffs

WOULD YOUR CLUB LIKE TO EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF CAPS? OR, IS YOUR CLUBS CAPS FOLDER READY FOR SUBMITTING?

Please get in contact to arrange a meeting. Sally Kendrick- Netball Development E– sally.kendrick@englandnetball.co.uk
Alison Burnley was a netball fanatic. Her energy and enthusiasm were endless.

I’m here to pay tribute to Alison’s netball career, her work, her dedication and her achievements on behalf of all those who worked with her; or just enjoyed the extra opportunities that came their way because of what she did.

I worked with Alison for many years, often on the same committees. We didn’t always see eye to eye; we had our differences of opinion and the occasional arguments – but the outcome was always good. They provoked more thought, producing more ideas, leading to actions being taken – SUCCESS!

Even after being out of committee work for over 16 years I still remember the relentless pressure this puts you under, so I appreciate the time and energy given by Alison who always seemed to come away from a meeting with some extra task to deal with; I marvel how she managed it all.

There are still those who don’t rate committee members or their work very highly – but how wrong can they be. What happens in committee meetings is vital to the growth and continued success of the game we all embrace and Alison certainly played her part. In fact she thrived on it – her service record is as follows, she was a committee member of:

- North Staffs Ladies NC
- Youth league of Stoke on Trent
- Staffordshire County as secretary / match secretary / umpiring secretary at various times
- West midlands secretary and umpiring secretary
- All England Netball umpiring secretary

When in these positions she was involved in organising tournaments, umpiring rota, acted as tournament referee, timekeeper and scorer, and helped with the training and testing of umpires. On the home front – as well as all her committee work; she found time to help with the selection of club, city and county teams; and took an active role in providing opportunities in the form of umpiring courses and training at local level to enable clubs to obtain their own qualified umpires.

She coached and managed the junior county team for some time and even found time to drive one of our players all the way to crystal palace for England squad training – were her days longer than 24 hours – I ask myself?

At the time of her death she was president of Staffordshire netball and a few days before rang me to ask what I thought of her plans for improving communication of county activities to its life members.

And finally the recognition of her contribution, of her expertise which she used so well, and of all her endeavours; came when she was awarded life membership of England Netball - an award of which she was justly proud, an award which was richly deserved.

I once read that the greatest compliment that can be made about anyone’s life is that it made a difference. Alison’s netball life certainly did that! She will be missed; and her energy and capacity for work in the world of netball will not be equalled easily.

She truly was a life member of England Netball
Read by Jean Robinson at the funeral service – 24th September

Thank you to Staffordshire & South Staffordshire County Netball Associations for their kind donations to the R.N.L.I.
TEAN Valley Netball Club coaches are lending their services to a new generation of superstars on a five-week skills course.

80 children are enrolled on the course in a bid to increase popularity of the sport as well as teach children new skills and increase their sporting abilities. All local primary schools were invited to take part on the course which is taking place at Painsley Catholic College.

Ursula Smith, who has organised the course for the past 20 years, said: “We wanted to give the youngsters a chance to meet with children from other schools, as well as give young leaders and non-specialist teaching staff a chance to earn some experience in a supportive environment. It’s great to see so many people benefitting from the course – young and old.”

The children taking part are enjoying the benefits, too: Bethan Shufflebotham, from Faber, said: “I’ve learnt how to play netball! Also, I’ve learnt some new skills that I never thought I would.”

Sam Fieldhouse, from St. Giles, said: “I’ve enjoyed mixing with new people and making new friends. I love playing the game, too.”

To get involved with Tean Valley as a player or a helper, call 01538 722464.
Written by Helen Smith (Tean Valley Young Assistant Coach)
JANET WRIGHTON MBE IS APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF ENGLAND NETBALL

Staffordshire & South Staffordshire County Netball Associations would like to congratulate Regional Management Board Chair, Janet Wrighton MBE after being appointed as the new President of England Netball.

Janet has taken over from Barbara Bishop who steps down after completing her one year in office.

Janet Wrighton MBE is a past chairman of England Netball, the European representative on the International Federation of Netball Associations Board, a Trustee of England Netball Youth Trust and currently holds the post of regional chair of the West Midlands.

Members at the AGM of England Netball held on 19th September congratulated Janet on her appointment and praised Barbara for her tireless contribution during the past year.

AND THE WINNER IS....

