

# ALL ENGLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION

A History of Netball in England

Through the Ages - To Present Day



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## EARLY BEGINNINGS

- 1891** • Game invented in USA by a YMCA Secretary, where it was then, and is now, called Basketball. First match recorded in America 1900 (Boston)

- 1895** • Visit of Dr Justin Toles, an American, to Madam Österberg's Physical Training College (then at Hampstead). Students were taught Basket Ball - indoors – there were no printed rules - no lines, circles or boundaries.



The goals were two waste paper baskets hung on walls at each end of the hall.

- Within Madam Bergman Österberg's Report, dated 1895 the following was recorded :



*Basket Ball is an American game introduced into our College by Dr Toles ; its aim is to get the ball into the opponents' basket or goal, the basket being placed at a height of about seven or eight feet. The play is entirely with the hands, and no player is allowed to hold the ball for more than 5 seconds. It is a good winter game and can be played by any number. We played a few games in the gymnasium under Dr Toles' supervision.*




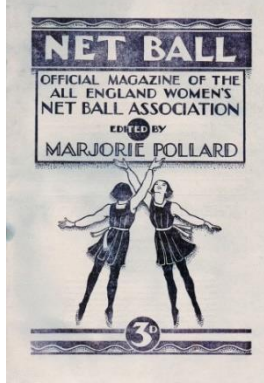
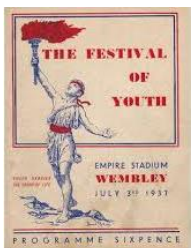
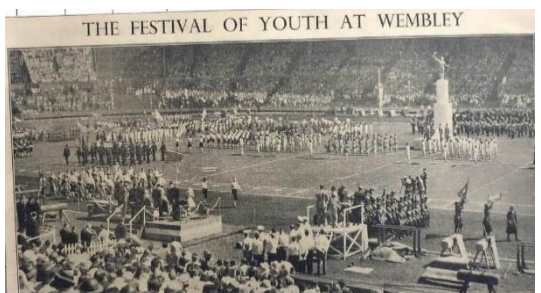
- 1897** • Game played out of doors on grass. An American lady paid a visit to the College (who moved to Dartford), and taught the game as then played by women in America.



- The students at Dartford introduced rings instead of baskets, the large ball and the division of the ground into three courts.
- After completing the physical training course, graduates of the college were virtually guaranteed employment in girls' schools throughout the country, with an ample yearly salary of £100!

<b>1900</b>	• The newly formed Ling Association (now the Physical Education Association) set up a sub-committee to revise and publish the first set of rules, 250 copies were published and many changes were adopted.	
<b>1901</b>		
<b>1902</b>	• The steady development of the game with modification of rules made by the experience of clubs and schools. English rules were introduced into USA, Canada, France, South Africa, as well as Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Copies of England Rule Books sold in India, Canada, Burma, France, Sweden, Denmark, New Zealand, Australia, Cape Colony, Jamaica and United States.	
<b>1907</b>	• The Polytechnic Netball Club, est. 1907, is in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest continually running netball club in the world. They possess the oldest netball trophy in the world and have been involved in the Middlesex County League and England Netball since their inception.	
<b>1910</b>	• Tollington High School for Girls (Grand Avenue, Muswell Hill, London N10) Founded in 1910 and played net ball from their early beginnings.	
<b>1923</b>	• Register was taken of all leagues with eight or more clubs.	
<b>1924</b>	• London & Home Counties Net Ball Federation formed with Miss Winefride O'Reilly as Hon. Secretary. The aim of the Federation was to organise clubs within London and its environs and ultimately to establish a national association.	
<b>1925</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Committee of Federation and Ling Association.</li> <li>• 10,800 Rule Books sold.</li> <li>• The netball goal post is an essential piece of equipment, and you might think that it would not have changed much over the years. However, the post and the goal net underwent some changes in the early years. The development of the game by the Ling Association meant that their endorsement of a particular type of equipment would probably have encouraged clubs to buy that type. Early goal posts were wooden and did not have nets attached, which made it difficult to see when a goal had been scored.</li> </ul>	

## BIRTH OF THE ASSOCIATION

1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12th February - 230 delegates in the drawing room of the YMCA, Tottenham Court Road, London, under the chairmanship of Miss Edith Thompson, CBE, formed the All England Women's Net Ball Association with a provisional committee consisting of five representatives from the Ling Association (Misses Bache, Hankinson, Newbold, Read and Wilkie) and five representatives from the London and Home Counties Net Ball Federation (Mrs Goold, Mrs Lavender, Misses Milman, O'Reilly and Shipperbottom).</li> <li>In the first season 12 leagues and 21 clubs affiliated.</li> </ul>	
1928	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miss E R Clarke in her Presidential address at the Annual General Meeting noted with satisfaction the steady increase in membership of the Association, but called for territorial or district organisations with representation on the National Council.</li> <li>Hints to Umpires booklet - 1,650 copies sold in first season.</li> </ul>	
1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South East was the first territorial association to be formed. The first seven county associations Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Durham and Northumberland.</li> <li>24 Leagues (over 300 clubs) and 74 clubs affiliated.</li> <li>An Umpires' Sub-Committee (Miss D M Wilkie, Hon. Secretary) set up a Panel of Umpires with Test Parts 1a &amp; b and 2.</li> </ul>	
1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First All England Inter County Tournament was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July at Eltham Hill Secondary School. 11 Teams competed with Essex first County Champions. 746 clubs affiliated.</li> <li>"We want expansion not restriction of interest. Quality of play is important but enthusiasm for the game and the quantity of players is an even more vital matter." (Miss Clarke, President).</li> </ul>	
1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In October 1933 Volume 1, Number 1 of The Official Magazine of the All England Women's Net Ball Association, edited by Marjorie Pollard was published. Price 3d. It makes really interesting reading with some wonderful phrases, some of which are quoted below :</li> <li><i>"we all recognise that Net Ball is a splendid, health-giving, happy game We realise that it can bring out all the qualities of character we so admire – tolerance, even temper, determination, courage, and a rapid, ready response to any given situation. Realising all that, as well as knowing how the game brings health and strength, mental stamina, and a quick, keen eye – we must believe that it is the perfect game. So, let all our games give full value – get all we can from them, give all we can to them."</i></li> </ul>	
1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the 8<sup>th</sup> February the name changed to : "All England Women's Association for Netball and other Hand Ball Games". This enabled the Association to qualify for recognition by the International Federation which controlled all Hand Ball Games and would lead to international games.</li> <li>Rules Boards for Net Ball, Field Hand Ball, Hazena (Czech Handball) and Basket Ball were set up.</li> </ul>	
1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenth Birthday Appeal for funds and anything from <b>10 farthings to 10 pounds</b> invited!</li> <li>Two Basket Ball Clubs affiliated.</li> <li>A suggestion by Head Mistresses that the Saturday afternoon use of school courts for Net Ball should be discouraged, was met with consternation.</li> </ul>	
1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formation of the United Women's Team Games Board with Miss O'Reilly its first Hon. Secretary.</li> <li>Net Ball magazine discontinued because of lack of funds.</li> <li>On the 8th July two teams from the Midlands and two from the South East represented the Association at a Wembley Festival of Youth held in the presence of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth organised in aid of the King George's Jubilee Trust. Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret were also in attendance. All youth organisations in the country were represented at the gathering with the youngsters parading carrying signs with the names of their organisations. 10,000 young people attended.</li> </ul>	 


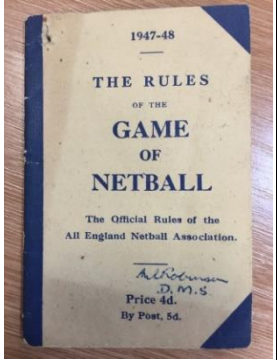









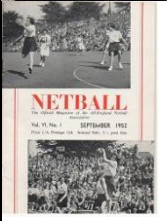

<b>1938</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant of £100 given by the National Fitness Council enabled an office to be set up for the Women's Games Board and a National Organiser (Miss Marjorie Pollard) was employed whose work was to promote Team Games for women and girls in England and Wales.</li> </ul>	
<b>1939</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miss O'Reilly was appointed National Organiser for the Women's Games Board.</li> <li>Middlesex, County Champions, represented England against a Scottish team at the Glasgow Exhibition.</li> <li>Invitation received from New Zealand to send a national team to take part in centenary celebrations in 1940 and to attend a conference which was unfortunately cancelled because of WW1</li> </ul>	





## THE WAR YEARS

<b>1940</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Emergency committee was appointed : Misses Sanders, Bullock, Jackson, Mrs Aitken-Brown and Mrs McNally.</li> </ul>
<b>1943</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointments of national officers confirmed, including the election of Miss E L Sanders as Hon. Secretary and Miss R B Stratford as Hon. Organiser. Consideration was given to the appointment of a Netball Organiser who could travel the country and co-ordinate activities.</li> </ul>
<b>1944</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Association now known as the All England Netball Association.</li> <li>Netball magazine re-introduced, edited by Mrs Joan Shaw.</li> </ul>





