

The Talking is over... and the Archive has begun !

A small group of Kent Netball Life Members have been talking about archiving the Netball memorabilia that they have in their possession before any more historical records are lost forever. The group have met on several occasions throughout 2010 and have received expert advice from professional Archivists on how to set about the task in hand.

Netball began life at what the majority of us know as Dartford College, but in the 1890s it was the Bergman Österberg Physical Training College. We have been collaborating with the Bergman Österberg Union (who have an amazing archive at the Dartford campus) to establish a permanent netball archive and they have welcomed us with much enthusiasm and given us our own dedicated archive room. And this is it:



It may look a bit sparse at the moment but Cathy Hickey and I were really excited when we were able to deposit our first items last

month into the special archive boxes and already we have many more photographs and documents to store.

The picture below is the 1955 County 1st team and is typical of the records we are preserving. Can you help with some of the names so that the record can be completed? (standing l-r): Unknown, **Ann Bisset** (née Martin), **Gloria Perry**, **Joyce Crust** (née Murdoch). Sitting (l-r): **Kathy Dillon** (née?), Unknown, Unknown.



If you can solve the problem, my details are at the end of this newsletter.

We are not only interested in old records... and this picture is the 1994 County U21 squad. How many do you recognise?



Or were you a volunteer at the 1995 World Champs in Birmingham? Can you find your face?



In more recent times, this picture shows our County Chair, Marlene Wander receiving the England Netball Rose Award in 2009 from President Barbara Bishop.

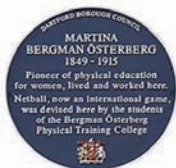


I have been collating lists of affiliated clubs from the 1950s and it is amazing to see some of those clubs still in existence and thriving today: Aquila, Blackheath, KCNC to name but a few. Would you like somewhere to store your club details? If so, then please let me know.

Joan Mills

Can you contribute to the Archive ?

We're not just looking for photographs but anything that relates to netball in Kent, such as club, league or county newsletters, newspaper articles, correspondence, county playing kit, handbooks, playing schedules, match reports, in fact, anything! Either on loan or as a gift. Please contact me, Joan Mills at joanmills@aol.com Church Cottage, Woodlands, Otford, Kent. TN15 6AA. I look forward to hearing from you.



The Netball Archive is located with the Bergman Österberg Union Archive at the Dartford Campus of North West Kent College, the original site of the Bergman Österberg Physical Training College, later Dartford College of Physical Education.

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