



Honorary Life Members Newsletter

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Redpath's Roundup

Happy New Year. And what a great start to the New Year with the England wins over Australia! I'm still pinching myself as it's a dream come true. When we won the first match, I was delighted, the second, disbelief set in and the third was sheer joy. I know from those HLM's that attended the matches that you enjoyed them as much as I did and thank you for the many messages of congratulations, which I have passed onto the appropriate people.



On the subject of celebrations, most people know 1 November as being All Saints Day. What not so many people know, it's also my birthday AND the anniversary of my joining England Netball as a member of staff. Last November 1st was a particularly special anniversary of my joining EN as it marked my 25 years with the organisation. In the time honoured tradition for celebrating any birthday, a trip to our local pub was planned, but what I didn't expect was a special gift to commemorate my 25 years. Paul Clark presented me with an English Rose bead to add to my Pandora necklace and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. You could have knocked me down with a feather, I was so surprised. Here's to the next 25 years; I wonder what changes there will be to the game by 2037? By the way —check out my new car reg. above!

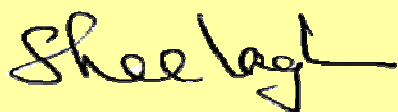


Yvonne and I have been storming ahead preparing our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to help with our archive project. We had a very productive and informative meeting with the East region HLF staff in Cambridge at the beginning of this month. We came away with some useful pointers and a greater knowledge of what's expected from organisations in making a successful bid. Tomorrow (29th January), we are meeting with the Hertfordshire Education and Museums lead as we are hoping to work with schools and colleges on the project. Hitchin museum is keen to have us work with them to house a permanent netball display when the new museum is finished in 2015. Hitchin has the largest collection of football memorabilia outside of the national football museum in the country, so the curator was most excited at the thought of two notable collections coming together under one roof.

I'd like to hold the second archive date here at the new Hitchin offices—possible dates of Sat 23/Sun 24 March or Sat/Sun 13/14 or 20/21 April 2013. These are a little later than last year's date as I'm hoping the weather will have sufficiently improved and the risk of snow and ice diminished. As before, tea, coffee and lunch will be provided, but not travel expenses as I don't have a budget to cover these costs. Please let me know which are your preferable dates and we will confirm as soon as possible which date is the favourable one.

Finally, Cheryl Danson, Janet Wrighton and Liz Broomhead have all written about their experiences at the Fast 5 Netball event in New Zealand in November last year. I hope you enjoy reading about their trip as much as I did.

Best regards



Sheelagh

Editor



Cheryl and I checking out the stack of archive boxes held at HQ.

Cheryl Danson OBE, Chairman of England Netball writes:

One Friday, early in November 2012, I set off from home for my long flight from Heathrow to Auckland via Los Angeles to attend INF meetings and also to watch the new format Fast 5 Netball event. For those of you that have done the journey to NZ it is a very long way and so it was great to have Janet Wrighton as my travelling companion.

We arrived in Auckland on Sunday morning and had a day to acclimatise and find our way around the city. And then my meetings started on Monday evening. The INF advisory panels (CAP, MAP and RAP) met together for the first day of our 3 days of meetings, discussing the game of netball and any rules changes that should be considered at Congress in 2014. RAP then spent dedicated time together working through a number of rules and agreeing what rules trials we should undertake during 2013 in readiness for any potential rules changes in 2014. The 3 chairs of CAP, MAP and RAP then met with the INF board to share the key outcomes of their meetings.

Janet and I then spent 2 mornings in INF meetings representing Europe in regional discussions where we explored the challenges that the regions had and also shared best practices.

The Fast 5 event started on the Friday and I was really looking forward to watching some world class Netball. England were world champions having won Fast Net gold in Liverpool and I was really hoping that they could repeat this fantastic result away from home. As chair of the working group that developed the rules for Fast5, I was a bit nervous about seeing the game in action and hoped that the new rules would provide the fast and skilful spectacle that we all wanted.

From the outset the England team were fantastic – worthy of their champions status and they did us proud. The final was amazing and England just lost out to New Zealand after a hard fought match. Yes, we were disappointed that England won silver and not gold but they gave their all and NZ were on home ground which was a big advantage.

