



Honorary Life Members Newsletter

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Redpath's Roundup

I can't believe this is the last newsletter for 2013, and what a year it's been with plenty to celebrate and much to look forward to in 2014. The annual Goalden Globe event should have seen three new HLM's being recognised, but sadly and for various reasons, none could attend, so the presentations took place later at the International match at Wembley on 25 September, where we welcomed Lyn Carpenter, Amanda Newton and June Snellin as our newest HLM's. However, a good night was had by all at the Goalden Globes with the theme being Mardi Gras – as can be seen by one HLM who will remain nameless – but she definitely got into the spirit of the costume. We



did have one HLM celebration at the Goalden Globes when Sheila Perks was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Many congratulations Sheila on a well-deserved award.



Sheila Perks induction into the Hall of Fame

Our annual lunch took place on 21 September with the Goalden Globes event the same evening, but despite the numbers being slightly down on previous years, which I guess was down to the International against South Africa taking place in the Bath the following day, together with some people away on holiday etc., we had an enjoyable lunch and catch up. It was good to see the seven who attended. Liz Broomhead spoke about the All 4 One project, details of which are included in this edition and a separate letter attached.

I have a few exciting things coming up. One being at the end of this month being shortlisted for a lifetime achievement award for officiating at the inaugural Sports Officials UK awards, which take place in Worcester on Thursday 31 October. I'll be turning up in my yellow mini as Yvonne's using the broomstick that night! And then my 65th birthday the following day, it's going to be an eventful weekend.

It was good to see a few 'old' faces at the World Youth Championship in Glasgow, amongst them Dot McHugh from Australia. She is amazing having made the journey to cheer Australia in the championship despite the distance travelled.

On the subject of international travel, our very own roving reporters of Cheryl and Janet are leaving shortly to attend the Fastnet in Auckland in their capacity as Chairman and President of England Netball. Rest



HLM's and Board Directors

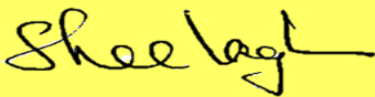
assured they will be returning with photos and stories of the event.

Now that Yvonne has finished covering our Workforce Development Manager's maternity leave, we've had our heads down working on the funding bid that we're hoping to make in December to the Heritage Lottery Fund to sort out the EN archives and introduce a proper recording and archive service for EN. Further details will be available in our January newsletter, but meetings and even courses are being arranged as this edition goes to print.

The charity bug has bitten hard here at Head Office with the Chefs of the 111 café (combined ages of Yvonne and me) raising £127.50 at our McMillan coffee morning with sales of bacon and sausage rolls, scrambled egg and muffins. If any of you are knitters, have seen the media reports on 'fish and chip' babies, and want to get involved, I enclose the link to the appropriate site <http://knitforafrica.weebly.com/>.

Finally but by no means least I will be winging my way to Australia for my annual holiday which will take in Christmas in Sydney, and also a couple of days at the Australian Tennis Open. Mary Beardwood is also arriving in Melbourne around the Tennis Open and is staying with Marg Caldow, so hopefully we might catch up over a couple of 'tinnies' and have some photographs to share in the first newsletter of 2014

Kind regards



Sheelagh

Editor



Amanda Newton, HLM



Brian Worrell & Jean Robinson

Joan Mills reports on the WORLD YOUTH NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Glasgow 22nd to 31st August

Entry into the 2013 WYNC was very much on a first come, first served basis with who could get their entry fees and accommodation money to the organisers by the deadlines! Twenty Seven teams entered and once they realised the costs involved this quickly went down to below the maximum number of 20 teams. Such was the dropout rate that there was a concern at one time that we would not make the twenty teams, but all's well that ends well with 20 teams involved in the competition.

The INF President, Molly Rhone, came over in April to do the draw for the groups and Netball Scotland and Glasgow Life (the organisers) put on a good show with all the national flags and lots of young people in evidence.

The new Emirates Arena was the venue for the event – built for the 2014 Commonwealth Games – which also houses the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome. This proved to be an ideal centre for the Championship, where the preliminary rounds were played on two courts and then changing overnight to one court for the medal matches. All training took place at the venue in another sports hall housing 3 full sized netball courts and there was adequate changing facilities and an excellent café for spectators (and players) to indulge in good quality food! Food being a definite must it seems for netballers!!!

The arena had seating for 6,000, but as usual for a World Youth event, Glasgow unfortunately did not attract large numbers, but it was good to see several England supporters cheering on our youngsters. Thanks to England Netball, the EN Supporters Club hosted a gathering for all those attending, and it was good to welcome some of the parents. We were also pleased that Anna Mayes, England Head Coach, was able to attend along with several of our HLM's.

The team from Israel certainly made their mark on the Championship and won the hearts of the spectators with their laughter and singing. Their very first game was against Australia, who beat them 123 – 6, but when the final whistle went you would have thought Israel had won – they danced around and jumped up and down, and sang at the top of their voices! Taking part is obviously good fun!