Goalden Globe Awards 2009
Nextgen Award- Newcastle Town

Congratulations
Newcastle Town has an extremely effective recruitment process for both new and young volunteers, commencing at year 6 and upwards. Testament to this fact is the number of volunteers who have become qualified in this season alone, including 10 new volunteers, 4 new qualified level 1 coaches, 3 awaiting a course and 2 currently attending the level 2 course, who will be assessed tomorrow (both subsequently passed). The support provided for these new volunteers stems from an experienced infrastructure within the club, who are always on hand to assist, giving practical and moral support. Training commences within the club for young volunteers, encouraging players to lead on warm ups, followed by leading sessions under the guidance of qualified level 2 and 3 coaches. Youngsters are then supported to progress to coaching and umpiring within the junior county leagues. Volunteers are recognised through newsletters and the club ensure that all costs for courses are met by funding applications so no cost is born by the club member. SASSOT has been vital in providing funding for the coaches, and the club are extremely grateful. The club has raised awareness of volunteers on a local, county regional and national level, providing volunteers at local tournaments, as well as coaches and umpires for county and regional talent days.

All of these attributes are why Newcastle Town Netball Club are so deserving of this award.
Courses for CAPS coming up in Staffordshire & South Staffordshire...

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<td>Equity in Your Coaching</td>
<td>6 October 2009</td>
<td>9.00am - 4.00pm (Note: Lunch is NOT included)</td>
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<td>A Club For All</td>
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For more information go to [http://www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk/Workshops](http://www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk/Workshops)

To book onto a course please contact
KAM WEBSTER, Education and Training Officer at
T: 01785 619695
E: kwebster@staffordbc.gov.uk

The Black Country BeActive Partnership Coaching Bursary
The funding is only available to support coaches wishing to gain Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications. Coaches in receipt of funding will be required to complete voluntary coaching hours to impact within the Black Country BeActive partnership.

Priority will be given to clubs that have achieved CAPS or clubs that will be able to achieve CAPS, by receiving this funding.

Submission Deadline: 10th Dec 2009
Assessment Date: 17th Dec 2009

For more information please contact:
The Black Country BeActive Office
T: 01384 471140

Is your club based in Staffordshire and is currently working towards CAPS accreditation??

SASSOT have introduced ‘Sports Club Accreditation Funding scheme’. Up to £500 of funding is available to sports clubs who require financial assistance to achieve and pass their accreditation criteria.

For more information please contact:
Chris Turner
Club Development Manager
Tel: 01785 619681
Email: cturner@staffordbc.gov.uk
Staffordshire & South Staffordshire County Netball Associations still have websites -

Check them out …  www.staffordshirennetball.co.uk
www.southstaffsnetball.co.uk

These are currently under development so keep your eyes peeled and let us know if there is anything you wish to put on the website.
Email: sally.kendrick@englandnetball.co.uk

Key Dates

Oct 9th – World Netball Series Weekend
Oct 13th – South Staffordshire AGM
Oct 14th – Regional AGM
Nov 7th – Staffordshire Schools Tournament U14/U16
Nov 18th – Staffordshire Schools Tournament U19
Nov 21st – South Staffordshire Schools Tournament

January 30th – West Midlands Schools Tournament 2010

Courses

UKCC Level 1 Assistant Coach
8th & 15th November & 6th December 2009
City of Wolverhampton College

UKCC Level 2 Coach Qualification
3, 4, 24 & 25 October & 22 November 2009
Netball Centre – Loughborough University

Key Links

Wolverhampton City Netball League–
www.wolverhamptoncitynetballleague.co.uk

Dudley Netball League-
www.dudleynetball.co.uk

Stoke-on-Trent Netball League-
www.stokenetball.co.uk

For more information or to book your place, log on to
www.englandnetball.co.uk/Coaching/
Sue Hawkins is coming to the West Midlands.....

England National Coach Sue Hawkins is coming to the West Midlands to deliver a workshop for coaches, details of what is going to be delivered haven't been released yet, but after the success of her workshop last year I am sure this is a workshop not to be missed! Sue has been with England Netball for over a year now and has been instrumental with her squad so far and is keen to help up skill the coaches across the country.....so don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

The details of the workshop are as follows :-
Tuesday 10th November 2009
7-9:30pm
Chamberlain Health and Fitness Centre
Chamberlain Health and Fitness Centre
1 Belgrave Middleway
Highgate
Birmingham
B12 9FF

Cost £5 per person (returnable on the evening NB. The fee will not be returned should the coach not attend on the evening)

If you wish to attend the workshop please send cheque payable to West Midlands Netball Association (WMNA) and registration form to :-

Lesley Blair
Regional Excel Coach
Netball West Midlands
Walsall Sports Centre
University of Walsall
Gorway Road
WS1 3BD

Please Note your confirmation on the workshop cannot be made without the payment along with a registration form.
Closing date for applications is Friday 30th Oct 2009.