While we were there we formed our own small England Fast5 supporters club comprising Anita Navin, Kerrie Jones, Liz Broomhead, Janet Wrighton, Fran Connelly, Paul Davies and myself. For each of the England matches we donned our new Fast5 England supporters' shirts (kindly organised by the tour rep - Anita Navin!) and our red bowler hats.



On our last day in Auckland, Liz, Janet and I got the ferry across to Devonport, a small island accessed by a 20 minute ferry journey. And guess what – it was raining! We spent a lovely relaxing day (in the rain) going around the island on a tour bus driven by a local man who had lived on the island for over 70 years and knew intimate details about everyone and every place and provided a running commentary whilst driving the bus.

The Old ‘Spice Girls’?

On our return to Auckland we arrived back just as Prince Charles was completing his visit and so we stood and waited for the royal car to pass us by. And guess what – Prince Charles was in the back with the window down and I am sure that he waved especially to us!

On our return journey when we got to Auckland airport the Fast5 netball final was showing on TV and so Janet and I had a glass of wine (beer in Janet’s case) and watched the match all over again., Sadly – the result was still the same, but it was an exciting end to a wonderful visit to New Zealand.

I’m looking forward to next year already.

Janet Wrighton MBE, President of England Netball adds her memories of the New Zealand 2012 Fast 5

When I first found out that the INF Board meeting started with a Strategic Planning Day on the island of Waiheke, I thought to myself, no! haven’t I travelled far enough to New Zealand without having to then get myself on to another destination? Nevertheless, being the dedicated person that I am I made no rumblings (I had already refused to move from the hotel which the Board were originally booked into to a different one – hence I was then the only Board Member at the Mercure Hotel).

In forming my first opinion, I was not aware of the close proximity of Waiheke Island to Auckland nor was I aware of the beauty of the island. Better still, I was then informed that the day was to be spent at Cable Bay Vineyards – what??? How much work did they expect us to get done?

I had planned my arrival in Auckland to allow me a full 24 hours before my first meeting. As Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee I needed to be fully recovered from the journey and ready for serious business. In addition, Cheryl Danson and I had decided to get our bearings and find the venue for the Fast5 competition and all of the venues for the meetings. If any one of you has ever experienced trying to find somewhere with Cheryl you will know that we did not make it first time and had some hilarious experiences along the way.

The A&F meeting was scheduled to take place at KPMG Offices, which meant a pleasant walk from the hotel, past the many bars and eating places around the beautiful harbour (with the luxurious yachts)

a glance at the hotel which the other Board members were staying in and a very nice gentleman who Cheryl had “asked the way” taking us to the doorstep of our destination.Round one over, we were ready for the week ahead!

With the Audit and Finance meeting over late in the evening, I wasn't looking forward to the early start for the Strategic Planning Day, but I made it to the jetty on time to meet the others and the trip began. All eyes were on Molly Rhone, President of the INF, who cannot stand travelling on water; however, we need not have worried. The crossing was calm and on arrival we were met by a man with a bus to take us to the vineyard. Apparently, Joan Mills husband and daughter hold the dubious honour of having visited every vineyard on the island (sorry Joan!).

The facilities were great and apart from the fabulous food which could have led me to have a heart attack, it was a great venue for some serious thinking about the future of the INF and netball in general throughout the world. As individuals, we were asked to produce our own thoughts and report back. We achieved a great deal and as a reward finished the day with a delicious meal and a glass of wine (or two).

The following three days of meetings were not in such idyllic surroundings, but as a Board we covered some important work. Cheryl and I then attended two half days representing Netball Europe in Regional Strategic Planning Days. It was good to hear from the other Regions and actually confirm that we all want the same outcomes.

Although the meetings were exhausting, we had the competition to look forward to and I know that others will tell you about this. I would just like to say how proud I was watching the England Fives play some fantastic games and giving the crowd some real thrills. The girls were great!



The next day, after a little sightseeing (which Liz will tell you about) we were on our way home, but not before Cheryl and I had waited almost an hour to see Prince Charles drive past us and he did wave to us – he must have recognised us from our visits to his mom!!