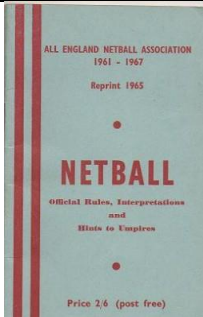
## REBUILDING

<b>1945</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All England Inter-County Tournaments resumed and held annually until 2001.</li> <li>First Conference of County Secretaries was held.</li> </ol>	
<b>1946</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Inter-Territorial Tournament, Bristol, won by the North West.</li> <li>Mrs A E Gardner OBE appointed President</li> </ol>	
<b>1947</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21st Birthday celebrations at Bournville. First eye-witness account of netball broadcast on radio.</li> <li>Mrs Joyce Crow, Editor of Netball.</li> <li>A group of players and officials demonstrated netball at the World Youth Festival in Prague, where players first wore England uniform; matches were umpired by Miss Rose Harris.</li> <li>Mrs Margaret Cassidy (nee Cullen) with a party from Northumberland toured Denmark.</li> <li>Reference in House of Commons debate to the tax on Netball equipment led to its exemption.</li> <li>Discussions on the possibility of employing a "paid coach" subject to availability of a Ministry of Education grant.</li> <li>Miss N D L Hollman was Honorary Treasurer from 1947 to 1951</li> <li>What today we know as the "Toss Up" was the "Bounce" : 'The two players between whom the ball is to be bounced shall stand 9 feet apart, facing each other, backs to the side lines, and left sides towards the goals which they are attacking. The Umpire shall stand squarely facing the goal line not more than 9 feet from the two players, and shall bounce the ball so that it rebounds equidistant from them. They must stand erect, feet together and arms by their sides until the ball touches the ground. The ball shall not be in play until it has been touched (not necessarily caught) by one of the two players between whom it is bounced. Umpires may vary the strength of the bounce'</li> </ul>	 
<b>1948</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2nd Territorial tournament, Nottingham, won by the South East.</li> <li>Meeting with National Union of Teachers decided against the formation of a National Schools Netball Association.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>1949</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the 7th May the first international matches against Scotland and Wales were held at the General Electric Company ground, in Preston Road, Wembley, with the Opening Ceremony conducted by the Mayor of Wembley Councillor Sirkett. The scores of both matches were 25-3 in England's favour.</li> </ul>	 <p>1827</p> <p>ALL ENGLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL MATCHES</p> <p>ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND v. WALES</p> <p>SATURDAY, 7th MAY, 1949 at 2 p.m.</p> <p>on the grounds of</p> <p>THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY</p> <p>PRESTON ROAD, WEMBLEY</p> <p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <p>THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF WEMBLEY</p> <p>(COUNCILLOR H. S. SIKKETT, JP)</p> <p>PROGRAMME — PRICE 6d.</p>	 <p>England V's Scotland May 1949</p>
<p><b>1950</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3rd Territorial tournament, Leeds, again won by the South East.</li> <li>Second County Secretaries' Conference held in London.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>1951</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silver Jubilee celebrations. A Silver Jubilee book was published, edited by Mrs Joyce Crow, and "Know the Game - Netball" by Miss Rena Stratford.</li> <li>The 25th anniversary of the All England Netball Association was the occasion for a series of old-style netball matches played to the original 1901 rules and showing off old style netball kit.</li> <li>England beat Wales at Cardiff 26-7 and then at Bournville beat Scotland 32-3 and Wales 31-7. England Reserve team won against an Australian team and a New Zealand team whose players were playing the English code of rules for the first time.</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 600 players representing schools, clubs and counties successfully demonstrated netball at the Festival of Britain Exhibition on London's South Bank, where the Festival Hall now stands.</li> <li>At Whitsun four counties took part in the CCPR's Festival of Sport at Wembley and four teams from the West Midlands demonstrated netball at the opening of the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall by HRH Princess Elizabeth.</li> </ul>	  <p>Inter-County at Teignmouth</p>
<p><b>1952</b></p>	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miss Mary Bullock appointed Editor of Netball.</li> <li>Netball's Shop Window - The daily scene in Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, attracted many spectators. Picture shows Kingsway beating Odhams in the final of the Summer Knock-Out Competition</li> </ul>		

<p><b>1953</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 1953 Inter-County Tournament was held at the Sun Works Sports Club, St Helier, Jersey in the Channel Islands over the weekend of the 3rd – 5th April in this Coronation year! The tournament was held on 6 courts, matches were 8 minutes each half, with 1 minute at half time. The tournament was won by Surrey. Over 200 players and officials were ‘airlifted’ to Jersey.</li> <li>• Miss Rena Stratford spoke at the Annual General Meeting of the need to widen horizons and suggested that it was time England linked up with other netball playing areas in the world.</li> <li>• The game of ‘three million’. The headline in “<i>The Times</i>” reported that three million women, from juniors upwards played netball and there were thousands of clubs all over Britain. It was reported that Netball was a well-thought-out spectator game.</li> <li>• Surrey, County Champions, beat an international team of Olympic athletes 22-7</li> </ul>	 
<p><b>1954</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International match against Northern Ireland – and from this year onwards, an England team has been selected annually.</li> <li>• At the Annual General Meeting Miss Stratford said : “in the form of international matches, touring teams, publicity, news space in the daily papers, television reports, promoters, gate money at stadium, full time paid officials, better play, more enjoyment... these visions could become realities if we look for the opportunities and seize them when they come.”</li> <li>• Netball took part in the Paralympic Games held at Stoke-Mandeville Hospital. Fourteen nations were represented with athletes from as far away as Australia, Egypt, Pakistan, and Portugal. For the sixth year in a row the ‘Red Devils’ of the Lyme Green Settlement proved too strong for the opposition in the netball competition. It was in this year that the netball competition began its transformation into what was to later become wheelchair basketball</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1955</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the first time, international matches were played indoors at Harringay Arena before several thousands of spectators who saw England become United Kingdom champions by winning against Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, a title retained throughout the years. Decision taken to invite an Australian team to tour England the following year, as well as to send an England team to tour South Africa.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1956</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter County Tournament held under cover for the first time (RAF Stanmore, Middlesex).</li> <li>• England entertained first overseas side at Harringay - lost first match against Australia (11-14).</li> <li>• England’s first touring team, whose members had to find their own air fares, took four days to fly in a two engine Viking aircraft to Southern Rhodesia and South Africa. Miss Rena Stratford led the party as Manager/Coach, Miss Rose Harris was the umpire and Mary Bushell (Surrey) - now Mary French - captained a successful team of ten players which won all matches including three Tests against South Africa.</li> <li>• “To me the main path is directed right across the world.... I think we must think now in terms of an international federation.” (Miss Stratford, AGM)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1957</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First matches at the Empire Pool, Wembley. This became an annual event until other venues became available. The main match, England v The Rest was televised for a fee of ten guineas.</li> <li>• First international rules conference held in London at which an international code of rules was drawn up by delegates from the four UK countries, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Trinidad and</li> </ul>	



	<p>South Africa. Australia and New Zealand later adopted the code for domestic use, with New Zealand making the radical change of reducing their game from 9 a side to 7 a-side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AENA amended a number of rules, including the introduction of intercepting shots at goal, less restrictive footwork and lengthening matches from 30 to 40 minutes each, but the complete transition to the international code was too big to achieve in one step.</li> </ul>	
<b>1958</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English clubs and schools coped with major changes in the rules and a record 53,500 copies of the new Rules Book were sold in one year. England Captain Jo Higgins (pictured) personally handled the sale and dispatch of 35,000 copies in five months before arrangements were made for the printer to take over distribution.</li> <li>Hints to Coaches revised. The Coaching Sub-Committee started to draw up a coaching plan with the concept of a club coach.</li> <li>Schools sub-committee set up.</li> <li>Miss Hazel Chapman becomes Editor of Netball during the absence abroad of Miss Bullock.</li> <li>First official AENA netball film was made by Town &amp; Country Productions sponsored by "Aertex" and "Ovaltine".</li> </ul>	
<b>1959</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the first time England trials divorced from the Inter County Tournament and held indoors on a separate weekend (at RAF Stanmore).</li> <li>South Africa toured this country for the first time playing 25 matches and winning 18 of them, although losing the three Test matches against England.</li> </ul>	 
<b>1960</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HM The Queen on behalf of HRH Princess Anne, accepted a Netball presented by the Association.</li> <li>Miss Stratford coached, lectured and tested umpires in Jamaica.</li> <li>International Federation of Women's Basketball and Netball Associations inaugurated at a conference in Ceylon. England's two delegates were Miss Rose Harris, who chaired the conference, and Miss Rena Stratford, who acted as the secretary. In addition to England and Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the West Indies all sent delegates. In agreeing an international code of rules and in order to fulfil its aims of promoting international understanding and friendship, all delegates had to be prepared to give and take and the conference was successfully carried through with an understanding of other's problems. The conference paid a tribute to the AENA for initiating and developing the work of integration between netball playing countries; the AENA was invited to elect the first Officers of the Federation and also to organise and hold the first World Tournament in England in 1963.</li> </ul>	
<b>1961</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England adopted the international code of play for domestic use.</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England played 'The Rest' - the up and coming England players.</li> <li>Jamaica visited England and played at Wembley where England won 24-22.</li> <li>Coaching scheme launched with a national conference attended by 25 coaches all of whom undertook to conduct coaching courses throughout the country.</li> </ul> 
<b>1962</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant aid received from the Ministry of Education for the first time towards the expenses of a national coaching scheme. Preparatory Coaching Award introduced. "Junior Netball" rejected by AENA Council.</li> <li>Pamphlet "History of Netball" published (Mrs D I King).</li> <li>Players wear the initials of playing positions.</li> </ul>	

- Concern expressed at the Annual General Meeting about “wrong attitude” of players, considered to be attributable to lack of skills in intercepting the ball; umpires had complained of unsparing reception at some events.
  - Second netball film by Town & Country Productions.
  - England Touring Team selected to tour the West Indies, all members responsible for their own travel expenses (Miss Rose Harris, Manager/Coach and Miss Nancy Barnett, Umpire). Ten players won all matches including Tests against Jamaica, Trinidad and the West Indies. England Squad in Jamaica Back Row: Jo Wiggins, Ella Fraser, Annette Cairncross, Margaret Eve, Margaret Macdonald, Margaret Silcock Front Row: Ann Norvell, Jean Robinson (Captain), Josephine Higgins, Margaret Barlow.
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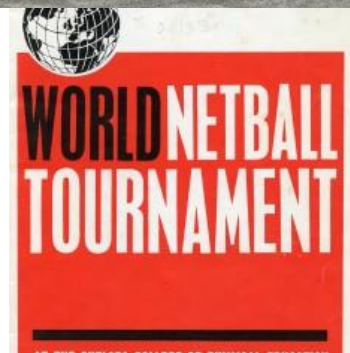


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- Death of the President, Miss Doris Wilkie, after a long illness, and also of another founder member of the Association, Miss O'Reilly. At the Annual General Meeting, it was said of Miss Wilkie that she had been a source of inspiration - always ready to stimulate and encourage any new project. The Association would miss her wit and wisdom, her patience and understanding and her generous outlook.
- Ministry of Education gave £700 towards administration and coaching.
- First World Tournament at Chelsea College of Physical Education, Eastbourne, Sussex. The International Federation's



Officers (all from England) were :  
President : Miss Margaret Cullen (now Mrs Cassidy) Hon. Secretary : Miss Rena Stratford Hon. Treasurer : Miss Laurel Newson The Association's first Press Conference was held prior to the World Tournament. The organisation of the Tournament was carried out by an organising committee, but the brunt of the responsibility lay with Miss Joyce Baggallay and Miss Stratford. Miss Stratford introduced the opening and closing flag ceremonies retained in their full dignity at all subsequent World Tournaments. Scotland and England, captained by Jo Higgins and New Zealand second and the world



- Following the World Tournament, Miss Harris at a Council meeting : “England could learn from the mistakes in the past from the empty stand at Eastbourne. To get the right publicity and the right status desired, the game must emerge from the school playground. Netball should be part of a sports centre where social events could also be held.”
- England played a team “The Rest of the United Kingdom” at Wembley. Players from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales took part in what has become an annual fixture of Netball at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

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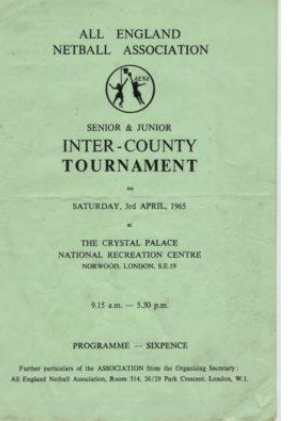
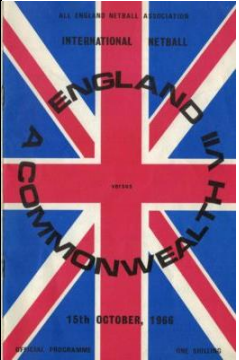




ENGLAND: *Left to Right* — K. Reynolds, B. Burke, J. Haden, J. Hirst, J. Higgins (Capt.), P. Wells, A. Thompson.