Anna Mayes with Mary French, HLM

It was a disappointing Championship for our Under21 team, who finished in fourth place. In the preliminary rounds they beat the Republic of Ireland, 107-9. Singapore 82-27. Papua New Guinea 65-16, Barbados 71-22 and South Africa 45-33 and came top of their group, which meant they played Australia in the playoffs, losing 33-67 which put them in contention for the Bronze Medal against Jamaica, but unfortunately lost 38-32. New Zealand beat Australia 52-47 to take the Gold Medal.

Final Results :

1 New Zealand	6 Wales	11 Namibia	16 Bermuda
2 Australia	7 Barbados	12 Scotland	17 Cayman Island
3 Jamaica	8 Trinidad & Tobago	13 Northern Ireland	18 Malta
4 England	9 Fiji	14 Papua New Guinea	19 Republic of Ireland
5 South Africa	10 Samoa	15 Singapore	20 Israel

“Revival of an EN tradition”- link between National Squads and the HLM by Liz Broomhead

Many of you will remember, in years gone by there was a tradition where the National Squad on Tour would send a postcard home to a HLM and others who had provided great service to EN. It was something small and yet meant a great deal to the recipients. For whatever reason that “link” has been lost. It was as I was preparing a letter and short address explaining a project in South Africa-ALL4ONE- I am to delivering with some National Squad players in November, that I had an “IDEA”

The letter and brief description of the project is included in this newsletter- some HLM's who were present at the lunch have very kindly donated some funds to help with the cost of the flights. If anyone else feels they would like to help, please contact me directly.



Children playing in bare feet

The “IDEA” was to develop a tangible link between the national squads and staff, primarily at senior level, but also with our U17,19 and 21Squads who have much to learn and understand about their heritage and its importance to what they have and the opportunities they will get. At the lunch we recalled the 80th birthday party of EN held in Sheffield where Serena, as the youngest member of an EN Squad did a 1:1 “interview/conversation” with Mary French who was also celebrating her 80th birthday.

It was not only a very enjoyable and memorable occasion, but also resulted in Serena receiving support from a Rotary club through the direct intervention of Nora Ashworth.

I have had conversations with Paul, Cheryl and Janet; with Sheelagh and Yvonne and also Maggie Jackson who will be the key to understanding what is and isn't feasible within the constraints of the ever increasing pressures on our national squads. They have many more advantages and opportunities than were available to many of us pre 1999, but I know you will appreciate the massive pressures of training, media, promotion still balanced with full /part-time work or education. With this in mind we are devising a "programme" which will be planned well ahead around key dates/events both International/National and Regional. Often it is not the big international events that will present the best opportunities- looking at the geographical spread of the HLM and then the National Squads across all age groups opportunities to "make a link" could be around a regional event/competition

The next steps may be to determine what this "LINK" looks like- is it an email or newsletter of progress; is it sharing some time at a reception or event or maybe jointly presenting trophies or awards. It would be of great help if HLM's could consider how this could happen and what they thought would be appropriate. I will ask Maggie to look at this with the National Squads and staff for their ideas.

The next opportunity on home soil will be the January test series- -perhaps that is where we could try to "launch the project"

In the meantime I know you will join with me to wish our National Squad success in the Test series in South Africa and the Fast5 in New Zealand- you never know perhaps we will get a "postcard"

Note from Sheelagh - Please see 'postcard' at the back of this newsletter from Serena Guthrie from the team's recent tour to South Africa. Thank you Liz for such an excellent idea and to Maggie for making it happen.

Golden Wedding Congratulations



Three HLM's have recently clocked up an amazing 150 years of marriage between them by celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary's. Barbara and Bill Bishop were the first with an early July celebrations; thank you Barbara for sending a copy of your official wedding photo, which I've included in this newsletter.

Betty and John Galsworthy also celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20 July. Betty writes 'it was John and my Golden Wedding on July 20th. I bet it was the same day as Barbara Bishop's - the first Saturday of the school holidays! I spent my Silver Wedding in Australia with the Under 21s at the Australian Bi-Centennial Tournament in 1988 - I remember it well beating New Zealand in the semi-final but losing to Australia in the final - at least I was home for this one! Also, later in 1963 I was selected to play for England at Trials in November! That was a big year for me. Where does time go!'

Last but not least, Jean and Laurie Bourne celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in August. Many congratulations to you all.

Another of our HLM's has a big celebration on 27 January 2014, when Margaret Cassidy celebrates her 100th birthday. I'm hoping to add some news in our April 2014 edition about Margaret's celebrations.

The HLM anthem?

Finally, Joan Mills made us laugh with her rendition of a well-known song that she adapted for the HLM club as she suggests perhaps it could be to us what 'Jerusalem' is to the WI:

My favourite things from the Sound of Music and more fun if you sing it (if only in your head especially if you heard me trying to sing!)

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings
Bundles of magazines tied up in string
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak
When the knees go bad
A simply remember my favourite things
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin'
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin'
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames
When we remember our favourite things.

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A Barbershop rendition of the HLM Anthem at the Goalden Globes?

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Date: 8th—10th November - Fast 5 in New Zealand

Date: January 2014—International Test Series tbc

Date: February 2014—Super League commences

Date: 15 March 2014—National Schools Finals

Date: 7th June 2014 - Marion Smith Champs for players with a Learning Disability

Date: July / August 2014—CWG Glasgow



Drinks at half time- all round one tap

Zimbabwe