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Hinckley Ladies Netball Club

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TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

HLNC is going through a period of change; familiar faces are stepping down from the committee to start new ventures or concentrate on family and work. As a result those left on the committee have had to pull together and work extra hard to ensure everything is ready for the upcoming season.

Coordinating 90 members on 9 teams for 36 matches and 58 training sessions is no mean feat! Which is why it is more important than ever that we support each other to make our club a success. We have lots of great social and fundraising events lined up for the year and your time and effort is

critical to ensure we all get to enjoy the game we love. Together let's make 2015/2016 an awesome season!

"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success" Henry Ford

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VOLUNTEER, INSPIRE, TEAMWORK

Hinckley Ladies is nonprofit organisation and it continues to run by the tireless volunteers; your Coaches, Captains and the Committee. Every member at HLNC can play an integral part to keeping the club running smoothly and thriving year upon year. The importance of volunteers and fundraising has never been so important to the club. For example the continuous fundraising and endless pushing the club managed to open it's first set of courts just two years ago. We now have to continue this support and dedication to the club to ensure we can cover future costs. These may include things such as

retarmacing the courts, building a safe walk way for all visitors, replenishing training equipment including new balls every season!

And so the committee has introduced a fun and competitive register which notes who volunteers and attends future fundraising events. We feel it is important to recognise those people who go that extra mile to selflessly help out the club. The register will a point system online and will result in a prize for the most competitive/enthusiastic fundraisers this season! Thanks again Ladies we couldn't run without you!

Success for HLNC in End of Season Tournament

6 Hinckley Ladies teams played in the league's annual end of season handicap tournament in Coventry. The tournament was spread over two days and was heavily supported by HLNC friends and family.

The C team had a very mixed first round and managed to win 2 out of their 4 games. Goal difference took the C's through to the semi's against LMR, and then into the final against Ernesford D. They fought for every ball, played a calm and considered game and managed to pull away from Ernesford putting in goal after goal. The game ended; with the handicap that made it 16-15 to Hinckley. A great win for the C team and to round off the season.



The F team also enjoyed success in their tournament winning 3 of their pool games against Harbury, Ernesford and Alvis, only losing one game to Godiva. They then won against Ambleside in the semi-final which took them through to the final against the team they had lost to earlier...Godiva. This time however it was Hinckley that came out on top and took the winners title.

Hinckley A team also made it successfully through to the semi-final but were knocked out by eventual winners Ernesford B. The B team had some great matches and won 2 out of their 4 games. The D team had a successful day too, winning all of their pool games and convincingly beating Henley in the semi-final, taking them through to a tough final against Copsewood. Despite their hard efforts it was Copsewood who won the game. The E team won 3 out of their 4 games without the handicap but when adjusted with the handicap they won 1, lost 2 and drew 1. There was great team spirit through all teams and was an enjoyable netball weekend for all who took part.



B2N TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Following on from the six B2N sessions run throughout April and May and also four weeks of Summer Netball, our ladies took to the court at the Warwickshire Netball run "Back to Netball Festival"

Hinckley entered two teams; Hatters and Hornettes to join the nine other teams playing at the tournament. Round 1 was played in a round robin format. Group A saw the Hatters play 5 matches of which they won 2, lost 2 and drew 1. In Group B, the Hornettes played 4, winning 2 and losing 2. The draw was then announced for Round 2 which consisted of the first 3 teams from both groups in Round 1 going forward to play the 3 teams they hadn't met in so far to determine places 1 - 6. The remaining 5 teams would play each other again to determine places 7 - 11.

Both teams did fantastically well in Round 2. The Hornettes won all 3 of their matches and the Hatters won 3 and drew 1. Hatters finished in overall 8th place and Hornettes finished in top spot!

They have worked incredibly hard over the past 10 weeks and it has been a pleasure to coach them: Aly Steele, Tracey Pallet, Sabrina Kemp, Sarah Elliott, Katie Foster, Lainy Musgrave, Leanne Easdown, Olivia Ensor, Ede Roche, Helen Vause. Also a big thanks to our 3 super subs - Fiona Holliland, Nicola Coulson and Alice Roche.

Head Coach Gemma comment on the day " It was a great day, lots of fun and great team spirit shown by all. Well done to all the girls who took part".