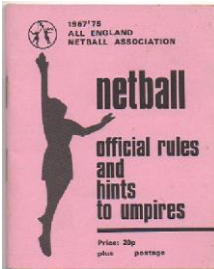



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- “Develop or die” AENA Council agreed to Miss Stratford’s proposal for a full-time Organising Secretary, an office in the new CCPR headquarters at Park Crescent, London, and an expansion plan which would help to enlarge membership, increase annual income, improve services to members and to make the Association more widely known, as well as to obtain better playing facilities. These plans enabled the Association to qualify for substantial grants from the Ministry of Education.
- Miss Annette Cairncross was appointed in November as the Association’s first Organising Secretary. Miss Elsie L Sanders who had been the Association’s Hon. Secretary since 1940, was made a Member of the British Empire for her services to Netball.
- First Junior Inter County Tournament held and won by Essex.



## YEARS OF GROWTH

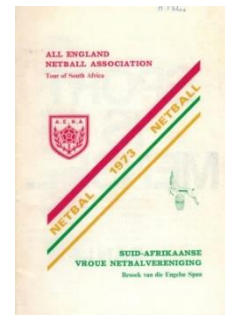
1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First England Training squad chosen and for the first time a Young England (under 23 years) team was selected whose captain was Gabrielle Duggan of Warwickshire.</li> <li>England narrowly beat a Commonwealth VII at Wembley (37-35)</li> <li>The Inter County Tournament was held for the first time in the newly opened Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Thirty-two senior teams and twelve junior teams participated.</li> <li>Ad hoc Constitution Committee to draft a new constitution. Introduction of individual club registration resulted in membership fees rising from £271 to £1045 in one year, but the number of member clubs dropped to 716.</li> </ul>	
1966	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First National Clubs Tournament sponsored by "Woman" magazine was held at the Sarah Siddens School, London. The Birmingham club Harborne, became the first winners of the National Clubs Tournament, where clubs from all around England played each other on a knockout basis.</li> <li>South African Schoolgirls' team toured England and remained unbeaten in 61 matches. Twelve player/coaches led by Miss Mary Thomas toured South Africa.</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A five-year plan prepared by the Development Committee (Chairman Miss Harris), was adopted which aimed to encourage more people to play, coach and umpire netball at all levels and to promote the game in the other home countries and overseas, particularly in Europe.</li> <li>England played a Commonwealth V11 at Wembley. The Commonwealth team contained a strong contingent from Australia and New Zealand who were resident in England. Australia ranked No.1 with New Zealand in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.</li> <li>Miss Stratford toured the West Indies and Guyana advising on development plans.</li> </ul>	
1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second World Tournament in Perth, Australia. For the first time expenses of the officials and players met by the Association. "Woman" magazine designed and obtained travelling uniform. England lost to South Africa, Australia and New Zealand (World Champions) to finish fourth in the Tournament and successfully toured Australia and New Zealand following the Tournament. Miss Stratford led the England party and, with Miss Adelaide Brayford, formed the Association delegation at the International Conference meeting. Miss Harris was Team Manager, Mrs Mary French, Coach, Miss Joyce Haynes, Umpire and Marion Lofthouse (Lancashire) was the England Captain. Netball rules revised by the International Federation and later an interpretation given which led to a controversy over blocking tactics. Joyce Hayes was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final.</li> <li>In 1967, when the England team travelled to Perth, Australia, to participate in the World Netball Tournament (as it was then known), the players decided that it would be a good idea to keep in touch and play together with the team name of 'The Roos' (from kangaroos).</li> <li>To become a member of the Roos Club, participants needed to be England players that had toured abroad. On their return from Australia (where England came fourth after New Zealand, Australia and South Africa) the players formed their team and were invited to play matches against other teams in Spotlight and Indoor evenings. The Roos Club travelled the length and breadth of the country to participate and show their skills to the netballing fraternity.</li> </ul>	 <p><small>French, third row with the white, and the 1967 England netball team. She was coach on a tour to Australia that year.</small></p>  

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Club also helped at national training sessions, where new England Squad players were pleased to learn the tips and tricks of top level/international netball from these experienced netballers.</li> <li>Kent first holders of the Mitre Sports Trophy presented to winners of the Inter County Tournament.</li> <li>Introduction of National Colleges' Tournament won by Dartford College of Physical Education.</li> <li>Greater London team toured Jamaica with Miss Mary Preston as Manager/Coach, Mrs Winifred Watling as Umpire and Jean Heath as Captain, winning all matches.</li> <li>Motion that the AENA should become a Company Limited by Guarantee defeated at the Annual General Meeting.</li> </ul>		
			Kent win Mitre Trophy
1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anonymous donors presented the Weldun Cup to winners of the Junior Inter County Tournament and individual plaques to members of the winning Senior Team.</li> <li>A North of England Team toured Jamaica led by Miss Joyce Haynes as Manager/Umpire, Miss Olwyn Pritchard as Coach/Umpire and Brenda Ansell (Birmingham) captain.</li> <li>Middlesex is the first county to win both Senior and Junior County Championships in the same season.</li> <li>Revised International Rules adopted for domestic play and nearly 25,000 Rules Books were sold during the season.</li> </ul>		
1969	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of National Schools' Tournament, when Miss Sanders, Chairman of the Schools' and Colleges Committee, presented trophies to the winning schools. Cardinal Wiseman School (Warwickshire) first Senior School Champions; St. Wilfrids School (Lancashire) won the Junior section.</li> <li>The First Torch Trophy Award for voluntary service to a netball club went to Miss Susan Winterbottom (Staffordshire).</li> <li>AENA Council regretfully withdrew an invitation to the South African Women's Netball Association to send a touring team to England because a team could not be selected on a multi-racial basis.</li> <li>Annoyance and ill feeling grew regarding the International rule, which allowed a player to defend with arms raised to waist level.</li> <li>After two drafts and considerable discussion, new Constitution of the Association adopted. Motion for a new name "The England Netball Association" defeated. The new Constitution aimed to give clubs more opportunities to share in the running of the Association by defining membership and the rights of Members, and it introduced a new administrative structure with an enlarged Council on which every county was represented and a small Executive Committee with regional representation.</li> <li>Mrs French led a successful England tour of the West Indies and Guyana with Miss Margaret Thompson as Umpire and Anne Miles as Captain. Test matches were won against Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana, but lost for the first time against Trinidad.</li> <li>Miss Mary Thomas coached in Zambia.</li> <li>First National School Leavers Course and a new proficiency-shooting award scheme.</li> </ul>		
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fury over blocking tactics continued. Netball's postbag overflowed with complaints, although skilful players were beginning to evolve new tactics to break a block.</li> <li>A team of British Students toured Bahamas and Jamaica with Mrs Sheila Walton (Keele University) Manager, Miss Joyce Wheeler Coach/Umpire. Susan Campbell (Bedford College of Physical Education) captained the team.</li> </ul>	 	Joyce Wheeler Sue Campbell

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miss Ellen Marsh and Miss Marion Wall (both from Lancashire) became the first holders of the Long Service Award, given for outstanding service of 25 years or more at county or regional levels.</li> <li>School girls eligible for county teams. The age of the Young England team reduced to under 21 years and a team to represent England Schools selected from competitors in the final round of the National Schools Tournament.</li> <li>For the first time, copies of the Association's Handbook and Annual Report were sent to all member clubs and schools.</li> <li>Counties and Regions participated in a survey on existing netball facilities which enabled recommendations to be made to the Sports Council on the provision required within the next ten years.</li> <li>Development plans drawn up by the Coaching and Umpiring Sub-Committees and 13 umpires added to a special register for umpiring international events.</li> <li>Formation of English Schools' Netball Association, independent of AENA.</li> <li>Jamaica and New Zealand teams toured England prior to the Third World Tournament to be held in Jamaica in January 1971.</li> </ul>
1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England competed in the Third World Tournament in Kingston, Jamaica. A plane chartered by the Association took the four UK teams plus 55 supporters to Jamaica. England's party was led by Wing Commander Margaret Green who, with Mrs Winifred Watling, were the Association's delegates to the International Federation's Council meeting. Mrs Mary French was Team Manager and Coach, Miss Margaret Thompson, Umpire and Anne Miles, Captain. Miss Mary Bullock was invited by the Jamaica Netball Association to act as Press Officer during the World Tournament and the Organising Secretary, Miss Annette Cairncross, was loaned to Jamaica to take responsibility for the office administration at the World Tournament and Conference.</li> <li>First England Schoolgirls' team selected at open trials.</li> <li>Netball Skills published.</li> <li>Margaret Cassidy appointed President (1970-1974)</li> <li>In June, Elsie Sanders died. As Hon. Secretary from 1940 until 1964, Miss Sanders had given all her time and energy to promoting netball affairs; her complete devotion had enabled the Association to grow and develop. For services to netball she had been awarded the MBE</li> </ul>   
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England Under 21 team toured Jamaica (Mrs Mary French, Team Manager and Coach; Miss Mary Thomas, Umpire). Matches against the Jamaica Under 21 team were won.</li> <li>Joint meetings with the English Schools Netball Association to resolve problems which had arisen since its independent formation in 1970. As a result, ESNA became an Associate Member of AENA and the National Schools' Tournament was organised for schools in membership of both AENA and ESNA.</li> <li>Scotland, United Kingdom Under 21 Champions, beating England for the first time.</li> <li>Tentative foothold in Europe effected when Miss Cairncross and Miss Anne Miles attended a conference in Germany where representatives from the German Korfball and Korfball Associations, Royal Dutch and Belgian Korfball Associations were present to compare the three games in which there are basic similarities. This led to an invitation to send demonstration teams to the German Festival of Sport the following year.</li> </ul> 



