

# NETBALL

Made in Dartford, England...

played across the world

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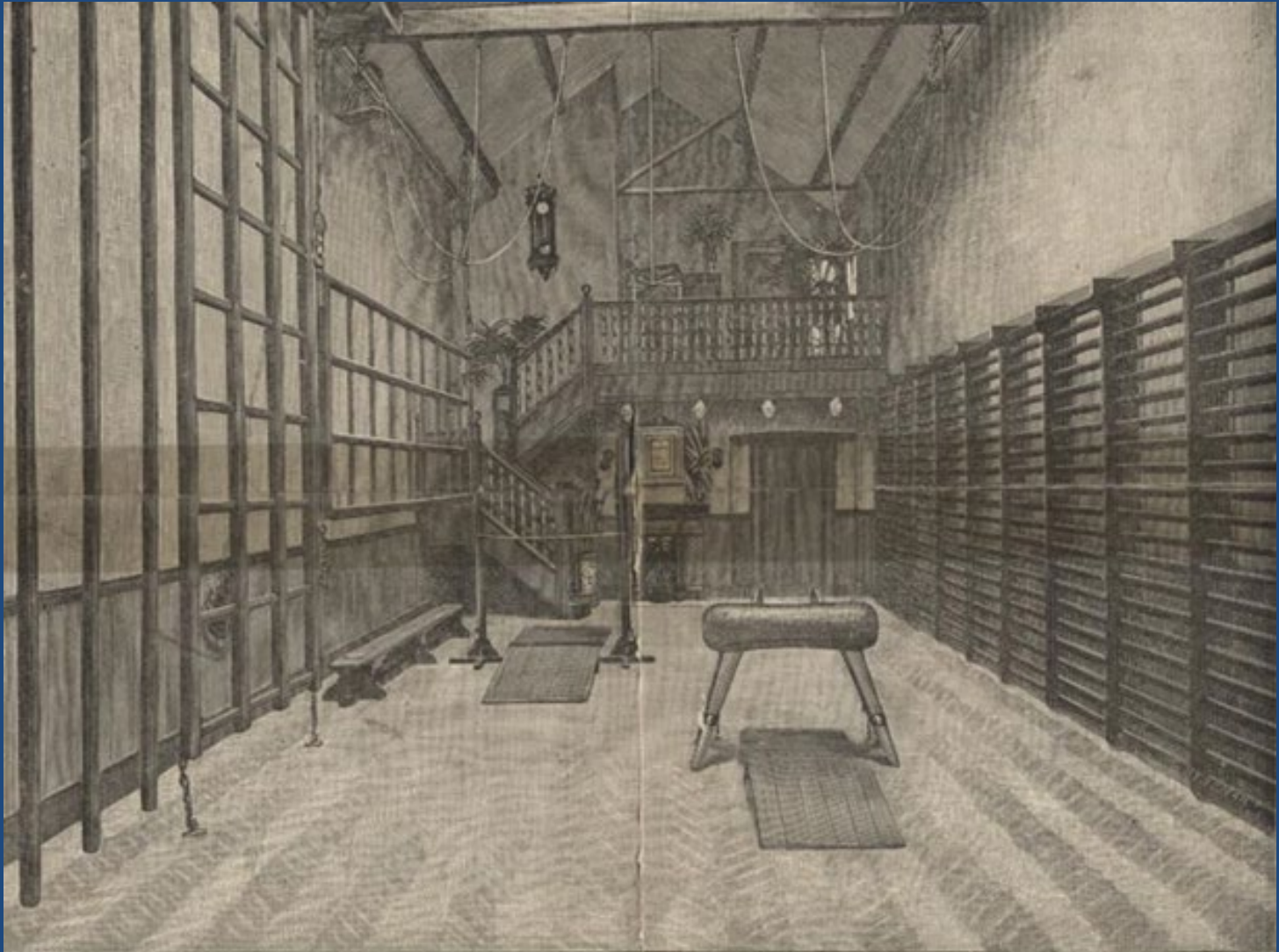
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# Dartford College 1895



Students played an informal team game where a small ball was passed and a “goal” scored by throwing the ball into a waste paper basket.

The game had been played informally in the Gymnasium at Hampstead, London in 1893 prior to the College's relocation to Dartford in 1895.



Gymnasium at Hampstead

Madame Österberg had visited USA and would have been aware of the game of Basketball.

This had been introduced by Dr James Naismith in 1891, at YMCA Training School, Springfield, Massachusetts, using a football.



# Dartford 1895

Net-Ball was formally taught  
and Dr Toles, a visiting  
American lecturer introduced  
further developments.....

SO

- Wastepaper baskets attached to walls of Gymnasium
- No boundaries
- No formal set of rules







Baskets on posts

# Dartford College 1897

Visiting lecturer Miss Ester Porter from  
Baltimore, Maryland, USA,

- Introduces a larger ball
- Divides the court into thirds
- 10 feet high metal hoops as goals...  
...but these do not have any

**nets!!!**

# 1900

Ling Association set up and attempt to introduce formal set of rules.

A common, formalised set of rules required because *Madame's Girls* were arranging inter school matches, and each school had developed their own rules.

# 1901

Baskets no longer used as goals.  
Netting added to the metal hoops.  
So bringing about a name change



from Basket-ball  
to

# Netball



# 1902

Further developments with some modifications to rules....

- Single sex
- Non-contact
- Non-dribbling
- Three court areas with specific playing area and positional responsibility
- Played indoors and outdoors
- 7 players in a team

....Look familiar?





Dartford College Girls 1906

6-17-20



Dartford College Girls 1970s



Dartford College's "1<sup>st</sup> VII" .....

...they all influenced the game in England



# Mary Hankinson

Dartford student 1896-98



Founding member  
of the All England  
Women's Net Ball  
Association in  
1926.....

.....became its  
President





Ethel Adair Roberts (Impey)

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Dartford student 1896-98



1900 – Committee member to determine the rules of netball.

Held posts at Anstey and Chelsea PT Colleges and in 1906 became Principal of Dunfermline College of Hygiene and PT.



Mary Bushell (French)

Mary Bushell (French)  
Dartford student 1940s

Born in London 1926.

Captained England Senior team  
– including 1956 tour to South  
Africa.

Coached England U.21 & Senior  
squads from late 1960's to early  
1980's.

Pioneer in “Sport for All”





Sally Dewhurst



## Sally Dewhurst Lecturer at Dartford

Played for Kent from 1964 and  
England captain in 1969.  
Playing position – Centre  
In 1971 played in 3<sup>rd</sup> World Cup  
1972 -England selector and  
coach.



Mary Thomas



Mary Thomas MBE

Principal Lecturer at Dartford



England....

....player 1948

...selector 1972

International umpire





Mary Beardwood

Mary Beardwood  
Dartford student 1971-74

Has coached England  
U16, U18, U19, U21  
and Senior teams.

Currently an England  
Roses selector





Heather Newbigging (Crouch)

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Dartford student 1966-69

1975 Essex coach

1980 England Schools' coach

1987 England Senior coach

2005 England Netball vice-chair

2009 England Netball chair

.....“a coach before her time”  
in the new thinking she brought  
to high performance through  
new training regimes.