HLNC HEADS NORTH WEST

Following on from their tournament successes in the Coventry and Warwickshire League, Hinckley Ladies entered the North West Leicestershire League's end of season tournament in Ashby de la Zouch.

Taking a mixed squad of A, B and C team players, they won six out of the seven games in the group stages including victories over Arley's Angels and Ashby Typhoons. Hinckley went through to the semi finals where they met Coalville Pythons. The game was tight throughout but with a strong defence the team took the advantage and won their way through to the final. Their final battle was with Warriors who had been the only team to previously beat Hinckley in the group stages. Hinckley were 6-4 down at half time, but the team remained focused and with their experienced players in both attack and defence along with youthful energy in centre court Hinckley went into the second half giving every last bit of energy they had and ended the game 10-8 making Hinckley the tournament champions.



Winners!



SCHOOL'S ANNUAL TOURNAMENT SUCCESS!

On the 10th May, Inkle Ladies netball Club successfully held their second annual Schools Invitational Tournament.

Three local schools entered the event and a total of 7 teams played on the day. Congratulations to Hastings High School who won out of the Year 7 teams, Heathfield Academy who won out of the Year 8 teams and Dixie Grammar School who won out of the Year 9 teams.

The club would like to say a big thank you to: Walkers Crisps and Swithland Water for donating boxes of crisps and bottled water to the club for the event. Also a massive thank you to the tournament sponsors, D&R Meats, who provided the medals for the event and to all of the volunteers who helped out and made the day possible.

CWNA AWARDS EVENING

We are very lucky to be part of such an inclusive league as the Coventry & Warwickshire League. We are delighted to have been recognised this year at their annual presentation awards, Hinckley Ladies proudly picked up four awards during the presentation evening. They were End of Season Tournament Winners C and F, Tournament Runners Up D Team and also Most Sporting Team This Season. These are great success for the club and a real feather in our caps.



NETBALL UNITES

In memory of Carol Whitaker

Hinckley Ladies held a fun inter-club tournament to mark the unveiling of a very special memorial bench for their much loved and dearly missed member; Carol Whitaker.

Through fundraising and donations the club was able to fund the bench in memory of former coach and player who sadly passed away in May 2014.

The evening was very well supported, Teams were made up of the players who wore the same position bib in regular games. For example 7 Goal Attacks made a team and so on. Carol's daughter Carmen and twin sister Jayne Marlow also joined in the tournament.

Carol was well known not only within the club, but also the Netball league and county as she volunteered in many roles to support the development of sportswomen of all ages and locations. The time, dedication and commitment Carol put into sport within her community has meant that Hinckley will forever



hold a huge sport legacy, and Hinckley Ladies Netball club with continue to remember her and have named an annual HLNC Junior award in memory of and in gratitude, called the Carol Whitaker Award.

The winning team for the evening was the Goal Defences, a very well deserved win, and thank you to all members that joined HLNC to mark a very special occasion.

The bench in Carol's honour sits proudly on the side line of Hinckley's home ground.



GRIFF SUMMER LEAGUE WINNERS

A huge congratulations to all the HLNC Ladies who took part at this years Griff Summer League. The weather was unpredictable and the teams had to quickly adapt with each other but Hinckley have done it again and won the Summer league for the second year running. The winners of the tournament were gifted £75 which has been given back to Griff to be added to the charities we support in memory of our friend and fellow club member Carol Whitaker.

HLNC AT GRIFF TRIALS

The sun shone one Tuesday evening in July, as the HLNC Ladies travelled to Nuneaton to help Griff with their trials evening. The teams played roughly 7 games against Griff and enjoyed mixing the bibs around whilst Griff were being trialled.

A great evening had by all, thank you everyone who came along to represent HLNC. Griff also kindly gave £20 for helping them out that evening. Claire Aspinall has kindly given it back to Griff to be added to the charities which we donate to in memory of Carol; Hampshire Air ambulance, Horatio's Garden and the spinal unit.

Well done Hinckley Ladies!

HLNC JUMPING HALL OF FAME

There has been many fantastic gravity defying moments and below are just a handful! Do you think you can do better? Get a photo of your jump and send to communications@hinckleyladiesnetball.com with your chance of appearing in the next jumping hall of fame. Who will be the next Queen Bee of jumping?



Winner! Katie Foster!

HLNC COMMUNITY

Participation, competition and fun!