1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development plans to increase membership began to show effect with member clubs increasing from 887 to 1037 in one season and a special publicity month held in conjunction with the "Sport for All" campaign.</li> <li>English Schools Netball Association and the newly formed British Colleges Sports Association took over the organisation of the National Schools and Colleges Tournaments. International Schools Tournament held for the first time in which England Schools defeated other United Kingdom countries as well as the Republic of Ireland competing for the first time.</li> <li>The National Clubs' final in which Sudbury (Middlesex) beat Linden (Birmingham) by 62 goals to 27 televised by ATV.</li> <li>Seventeen England players demonstrated netball at the German Festival of Sport, Stuttgart. The party was led by the President, Mrs Margaret Cassidy and included Mrs French as Coach/Umpire, Miss Joyce Haynes, Umpire and Miss Carol Norton who acted as interpreter and commentator.</li> <li>The President, Mrs Margaret Cassidy, awarded the OBE in the Birthday Honours list for services to netball.</li> <li>Despite pressure from some West Indies Countries, the decision to tour South Africa was taken after much discussion and heart-searching and only after assurances had been given that South Africa would accept an England team selected regardless of race or colour and that opportunities would be made for England to play, as well as to coach, non-European teams. England's party was led by Mrs French as Manager/Coach; Miss Wheeler, Umpire. The team won all its 25 matches, including three Tests against SAWNA (South African Women's Netball Association) and a match against the South African Coloured Board by 95 goals to 6. 55 Coaching sessions were held.</li> <li>A new promotional film "Aiming for Wembley" was given an enthusiastic first showing.</li> <li>Miss Joyce Wheeler was appointed Assistant Team Coach and was subsequently engaged as the Association's first full-time Development Officer. Miss Frances Tomkins undertook a coaching assignment in the Seychelles.</li> </ul>
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Government reorganisation resulted in changes in the boundaries of some counties and the setting up of new counties.</li> <li>First visit of an England team to Dublin, where the Under 21 team beat the Republic of Ireland by 70 goals to 6.</li> <li>England's Captain, Anne Miles, first player to have represented England in 50 international matches.</li> <li>Mrs Rose Harris appointed President (1974-1976)</li> </ul> <p>'Sport for All' tournament organised for clubs able to field three teams, representing new members, over 35s and an open team, at Bishop Lonsdale College, Derby, on the same day as the Annual General Meeting; winner Kent County Netball Club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Zealand team entertained in England and won three Test matches, albeit by narrow margins. England lost for the first time at Wembley (44-47). End of tour celebration cake!</li> </ul>
1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further meetings with the English Schools Netball Association and agreement reached that the School's Association should become an autonomous body with the AENA to which all schools would affiliate.</li> <li>Eligibility to wear England red blazers extended. Different badges would denote the different categories; players who had represented England at level, Panel Coaches, Panel Umpires, and all Officers of the Association.</li> <li>Eleven countries competed in the Fourth World Tournament which was held in Auckland, New Zealand. England's party was led by Mrs Pat Taylor who with Miss Mary Thomas attended the International Council Meetings. Mrs Mary French was Team Manager/Coach and Anne Miles Team Captain and Miss Joyce Haynes, Umpire. England beat New Zealand 39-38. 1<sup>st</sup> Australia, 2<sup>nd</sup> England, 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand.</li> </ul>

















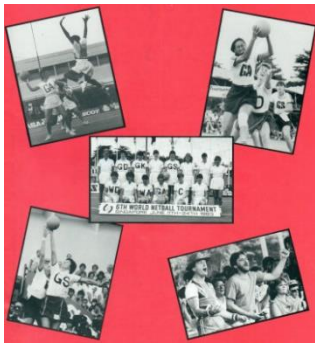
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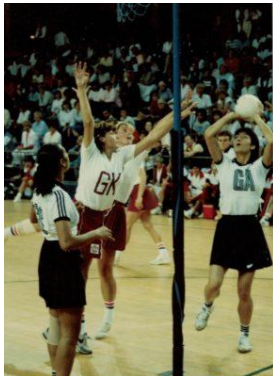






Rose Harris








	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Mary French elected Vice-President of the International Federation.</li> <li>• By the death of Marion Wall, Vice President until she retired in 1974, the Association lost a loyal and devoted supporter.</li> </ul>	
1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor amendments to the International rules, made by the Federation, adopted for domestic use from January. 22,000 Rules books sold during the season.</li> <li>• England and England Schools' teams received a standing ovation at matches in Belfast against Northern Ireland, the first visit there since 1970 because of terrorist activity.</li> <li>• Miss Anne Stephenson in Kenya to train umpires.</li> <li>• Golden Jubilee. Special demonstration matches were played in different parts of the country and in February, the day after the Association's official birthday, a packed audience at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre watched a team of England stars representing the Roos International Club narrowly defeat the England team 46 goals to 44. England GA Pat Watson throwing in to Pat Cane GS covered by The Roos GK Anne Miles and defended by Cathy Hickey GD, C Linda Taylor.</li> <li>• Miss Jean Robinson appointed President (1976-1980) (pictured in her red blazer when she was England Captain in the late 1950's)</li> </ul>	  
1977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Tournament was re-introduced into the Events Programme.</li> <li>• The Trinidad &amp; Tobago Netball Association presented this trophy to the All England Netball Association on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary during the tour of England in 1977. The AENA then used the trophy for the Regional Championship.</li> <li>• The Trinidad &amp; Tobago Trophy was won by the East Region.</li> </ul>	
1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia Tour of England winning all their matches. TV coverage at Wembley. Teams were competing for the Robinsons Trophy.</li> <li>• England toured in the Caribbean winning all 3 matches against Barbados and Grenada but only managing 1 draw v 2 losses against Trinidad &amp; Tobago.</li> <li>• AENA agreed that ESNA should select and manage our England U16 Team.</li> <li>• Over 21,168 club members affiliated.</li> </ul>	
1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-organisation of Head Office resulted in the appointment for the first time of a Director of Netball.</li> <li>• The Nat West Coaching Scheme was launched.</li> <li>• Later in the year New Zealand toured England winning all their matches. England U21's won the British Isles Tournament. England Seniors won all matches in the Home Internationals.</li> <li>• The Muriel McNally Award for services at grass root level, was introduced with Miss M Heath of Tiffins Old Girls the first recipient.</li> <li>• An England U16 team was selected for the first time and had victories over Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.</li> <li>• Great leap forward in affiliated club members now reaching 26,774.</li> <li>• East Region founded the Centre of Excellence for young players.</li> <li>• England took part in the 5th World Tournament in Trinidad with 19 countries competing. England came 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• They call it close marking, remembering that in 1979 Netball was still a non-contact sport!</li> </ul>	 
1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AENA Head Office moved to Francis House, Victoria, London.</li> <li>• AENA now a member of the British Olympic Association.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England hosted the Senior British Isles Tournament when they won the Marion Wall Trophy by beating Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Republic of Ireland.</li> <li>At the Inter County Tournament, a new format resulted in a merit table, allowing all participating counties to be given a ranking.</li> <li>Miss Annette Cairncross appointed President (1980-1986)</li> <li>Mrs Liz Nicholl appointed CEO (1980-1982)</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <span>Annette Cairncross</span> <span>Liz Nicholl</span> </div>
1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball selected as one of the sports to receive extra financial help by the Sports Council's concentration of resources programme.</li> <li>Mrs Pat Taylor, AENA Chairman, awarded the MBE. A special presentation was made to Mary Bullock in recognition of 29 years as Editor of the Netball Magazine.</li> <li>It was agreed to set up a Charitable Youth Trust to assist promotion of the game at youth level.</li> <li>Barbados visited England and Toured in the Regions. England beat Barbados in two Test Matches.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <span>Barbados v England</span> <span>v Kent</span> <span>v Surrey</span> <span>v Sussex</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">     </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the U18 British Isles Tournament, the Marion Wall Trophy was shared between England, Scotland and Wales</li> <li>England U23 Team Toured Jamaica. England Toured New Zealand, Australia and Singapore.</li> <li>The first National Publicity Conference was held for County and Regional Publicity Officers.</li> </ul>
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Zealand Toured England winning all matches.</li> <li>Mrs Pat Taylor, AENA Chairman was appointed as Senior Vice President to IFNA. Mary Thomas was appointed as Convenor of the International Rules Board. Mrs Jan Holt appointed CEO (1982-1986)</li> </ul>
1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sixth World Championship in Singapore, England maintained their 4th position. Femininity Tests and Drug Tests were introduced for the first time at the World Tournament.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>Delegates attending IFNA Conference</p> <p>Front cover of 1983 Netball Magazine showing teams and supporters at the World Championship in Singapore</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Australian Institute of Sport toured in England winning all their matches.</li> <li>Major rule changes governing the use of 3 tactical substitutions was introduced.</li> <li>The British Sugar Bureau became a sponsor for the AENA.</li> <li>All England Netball Association became a Limited Company on May 31<sup>st</sup> 1983</li> <li>British Isles Tournament was re-named the United Kingdom and Ireland Tournament.</li> <li>Panel Coaching Award was re-named the Advanced Coaching Award.</li> <li>The English Counties League ran as a prototype as the PES League</li> </ul>
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three major sponsors emerged for Netball - Barclays Bank sponsored the new National Youth Tournament.</li> <li>Fosters Draught the Inter County Championship and the Butter Information Council sponsored the National Clubs Tournament.</li> <li>Netball Coaching Manual was published as the definitive training book for coaches.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Youth Leadership Training Scheme was introduced as well as the introduction of the Sports Care National Netball League for Counties. Birmingham were the first winners.</li> <li>• The Netball Youth Trust was set up to assist in the provision of facilities and financial aid for students and colleges and schools, so that they could pursue their netball careers.</li> <li>• Jamaica Toured England with each country winning one Test Match each.</li> </ul>
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Netball World Games held at Crystal Palace in England for the top 6 Countries in the World. England came 4th, New Zealand were the winners.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pat Taylor MBE, AENA Chairman of Executive Committee was awarded the Oscar State Trophy for outstanding services to World Netball.</li> <li>• Liz Broomhead appointed U21 National Coach (1985-1991)</li> <li>• Trinidad &amp; Tobago U21's and the Australian Institute of Sport Toured in England, winning all their games.</li> <li>• The first training film was completed for umpires.</li> <li>• The Netball into Europe Committee was set up to foster links with European Countries to persuade them to play netball.</li> <li>• A tournament to run alongside the Annual General Meeting was introduced but did not attract many entries.</li> <li>• Sugarability Netball Skills Awards were introduced.</li> <li>• Individually affiliated members now reached 41,294 and the number of clubs 2,918.</li> </ul>
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diamond Jubilee Year for AENA (60 years).</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>England U18 Squad</p> <p>England Senior Squad</p> <p>England 7<sup>th</sup> World T'ment Squad</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;">   </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AENA employed a Sports Public Relations Company to help improve netball's image and promote the sport nationally. TV coverage took off in 1986, with LWT, Channel 4 and the filming of the Wembley International by BBC Grandstand.</li> <li>• A scheme was introduced to encourage the Regions to run Centres of Excellence.</li> <li>• The Nat West Coaching Scheme concludes after 7 years of sponsorship.</li> <li>• The Advanced Umpiring Video was completed and the Basic Coaching Training Video. Training publications continue to be produced.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A netball coach, Beryl Evans of Henley College won the B.A.N.C. Dextrosol Coach of the Year Award.</li> <li>• A new sponsor EVIAN (Aquarius) Ltd was attracted.</li> <li>• Mrs Liz Nicholl returned as CEO (1986-1999)</li> <li>• An England Supporters Club was founded.</li> <li>• AENA identified 5 Regions to establish motivators to deal with specific development needs.</li> <li>• Australia Tour England - winning all matches.</li> </ul>
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England Tour New Zealand, Fiji and the Cook Islands with wins in Fiji and Cook Islands. They drew one match with New Zealand and lose 2 by narrow margins for the first time.</li> <li>• A National U14 Championship was held in 3 groups, U12's U13's U14's. A training video was produced for U12's.</li> <li>• Heather Crouch, England Coach won the British Association of National Coaches Award.</li> <li>• The Seventh World Tournament was held in Glasgow, Scotland with England coming 4th behind New Zealand, Australia and Trinidad. Heather Crouch was National Senior Coach and Gerry Cornwall Assistant Coach. This was the last World Tournament to be held outdoors – it rained every day!</li> <li>• Cheryl Danson was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final.</li> <li>• Jilleen Hipsey England Captain achieved her 100th cap and a place in the Guinness Book of Records. Jilleen was the first England player to achieve 100 caps – this took place at the 1987 World Tournament held in Glasgow.</li> <li>• Maddy Dwan retires from the England Squad at the age of 30 with 69 caps full caps and 10 U21 caps which made her eligible for the Guinness Book of Records.</li> <li>• The West Indies Toured in England, with England drawing 1 game and losing the remaining two Tests.</li> <li>• England won the Marion Wall Trophy at the Home Internationals with England U21's winning the UK and Ireland Tournaments.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tutor Award Scheme introduced for Umpires and a comprehensive Training Manual produced for the Training of Umpires.</li> <li>• The First World Youth Cup took place in Canberra, Australia - England were losing finalists against Australia.</li> <li>• England Coach Betty Galsworthy won the B.A.N.C. Dextrosol Coach of the Year Award.</li> <li>• New Zealand Toured in England winning the 3 Test Matches by wide margins.</li> <li>• Mrs Pat Taylor appointed President (1988-1993)</li> <li>• English Counties League now running with 2 Divisions and three area divisions.</li> <li>• A National Youth Development Programme sponsored by Nat West Bank was launched.</li> <li>• Six Centres of Excellence sponsored by Evian now in operation around the Country.</li> </ul> 
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Daily Telegraph and Channel 4 TV offered a challenge cup in front of the cameras for the top 4 county teams, Birmingham came out on top over Essex Met, Hertfordshire and Surrey.</li> <li>• Rena Stratford, former AENA President, died on October 14th. She will long be remembered as a visionary for the game world-wide.</li> </ul>