HRH spots Cheryl and Janet

Some reflections on a visit to NZ with Netball in mind by Liz Broomhead

The World Series of Fast 5, IFNA board meetings, Regional meeting and key IFNA Panel Meetings - what a feast of Netball was on hand

I was privileged to be able to attend as a member of CAP- Coaching Advisory Panel- this group is comprised of leading coaches from all 5 regions of IFNA- Jill McIntosh (Chair)- Bennie Saayman previous National coach of South Africa, Maureen Hall- previous National Coach of Jamaica, Ruth Aitken the previous National Coach of NZ, Sue Hawkins previous National Coach of England, and our

very own Anita Navin, previous National Coach of NNI as well as a world leading Coach Educator. Over 3 days we attended challenging and stimulating meetings ; some with MAP and RAP where we were able to have input in the development of Rules and Umpire development; some as a group where we worked hard to continue the development of global coaching resources and design the Coaching seminar, which will run alongside the WYNC in Glasgow –August 2013

Once the games had begun we were still on duty as we had a role in identifying the player of the series.

What a pleasure it was to be able to sit and watch all the games, but most especially the excellent performances of our own ENGLAND SQUAD - the mix of youth and experience was perfect , the staff professional and very astute to the way to “play the game”, but I will leave that tale to be told by them in the next issue



One bit of social gossip- on the Monday morning before the three of us flew out (Janet, Cheryl and myself) we took a ferry over to Devonport, Auckland, The streets were lined with children to welcome us as we travelled this popular area and then, who should follow us with their entourage, but Charles and Camilla on the Jubilee tour after they had spent the morning meeting the NZ Olympians and of course the Silver Ferns, which we lost to by a gnats whisker!!

HRH takes the winning shot at goal

Paul Clark, EN's CEO writes

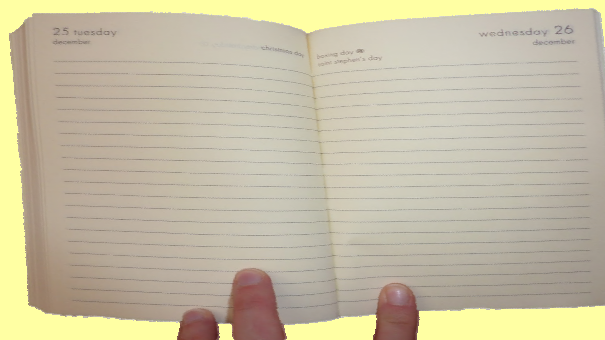
I would like to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. When Sheelagh asked me to write a piece for this newsletter, I was delighted as with the HLM club now entering its third year, I'm glad to be able to contribute. What a fantastic start to 2013 with our three match win over Australia. Like most of you, I didn't think I'd see such a result in my lifetime and am delighted to see one of our collective dreams come true. What made the third match even more special for me was to see Sheila Perks MBE,



finally receive her Sports Coach UK Lifetime Achievement Award from England international Stacey Francis, whilst Janet Wrighton read the tribute to Sheila. Sheila was unable to collect her award in person at the Sport Coach UK Award ceremony in November.

Stacey's fitting tribute to a very special HLM made personal reference to Sheila's help when Stacey said that without her support and knowledge she would not be playing for England today. Sheila was Stacey's first netball coach at the age of 13 and she has continued to support her throughout her career

Diary dates



Friday 8th-Sunday 10th March at

Friday 29 March-1st April

Friday 26th-Sunday 28th April

Saturday 11th—Sunday 12th May

Saturday 25th-Sunday 26th May

Saturday 25th-Sunday 26th May

Friday 31st May-Sunday 2nd June

Saturday 8th May

Thursday 22nd-Saturday 31st August

Netball Europe Under 17's in Malta

Easter

Netball Europe Under 21 in Wales

National Clubs Under 16 in Newcastle

National Clubs Under 14 in Redbridge

National Super League finals venue TBC

Netball Europe Open in Aberdeen

Marion Smith Champs at Soar valley

World Youth Champs in Glasgow



Everyone at Head office would like to say a very BIG Thank You to June Jack for the gift she sent at Christmas.

Our waist lines have probably increased as biscuits and mince pies were purchased to celebrate the Christmas activities

Thanks also to all of you who sent Christmas cards—It was appreciated by all staff members

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