- Junior Leagues are on the increase encouraged by the sponsorship of Nat West Bank.
- Insurance benefits were introduced for affiliated Leagues.
- Nat West Bank sponsored Play-days targeting 9-16-year olds.
- A part-time National Youth Development officer was appointed.
- The English Counties League was sponsored by P.E.S.
- The Second World Games was held in Karlsruhe Germany. England came 3rd behind Australia and New Zealand.



The Roos at the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Games in Karlsruhe

- England holds two positions on the International Federation of Netball Associations - Pat Taylor MBE Senior Vice President and Mary Thomas, member of the Rules Board.
- FENA Umpiring Awards were introduced (A, B and C) AENA Umpiring Awards still valid during the transition
- Pat Watson won the B A N C Dextro Energy Coach of the Year Award
- The National Youth Championship for U21's U18's and U16's was introduced to replace the Barclays Bank Youth Championship.
- A booklet aimed at children outlining the history of the game of netball was produced.
- England U16's continue to win their UK matches.
- The squad toured in Brisbane, Australia, chalking up 4 wins and 4 loses.
- Individual affiliated members now almost topping 44000.
- Editor of Netball Magazine now a paid post – Editor Geoff Harrold.
- During the 1989 AGM, the Muriel McNally Award was presented to Kath Worrell.




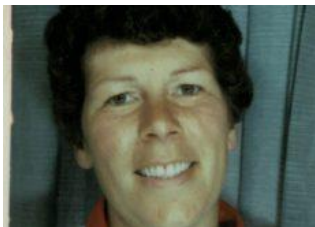

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**1990**






- Netball accepted into the Commonwealth Games for 1998.
- Federation of European Netball Associations was formed and the UK and Ireland Tournament was renamed the FENA Championship.
- The England U18 team won the Marion Wall Trophy in convincing style.
- Qualification for playing in Regions/Counties was changed to allow 1st Claim Club as one of the criteria.
- England to host the 1995 World Championship in Birmingham.
- AENA Newsletter was introduced for all Leagues in the Country.
- England tour in Australia to play in the Tri-Series against New Zealand and Australia, England lost all matches.
- England U16 tour Australia and play Papua New Guinea
- England U21's tour in Barbados, losing 3 Test Matches against the Senior Barbados squad, but winning against Barbados U23's.
- Australia tour in England, with a clean sweep of victories.
- Canada make a 'flying visit' to England, playing in the Regions.
- The AENA/Nat West Netball Summer School for girls between 11 & 14 years was launched.





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<b>1991</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England Tour New Zealand as a build up for the 8th World Championship in Australia, losing the 3 Test Matches but notching up wins in the 3 lead up matches.</li> <li>At the World Championship, England maintained the 4th position behind Australia, New Zealand and Jamaica. Coach Betty Galsworthy, Team Manager Joyce Wheeler, Captain Kendra Slawinski. Sheelagh Redpath was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final.</li> <li>Liz Broomhead appointed National Coach (1991-1997) Sheelagh Redpath</li> <li>An U11 section was added to the National Junior Championships.</li> <li>The first FENA Tournament was held for U16 squads with England taking the Marion Wall Trophy in convincing style.</li> <li>West Indies Tour in England and narrowly win the Test Series with England drawing one Test and losing the final Test by 1 goal.</li> <li>The English Counties League was extended to 6 divisions with most counties now included.</li> <li>Head Office was relocated from Victoria, London to Hitchin in Hertfordshire.</li> <li>Substantial grant was obtained from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts to continue work with the Youth Development Programme.</li> <li>Netball Leaders Award was launched.</li> <li>England Netball was invited to send delegates to a seminar on "Fair Play" with other sports at the Long Room, Lords Cricket Ground, led by the Duke of Edinburgh. The Netball delegates were the first women allowed to enter this hallowed room. Delegates were Liz Nicholl, Betty Galsworthy and Liz Broomhead.</li> </ul>
	 
<b>1992</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new AENA structure commences on September 1st. Technical Committees become autonomous. Regions no longer represented on the Management Committee. Match &amp; Tournament Committee now includes representatives for each Region. The position of Director of Development and Coaching came into operation on September 1st.</li> <li>1992 saw the breakthrough for the Netball into Europe Committee, when a promotional tour took place to the Basque region of Spain. Discussions took place with the Netherlands to look at the possibility of combining aspects of Korfbal and Netball - this however ended when both countries decided to stay with their own game.</li> <li>At the 2nd World Youth Cup held in Fiji, England U21's take 4th place. Pat Watson National U21 Coach.</li> <li>AENA Rose Award was introduced, awarded for a notable contribution to Netball in any capacity.</li> <li>Affiliated membership has now passed the 50000 mark, two years before the target time set for 1994.</li> </ul>
<b>1993</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England Tour in Jamaica, winning the Test Series.</li> <li>England U18/U21 squad participate in a promotional tour to Sweden.</li> <li>The 3rd World Games took place in Holland, with England coming 4th.</li> <li>Trinidad and Tobago tour England. England win the Test Series outright.</li> <li>Kendra Slawinski, England Captain, wins her 100th cap, and goes on to beat former England Captain Jilleen Hipsey's place in the Guinness Book of Records. (128 caps)</li> <li>Neutral umpires from the IFNA pool were used for the first time.</li> <li>England won the first year of the FENA League.</li> <li>A National Clubs League came into operation for the first time with two divisions of eight teams. Linden Club was the first winner.</li> <li>Inclusion of Netball for the 1998 Commonwealth Games was confirmed as well as recognition from the International Olympic Committee.</li> </ul>
	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Step Netball, a mini-game for Primary School children was launched.</li> <li>• A Press and Publicity Representative was appointed.</li> <li>• A new breed of rose “Rising Star” was selected from Harkness Roses, to be used for presentations /celebrations etc and for the World Championships.</li> <li>• The East Region win the Regional Championships for the 5th time.</li> <li>• 4 Yearly re-assessments of Panel Umpires introduced this year.</li> </ul>	
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The All England Netball Association was offered the opportunity by Harkness Roses of Letchworth to name a new rose with Netball in mind. Following a tough selection process of the many names put forward from members across the country, the winner was RISING STAR by Helen Watt.</li> <li>• The National Director of Development and Coaching post was split and replaced with the post of Director of Coaching and a proposed Development Officer post.</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AENA merge with the English Schools Netball Association. And on the weekend of the 24/25<sup>th</sup> September Liz Nicholl, CEO AENA signed the merger document with Jill Barter, ESNA.</li> <li>• The new FENA ‘A’ written paper was used for the first time with work ongoing for the FENA ‘A’ practical Award.</li> <li>• The National Clubs League was extended to 3 divisions, Regional Championship was held for the first time, over a weekend, East Region were the winners.</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Africa tour in England for the first time in 21 years. Retaining a clean slate over the 5 Test Matches - PPP Sponsored the Test Series.</li> <li>• A new procedure was introduced for the selection of International Umpires.</li> <li>• The FENA ‘A’ Award became operational this year.</li> <li>• An International Affairs Committee was set up to discuss international matters and make recommendations to Management Committee.</li> <li>• A record 138 teams participated in the National Junior Championship.</li> <li>• Individual affiliations now reached 55,745.</li> <li>• Mrs Jean Bourne appointed President</li> </ul> 	
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England hosted the 9th World Championship in Birmingham with a record number of 27 Countries participating. Over 450 volunteers provided the work force over the 2-week period. England finished 4th. Coach Liz Broomhead, Captain Kendra Slawinski. Margaret Deighan was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final</li> <li>• Development Officers now employed in most regions.</li> <li>• Level 1 of the new Coaching Award Structure came into operation, producing over 1000 Certificate holders in the first year.</li> <li>• Series of ‘Road Shows’ took place around the Country allowing the England Squad to have match practice in the build up to the World Championship.</li> <li>• England Tour New Zealand for the Milo Series, losing all 3 Tests.</li> <li>• England won the FENA League for the 3rd year running.</li> <li>• England U21’s Tour the West Indies playing 9 matches at four different islands - all matches were won.</li> <li>• Liz Broomhead, England Senior Coach, awarded the UK Coach of the Year Award.</li> <li>• A Skills Award for Primary School Children was launched in September along with updated Shooting Award.</li> </ul>    	<p>Liz Broomhead</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National World Championship Playday Scheme took place around the Country, with over 9000 participants.</li> <li>National Development Officer employed.</li> </ul>
1996	<div>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> World Youth Cup held in Toronto, Canada, won by Australia Parents at the U21 World Youth with England winning Bronze – Mary Beardwood National U21 Coach</li> <li>First structured Disability Development <i>Plan published.</i></li> <li><i>BT Top Sport Netball launched.</i></li> <li><i>New Mini Game - 'High Five Netball'</i></li> </ul> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Step Netball revised</li> <li>Jamaica tour England.</li> <li>Kendra Slawinski awarded MBE for Services to Netball</li> <li>Mrs Joan Mills appointed Chairman</li> <li>Brian Worrell received Honorary Life Membership</li> </ul> <div>   </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Kendra Slawinski    Joan Mills</p>
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England Netball personnel were invited to a reception at Buckingham Place – Sport in The Life of a Nation - organised by CCPR – where they were introduced to The Queen</li> <li>England tour South Africa and Namibia.</li> <li>Revisions to skills and Shooting Star Award scheme to make them accessible to people with disabilities.</li> <li>AENA Delegates attend IFNA Council Meeting in Barbados to consider proposed rule changes.</li> <li>Wheelchair netball piloted.</li> <li>New Plans launched for 1997 - 2001.</li> <li>100 schools and clubs benefited from resources through the English Sports Council's Challenge Funding Scheme.</li> <li>Australian Institute of Sport tour England for a Test Series.</li> <li>New Zealand tour England.</li> <li>Pat Taylor MBE, past President of AENA and IFNA and Life Member of AENA sadly dies.</li> </ul>
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball is included in the Commonwealth Games for the first time. England win the Bronze medal, beating Barbados 51-29, Jamaica 52-50, Canada 62-32, and Malaysia 63-19, but losing to Australia 29-66 in their section. They then lost the semi-final to New Zealand 30-70 but went on to beat South Africa 56-54 to secure the Bronze medal. Coach: Mary Beardwood.</li> <li>High Five Netball Awareness pack launched.</li> <li>West Indies tour England winning the series 2-1.</li> <li>England U19 undertake a 7-match Caribbean tour, losing only one match.</li> <li>England U17 tour New Zealand winning 14 of 17 matches played.</li> </ul> <div>   </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Wai Taumaunu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AENA continue to receive Lottery funding for elite performance. New Zealand National Player and Team Captain, Waimarama Taumaunu, is appointed National Performance Director.</li> <li>England Young Supporters Club launched.</li> <li>Introduction of 'Talent Scouts' for young players. Home Training scheme launched. Free telephone advice line for facility queries launched</li> <li>Lily McGurk awarded MBE for Services to Netball</li> </ul>
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Director, Wai Taumaunu sent Amanda Newton, Naomi Siddall, Helen Lonsdale and Olivia Murphy to New Zealand to play in the Coca Cola Cup</li> <li>Tracey Neville played South Australia</li> <li>10th World Championship held in Christchurch, New Zealand – 25 countries participated. England took 3rd place behind Australia and New Zealand. Coach Mary Beardwood, Assistant Coach Denise Egan. Captain Fiona Murtagh</li> </ul>





Programme



England Squad



Supporters Cheer Leaders

- England beat South Africa in a one-off Test match in Manchester.
- Jamaica tour England and win the 3-test series.
- Australia, AIS and New Zealand U21 tour England.
- Australia win the tri- series, with AIS second, England third and New Zealand fourth.
- Mrs Kate Alcock appointed CEO (1999-2000)

## 2000

- Jamaica U21 Squad tour England, and are beaten by England 2000 (U21) in each of the three test matches.
- South Africa Open and U21 Squads tour England. Both England Open and 2000 (U21) Squads win their 3-test series, with only one game conceded by England Open.
- World Youth Netball Championship 2000 to be held in Cardiff and won by Australia securing their 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold Medal win. Eleven teams took part with England taking 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- Fiona Murtagh is awarded MBE for Services to Netball.
- Mrs June Jack MBE appointed President
- Mr Gordon Padley received his Long Service Award – he was Hon Treasurer and a Panel Umpire



Fiona Murtagh



June Jack



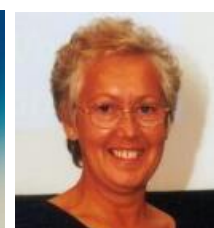
Gordon Padley

## 2001



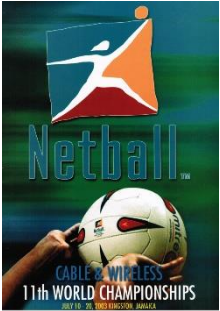
- The AENA celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a number of events.
- The AENA Hall of Fame is also launched in September
- Australia visits England to play a three match Test Series. England lose all three Test Matches.
- Fisher and Paykel Super Cup is launched with six teams involved. Petchey London Tornadoes take the first title by one goal over Birmingham University Blaze.
- England Squad tour Australia playing State teams and the Australian Long Squad.
- Pat Watson won the OCASPE Americas Coach of the year award whilst coaching Dominica Commonwealth.
- England play a three match Test Series against New Zealand in New Zealand, losing all three matches.
- The Racial Equality Charter for Sport is signed at the AENA Annual General Meeting.
- Miss Pauline Harrison appointed CEO (2001-2005).
- Mrs Janet Wrighton appointed Chairman (2001-2005)



Pauline  
Harrison



Janet  
Wrighton

<p><b>2002</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>XV11 Commonwealth Games</b>, Manchester, England. This was the most significant multi-sport event to be held in the United Kingdom since the Olympics of 1948 and was the largest in the history of the Commonwealth Games in terms of participating nations with 72 countries taking part. The Games took on added significance in 2002 as the Head of the Commonwealth, Her Majesty the Queen, celebrated her Golden Jubilee. Joan Mills was the Netball Competition Manager and Margaret Deighan was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final.</li> <li>• The Games had a huge impact on Netball in the UK. The final day had over 10,000 spectators in the Arena – the largest ever crowd to watch Netball and Netball ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the audience ratings of the BBC coverage of the Games. Australia beat New Zealand in the final 57-55 and Jamaica beat England 55-53 to take the Bronze Medal.</li> <li>• 2002 Tour of Australia playing seven matches, two against Australia</li> <li>• Northern Thunder played Birmingham Blaze in the final of the Super Cup</li> <li>• Mrs Julie Hoornweg resigns as England Coach four months before Commonwealth Games. Lyn Gunson appointed National Coach.</li> </ul>	 
<p><b>2003</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> Netball World Championship took place in Kingston, Jamaica.</li> <li>• England beat Cook Islands, Fiji, Barbados, and Niue but lost to New Zealand 41-61 and to Jamaica in the Bronze Medal match 46-40.</li> <li>• 24 teams took part. After one hundred matches the New Zealand team won the tournament, defeating Australia to win the Championship for the first time in 16 years.</li> <li>• Results 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamaica, 4<sup>th</sup> England. Coach – Lynn Gunson. Captain Olivia Murphy. Joanne Kelly was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final.</li> <li>• London Petchey Tornadoes won the 2003 Super Cup</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2004</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Phyllis Avery appointed President (2004-2008)</li> <li>• Mrs Lyn Carpenter appointed Chair of Netball Europe. (2004-)</li> <li>• Team Bath were the winners of the Super Cup</li> <li>• England Netball continued its Summer School programme of courses around the country</li> </ul>	  <p>Phyllis Avery      Lyn Carpenter</p>
<p><b>2005</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England Netball have created an Award system to recognise the huge contribution that volunteers make to the sport – The “Goalden Globes” award scheme will be an annual event, and with numerous categories for volunteer groups. The first award event took place at Loughborough University.</li> <li>• London Petchey Tornadoes won the final of the Super Cup competition</li> <li>• The 2005-2006 was the inaugural season for the Netball SuperLeague - a top level netball league featuring seven teams from England and one from Wales in this first season. The league was sponsored by Fingleaves – 2005-2006.</li> <li>• Leslie Ross appointed CEO (2005-2007)</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> World Youth Netball Championship hosted in Fort Lauderdale, America – 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand, 2<sup>nd</sup> England. Following the inclusion of Netball in the Commonwealth Games, the IFNA decided to move the World Youth Championship forward a year to give a more even spread of world competition</li> <li>• Janet Wrighton retired as Chair and Gordon Padley as Hon. Treasurer</li> </ul>	  



<b>2006</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XV111 Commonwealth Games, Melbourne, Australia. England beat Malawi, Fiji, St Vincent and South Africa. Lost to New Zealand 55-40. Beat Jamaica 53-32 for Bronze Medal. 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia, 3<sup>rd</sup> England</li> <li>• Marg Caldow from Australia appointed National Coach</li> <li>• Team Bath won the first season of the SuperLeague</li> <li>• England Netball celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with Life Members</li> </ul>	   
<b>2007</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Netball Championship – the 2007 Championship had been awarded by IFNA to Fiji but as a direct result of a coup and the political and economic uncertainty that it created the IFNA withdrew Fiji's hosting rights and began an immediate process to identify a new host and in December 2006 announced that New Zealand would be the new host and would take place in Auckland. In the final Australia defeated the home side 42-38 to win their 9<sup>th</sup> world championship.</li> <li>• Netball SuperLeague was sponsored by The Co-Operative Group from 2007-2010</li> <li>• Team Bath won the SuperLeague</li> <li>• Janet Wrighton awarded MBE for Services to Netball</li> <li>• Paul Clark appointed England Netball CEO (2007-2014).</li> <li>• Geva Mentor received her 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against Jamaica</li> </ul>	   
<b>2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball SuperLeague – a team from Scotland joined the league</li> <li>• Saracens Mavericks won the SuperLeague season</li> <li>• Jade Clarke received her 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against Malawi</li> <li>• The Golden Globes Award scheme was extended to the Netball Regions inviting them to have their own award system with the winners going into a national final.</li> <li>• Mrs Barbara Bishop appointed President (2008-2009)</li> </ul>	
<b>2009</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> World Youth Cup held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. 1<sup>st</sup> Australia, 2<sup>nd</sup> England</li> <li>• The 2009 FastNet World Netball Series was the inaugural tournament held at the MEN Arena, Manchester, and was the first major trial of the new FastNet rules that were announced by the International Federation of Netball Associations in 2008. New Zealand won the tournament with a 32-27 victory over Jamaica with Australia in 3<sup>rd</sup> place</li> <li>• Mrs Janet Wrighton appointed President (2009-2014)</li> <li>• Mrs Cheryl Danson appointed Chairman (2009-12 &amp; 2013-15)</li> </ul>	 

Janet Wrighton

Paul Clark

Geva Mentor

Janet Wrighton

Cheryl Danson



## 2010

- England Netball submitted a bid to IFNA to host the 2015 World Netball Championship in Manchester. England Netball's motivation to host the WNC (shared by Manchester City Council, UK Sport and the Northwest Development Agency) is based on the premise that hosting the event can deliver a range of benefits – for Manchester and the North West, for England and the UK, for Europe, and for IFNA as it strives to develop the game all over the world. The bid was unsuccessful, with Australia hosting the championship in the Olympic Park in Sydney, Australia.
- X1X Commonwealth Games, Delhi, India - England beat Barbados, South Africa, Cook Islands and Papua New Guinea, lost to Australia. England beat Jamaica for Bronze Medal and New Zealand beat Australia after 'double extra time'. 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia, 3<sup>rd</sup> England. Gary Burgess was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final with Judith Groves as reserve umpire.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> FastNet World Netball Series was held in Liverpool, England, and was contested between the top six national netball teams according to INFA world rankings. After two days of round-robin matches, Jamaica and England finished on top of the standings but the tournament was won by New Zealand, who defeated Jamaica in the semi-final and England in the final
- Netball Europe England win Open event
- Team Bath won the SuperLeague season
- Maggie Jackson appointed National Coach
- Liz Broomhead awarded MBE for Services to Netball
- Pamela Coockey received her 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against South Africa.



Maggie Jackson



Liz Broomhead



Pamela Coockey

## 2011

- 13<sup>th</sup> World Netball Championship was held in Singapore at the Indoor Stadium. Sixteen nations took part with Australia beating New Zealand 58-57 in extra time to claim their tenth World title. England took Bronze beating Jamaica 70-49. Gary Burgess was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final
- Following this Championship, a group of England supporters



decided to form the England Netball Supporters Club with the approval of England Netball. They would organise travel to matches, accommodation options and block booked seats and tickets during international games to provide identifiable support for the England Team. They would also arrange social events around matches, and sourcing merchandising to identify supporters before, during and after matches.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 3rd FastNet World Netball Series was again held in Liverpool, England with Australia, England, Jamaica and New Zealand progressing to the semi-finals. England and New Zealand advanced to the final, with Australia finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. England defeated New Zealand by 33–26 to claim their first gold medal in a major netball tournament.</li> <li>Sue Hawkins appointed National Coach</li> <li>The Netball SuperLeague was sponsored by the Fiat Group Automobiles 2011–2012 and Saracens Mavericks won the season</li> <li>Netball Europe England win Open event</li> </ul>	
<b>2012</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fast5 Netball World Series, which replaced the older FastNet series, was held in Auckland, New Zealand – the first time it had moved from its previous host nation in England. New Zealand won the final against England, to record their third World Netball Fast5 series title.</li> <li>Tamsin Greenway received her 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against Barbados.</li> <li>Manchester Thunder won the SuperLeague this season</li> <li>Netball Europe England win Open event</li> <li>Mrs Heather Crouch appointed Chairman (2012-2013)</li> <li>Gina McGregor, MBE with her award and carrying the Olympic Torch alongside HM The Queen and Sebastian Coe (picture courtesy of Getty Images)</li> </ul>	   
<b>2013</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Youth Netball Championship, Glasgow, Scotland. England beat Republic of Ireland, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, Barbados and South Africa but lost to Australia and Jamaica. 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamaica, 4<sup>th</sup> England</li> <li>Jo Harten, Rachel Dunn and Ama Agbeze received their 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in matches against South Africa, Jamaica and Australia respectively.</li> <li>Team Bath were SuperLeague winners</li> <li>Mrs Cheryl Danson appointed Chairman (2013-</li> </ul>	   
	<p>Jo Harten                      Rachel Dunn                      Ama Agbeze                      Cheryl Danson</p>	
<b>2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XX Commonwealth Games, Glasgow, Scotland England beat Wales, South Africa, Trinidad and Barbados but lost to New Zealand 34-35 and Australia 48-49. England lost to Jamaica 52-48 in the Bronze Medal. 1<sup>st</sup> Australia, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamaica, 4<sup>th</sup> England. Gary Burgess and Ian Fuller were appointed to umpire the final</li> <li>Tri Series v Jamaica and New Zealand – first matches were played at the Wembley Arena with England beating Jamaica but losing to New Zealand. The following matches were due to be played at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park, London, but damage to the floor by a weight lifting event caused the matches to be moved to the Crystal Palace National Sports</li> </ul>	



	<p>Centre. Jamaica withdrew from the competition stating they only had six fit players from an initial squad of twelve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz Broomhead and Karen Atkinson awarded MBE for Services to Netball</li> <li>• Geva Mentor voted World's Best Netballer</li> <li>• Jade Clarke and Geva Mentor received their 100<sup>th</sup> Cap in Matches against Malawi and Jamaica respectively. Serena Guthrie, Eboni Usoro-Brown and Sara Bayman received their 50<sup>th</sup> Cap.</li> <li>• Fast5 World Series held in New Zealand – England took 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind New Zealand and Australia.</li> <li>• Anna Mayes appointed National Senior Coach</li> <li>• Netball SuperLeague sponsored by Zeo. Won by Manchester Thunder</li> </ul> <div>      </div> <div> <span>Karen Atkinson</span> <span>Anna Mayes</span> <span>Jade Clarke</span> <span>Liz Broomhead</span> <span>Geva Mentor</span> </div>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> Netball World Championship held in Sydney, Australia at the Allphones Arena. England and Jamaica contested the semi-finals with England winning 66-44. Australia and New Zealand met in the final, with Australia gaining a narrow 58–55 victory to take the title. The final at Allphones Arena was attended by 16,752 people, a world record for any netball game.</li> <li>• Gary Burgess was one of the two officials appointed to umpire the final</li> <li>• Pam Cookey received her 100<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against South Africa in May. Sasha Corbin and Stacey Francis received their 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in matches against South Africa and Trinidad &amp; Tobago respectively.</li> <li>• England Netball secured a grant of £50,000 from the Heritage &amp; Lottery Fund for an innovative new project that will reveal the history of the most played female team sport in the country and the only one which receives weekly TV coverage (on Sky Sports).</li> <li>• England Netball will team up with local schools and volunteers of all ages in Hitchin, Hertfordshire – in time to celebrate its 90th anniversary. Project participants will help gather memories of the sport; delve into archives spanning nine decades and recreate historic games to bring the story of netball to life. Helen Grant, Minister for Sport, said: "I can't think of a better way to mark 90 years of netball than through this wonderful project which celebrates the sport's UK roots. I'm sure this initiative will ensure netball continues to grow in popularity, particularly ahead of the Netball World Cup in Liverpool, 2019."</li> <li>• Vitality sponsored the Goalden Globes Award event.</li> <li>• Netball Europe England win Open event</li> <li>• Surrey Storm were winners of the SuperLeague</li> <li>• Mrs Joanne Adams appointed CEO (2015-2019) - Mrs Lindsay Sartori appointed President (2015-2020) - Mr Colin Povey appointed Chairman (2015-2022)</li> <li>• Tracey Neville appointed National Coach (2015-2019)</li> </ul> <div>    </div> <div>      </div> <div> <span>Pamela Cookey</span> <span>Jo Adams</span> <span>Lindsay Sartori</span> <span>Tracey Neville</span> <span>Colin Povey</span> </div>



<p><b>2016</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary French, England netball player and National Coach, was born on February 13<sup>th</sup> 1926. She died on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, aged 89.</li> <li>• In December 2015 the governing bodies of netball in Australia, New Zealand, England and South Africa formed SANZEA – an international partnership of the four nations to organise a new international netball competition to be played on an annual basis. The purpose being to provide the strongest netball nations with the opportunity to play regularly scheduled international test matches.</li> <li>• The 2016 Netball Quad Series was the inaugural Netball Quad Series of test matches, contested by four of the five highest ranked nations in netball. Australia were the winners of the series with England in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.</li> <li>• To celebrate its 90th Anniversary and raise money for Sport Relief, England Netball decided to attempt the ultimate team challenge and set a Guinness World Records title for the Most Players in a Netball Exhibition match. An incredible 1,322 sportsmen and women came together to play for 90 hours with no rest breaks at the Play-On Sports Centre in Whitechapel, London. The entire game had to be played according to the standard rules and regulations of netball, as laid down by the International Netball Federation. Official Guinness World Records adjudicator Anna Orford attended the event and was thrilled to announce that England Netball has successfully achieved the title.</li> <li>• Tracey Neville and Joan Mills awarded MBE for Services to Netball</li> <li>• This year has resulted in over 180,000 women participating in netball on a weekly basis, with England Netball membership exceeding 100,000 for the first time and continuing to grow.</li> <li>• The International Netball Federation published major changes and issued clarification to the Rules of Netball</li> <li>• Netball Europe England win Open event</li> <li>• Vitality Netball SuperLeague Champions Surrey Storm - sponsored by VitalityHealth. 2016-</li> </ul>
<p><b>2017</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England Netball called an Extraordinary General Meeting in March following the announcement by Sport England of the funding allocation for the 4-year period 2017-2021. Whilst England Netball was delighted to receive £16.9m this represented a 33% cut in funding from the previous 4 years. The reason for the cut was that the government agenda had changed from supporting traditional Club-based sport to tackling getting inactive people active and they did not believe that National Governing Bodies were the right organisations to do that.</li> <li>• The scale of the cut in funding was so significant that the Association will be forced to find large-scale efficiencies and reduce staffing levels across the business. The proposal put to the membership at the EGM was that affiliation fees be increased from £26 to £36 and England Netball committed to not increasing the fees for a further 4-years and will remain at that level through to the 2020/21 season inclusively. The proposal was passed by the Membership.</li> <li>• The England Netball office was fully relocated to the Sports Park at Loughborough University in December 2017. This move will also enable closer links with national partners who work in the same building – Youth Sport Trust and Sport England. Previously England Netball rented an office space in Hitchin but there were no additional sporting connections from this and the costs were higher. Similar to other organisations at this time England Netball needed to restructure to meet the changing funding environment. The restructure and relocation happened simultaneously which took the workforce from a team of 170 nationally to 134. The process started in the summer of 2016 and concluded at the end of December.</li> </ul>









Tracey Neville



Joan Mills



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England Netball published its Whistleblowing Procedure and Privacy policy.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Netball World Youth Cup held in Gaborone, Botswana. 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand, 3<sup>rd</sup> England. Mrs Liz Broomhead appointed the INF Technical Delegate.</li> <li>• The 2017 Fast5 Netball World Series was held in Australia for the second time with the venue being in Melbourne. Won by England with Jamaica 2<sup>nd</sup> and Australia 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• Netball Europe England win Open event</li> <li>• Wasps won the SuperLeague this season</li> <li>• Kadeen Corbin received her 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against Malawi in November.</li> </ul>	 <p>U21 Squad in Botswana</p>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XX1 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia. England beat Scotland, Malawi, Uganda, Wales and New Zealand. They beat Jamaica 56-55 and Australia 52-51 for the Gold Medal. A historic event for England Netball winning Gold and had a huge influence on media interest in Netball at home in England, which was a great build up for the 2019 Netball World Cup. 1<sup>st</sup> England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamaica</li> <li>• England Roses win the BBC Sports Team of the Year and the Greatest Sporting Moment of the Year for winning Gold at the XX1 Commonwealth Games</li> <li>• England Netball moved its massive Netball Archives to Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield where it will be open to the public once established.</li> <li>• Netball Europe – England win U21 event in Antrim</li> <li>• England Roses v Jamaica Test Series in Kingston – England lost all three matches – October</li> <li>• England Roses v Uganda Test Series held in Liverpool and Copper Box, London – England win all three matches.</li> <li>• Jade Clarke received her 150<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against Australia in April and Ama Agbeze received her 100<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against Jamaica in October. Helen Housby received her 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against South Africa in September.</li> <li>• Wasps won the SuperLeague season for the second time</li> </ul>	 
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vitality Netball World Cup, Liverpool, England – held in the M&amp;S Bank Arena, Convention and Exhibition Centre. Over 110,000 tickets sold – more than any other Netball World Cup. Ten days of competition with sixteen countries participating. Sixty matches took place over twenty sessions and over 500 ‘Pivoteers’ (volunteers) were enrolled to help run the championship. Training, warm-up and match courts were all under one roof and the majority of athlete accommodation was within a short walk. There was a Fan Zone park with large screen for watching matches live. Shown on SKY TV dedicated Netball Channel and BBC TV plus a BBC “Sports Relief” Celebrities Charity Match. The atmosphere both in the arena and out in Liverpool was electric and the INF said it was the best NWC ever.</li> </ul>	  



- England Netball displayed some of its Archive material in the Convention Centre, seen by the numerous delegates attending Congress, and this created much interest amongst the international netball community.
- During Congress, Liz Nicholl CBE (past England Netball CEO from 1980-82 and 1986-1999) was appointed INF President on the retirement of Molly Rhone, OJ CD. and Janet Wrighton, MBE, received the International Federation Service Award
- England beat Uganda, Scotland, Samoa, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and South Africa. They lost to New Zealand 45-47 but beat South Africa 58-42 for the Bronze Medal. 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand who beat Australia (2<sup>nd</sup>) 52-51 and 3<sup>rd</sup> England.
- Gary Burgess and Kate Stephenson were the two officials appointed to umpire the final with Louise Travis as reserve umpire.
- SKY and BBC TV report that there were 233 hours of coverage and over 11 million people world-wide watched the Netball World Cup and 6 million Brits either watched on TV or attended the event. 44,000 people went to the Fan Zone to watch the matches on the big screen.
- England Netball and UK Sport have officially opened the Netball Heritage Archive to the public at Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield, which traces the sports formation back to 1897. The archive is part of the Netball Heritage Project, which England Netball embarked on as part of its 90th birthday in 2016 with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The objective of the project is to help future generations of netball and other sport researchers by providing a state-of-the-art safe archive for the storing of documents, photographs, videos and other memorabilia throughout the history of the sport.



Studying Archive Pictures


Jo Adams EN CEO

Liz Nicholl CEO UK Sport

- England Netball announce that Fran Connolly has been appointed as new Chief Executive Officer to lead England Netball into an exciting new era. Fran succeeds Joanna Adams, who announced she would be stepping down from the role in August 2019. Fran joined England Netball in 2001, was appointed Director of Development in 2010. She has held a number of roles within the organisation and overseen a broad spectrum of areas including participation, capital investment, governance, competition and events, coaching, officiating, volunteering, talent and insight.
- Jo Harten and Eboni Usoro-Brown received their 100<sup>th</sup> Cap in matches against Scotland and Jamaica respectively in July.
- South Africa v England Roses Test Series – England Roses visited South Africa in November for a three-match test, winning two matches 63-58 and 59-53 but losing the third, 48-54.
- Jess Thirlby appointed National Coach. Fran Connolly appointed CEO
- England Netball published its Volunteering Strategy 2019-2025
- Geva Mentor awarded a CBE due to her distinguished contribution to international netball. Geva was honoured by the Duke of Cambridge at an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 5 November.
- Manchester Thunder were winners of the SuperLeague
- Netball Europe England win U17, U21 and Open events



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quad Series Final Result 1<sup>st</sup> Australia, 2<sup>nd</sup> England, 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand, 4<sup>th</sup> South Africa – when in England the matches were held at the M&amp;S Arena Liverpool and the Copper Box London.</li> </ul> <div> </div> <div> </div> <div> </div> <div> <p>Fran Connolly</p> </div> <div> <p>Jess Thirlby</p> </div> <div> <p>Geva Mentor</p> </div>
<b>2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>England host the first INF sanctioned Vitality Netball Nations Cup played between England, Jamaica, New Zealand and South Africa. The event took place in Liverpool, Nottingham and London with record crowds in attendance. New Zealand, who were ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the World Rankings were crowned champions of the Nations Cup. England beat South Africa 65-63 in the play off for Bronze Medal.</li> <li>Serena Guthrie and Jo Harten awarded MBE for Services to Netball</li> <li>Natalie Haythornthwaite received her 50<sup>th</sup> Cap in a match against South Africa in January.</li> <li>Netball Europe – England win U17 event in Wales</li> </ul> <div> </div> <p><b>The year of COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The year started well for Netball. There were concerns about a flu like illness outbreak on the other side of the world centred on China, but nothing to worry about in the UK!</li> <li>The VNSL Super Weekend went like a dream with some fantastic matches.</li> <li>The Premier and Regional Leagues continued in their usual exciting way.</li> <li>County and local leagues were all producing the local drama expected.</li> <li>Schools continued to play Netball, and Walking Netball and Back to Netball all continued. Nothing could be more normal.</li> <li>The ParaNetball Championship took place in Nottingham on 1<sup>st</sup> February with EPCN Dynamos. winning the coveted trophy.</li> <li>The National School Finals were played in Hertfordshire on 14<sup>th</sup> March. U19 Worthing College. U16 Guildford High School. U14 Berkhamsted School.</li> <li>All that changed almost over-night on the weekend of 22/23 February, when the seriousness of the Coronavirus Covid-19 finally came home.</li> <li>For Netball, life came to a halt. How would leagues finish their fixtures? How would the promotion/ demotion work? How would the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VNSL be celebrated? What about the VNSL?</li> <li>Due to the Covid virus there were no SuperLeague winners this year</li> <li>In the midst of all this, many Netball players stepped up to help out. A high-profile example is Layla Guscoth who switched the focus to her other career, as a doctor, to fight the pandemic. The England Rose playing for Adelaide Thunderbirds, returned to her native Birmingham to work at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.</li> <li>Sky Sports Netball kept the thirst for Netball action going by reliving on YouTube some of the fantastic games from the Netball World Cup 2019 every Monday evening.</li> <li>The Netball Heritage Action Group (NHAG) met by Zoom video, as did many other Netball meetings.</li> <li>Joan Mills appointed President of England Netball.</li> <li>Vitality England Roses went to New Zealand in October to play a 3-match Test Series</li> <li>The Regional and National Golden Globe Award ceremonies were all 'virtual'</li> </ul>
<b>2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loughborough Lightning were the seasons SuperLeague winners</li> <li>Vitality Roses beat Vitality SuperLeague All-Stars 55-43 securing the Jen Hornsby Cup</li> <li>Following the Covid pandemic Netball finally got back onto the court</li> </ul>

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<b>2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England Match Officials announced for the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham</li> <li>• England Netball take part in the "Race Equality Week 2022"</li> <li>• The Golden Globes awards are renamed The ONE Awards</li> <li>• Serina Guthrie retires from Roses team and is expecting a baby in September</li> <li>• England Netball receive £21m in Sport England 4-year sporting cycle</li> <li>• Kathryn Ratnapala appointed Future Roses Head Coach</li> <li>• England name team for the 2022 Commonwealth Games: Eleanor Cardwell, Jade Clarke, Beth Cobden, Sophie Drakeford-Lewis, Stacey Francis-Bayman, Layla Guscoth, Jo Harten, Helen Houseby, Laura Malcolm, Geva Mentor, Natalie Metcalf, Eboni Usoro-Brown</li> <li>• Manchester Thunder won the Superleague season</li> <li>• Kingsway Power and Oldham win U15 and U17 National Clubs</li> <li>• England come 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2022 Commonwealth Games – 1<sup>st</sup> Australia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamaica, 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand</li> <li>• Queen Elizabeth II died on the 8<sup>th</sup> September at Balmoral Castle. Her funeral was on the 19<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• England Roses win Test Series v Uganda 3-1</li> <li>• England are in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the World Rankings</li> </ul>	
<b>2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jade Clarke awarded MBE in New Year's Honours</li> <li>• Jade Clarke gains 200 CAPS</li> <li>• BBC televises the England v Jamaica Test Series – won by England 2-1</li> <li>• Liz Nicholl made a Dame in the King's Birthday honours (June 2023)</li> <li>• Helen Housby named Player of the Tournament and Best Attacking Player at the World Cup</li> <li>• Helen Housby awarded MBE in New Years Honours</li> </ul>	
<b>2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nations Cup – Australia, England, New Zealand and Uganda at Wembley and Leeds. Won by Australia – England 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• Helen Housby gains 100 CAPS</li> <li>• SuperLeague Opener at Nottingham – sell out tickets.</li> </ul>	