"I joined in 2001, Becky was a member and said it was good fun. Wowzers that's 14 years ago and I still love it as much now as I did then! I was GD in the C team and we only had 3 teams back then! Thanks Jayne Marlow!"

Laura Benz

"I joined HLNC because I missed playing when I left School. It was the best decision I ever made!"

Emma Draycott

"I heard HLNC 2013 trials advertised on the local radio. Thank you Gemma for looking out for me all season and not getting mad when I regularly got lost going to games!"

Alice Roche

"Recommended by Kate I joined the club after taking part in Beth's Tournament. Started at the same time as Anna and Alice #friendsforlife"

Leanne Evans

"HLNC is a very friendly, sociable and inviting place to learn new netball skills and improve my game"

Kelly Bennett

"I joined HLNC Juniors as soon as I was old enough in 2006, I loved Netball at Primary School & High School. Have been playing for the club ever since"

Holly Hemsley

Tell us what you think!

Would you like to appear in the next edition of HLNC Netball Newsletter?

If so please contact communications@hinckleyladiesnetball.com

B2N AT BEDWORTH TRIALS

The rain held off for the HLNC Back to Netballers who travelled to the Kerserley to help Bedworth with their trials evening in July.

The team played roughly 8 games against Bedworth. Once the ladies settled in they fought hard for each possession and were complimented by the Bedworth ladies for such a good level of play. Highlights of the night included the dynamic Sarah duo intercepting shots, Ede's relentless energy as Centre and Ali's high jumps!

A great evening had by all. Thank you to Becky Kenney and Jayne Marlow who were helping Bedworth and Gemma's support and shouting from the side line.



Thank you!

Presentation evening

40 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This years HLNC presentations were held at the glamorous Sketchley Grange, Hinckley. To celebrate the club's 40th Anniversary the ladies, friends and family of the club all came together for one evening of good food, cheesy music, a raffle and of course the highly anticipated award presentations.

After being greeted by champagne, everyone was seen to their seats for our Chair, Claire Aspinall's opening speech "Welcome to Hinckley Ladies Netball Club's 40th Anniversary Presentation...40 years of fun, friendship, oh and a bit of netball!"

Claire continued to introduce the awards one by one including commitment to HLNC, player of the season, and players player. The winners went up to receive their award and to pose for a photo.

A raffle which contained gifts donated by our amazing HLNC members and companies such as Morrisons helped raise money for the club, to be put towards new balls, equipment, courts etc.

The celebrations went on through the evening, with most dressing up in fancy props and air guttering to Queen. Thank you to Tom who kindly captured the highlights of the evening



on camera, the good and the great moments! Everyone who attended had a fantastic time socialising and talking about the season that had just past.

"40 years on and through good times and bad we are all here tonight to celebrate our club, our friendship and our much-loved sport" Claire Aspinall

Commitment to the Club is highly valued and it makes the Club what it is today. We would like to thank our longest serving members who have support HLNC and grown up along side it. Those lovely ladies are: Jo Oakes, Jayne Marlow, Kaz Malkin, Carole Payne, Kate Chamberlain, Anita King and Ashley Oakes. All of whom have been a member for Hinckley Ladies for atleast 15 years and counting!

A selection of awards from the evening:

Coaches Award

Anna Kinsella-Askham

Clubwoman of the year

Gemma Braga

Chairperson Award

Jo Oakes

Young Talent Award (U16)

Emily Lawrie

Young Talent Award (U14)

Jade Isaac

Commitment Award

(Senior)

Carole Payne

Kate Chamberlain

Leanne Evans

All the awards and photos can be viewed online at www.hinckleyladiesnetball.com

CARNIVAL FEVER

Thank you to the volunteers who helped road block during the Hinckley Carnival this August Bank Holiday. The rain didn't stop, but a bacon roll and a bit of dancing kept spirits high! The group said they were very proud to represent the club and styled out the high vis jackets very well!



HLNC NETBALL WEEKEND

On the 3rd July, 15 members of HLNC set off on their annual tour. The venue for 2015 was Butlins at Minehead. Many of the Ladies hit traffic on their way down but were greeted by a refreshing beer once they had arrived!

Some secret surprises for one of our notably loved members Carole Payne unfolded as she was presented with balloons, presents and even CP Masks (which kept re-appearing throughout the weekend). The first night was spent drinking and laughing in the chalets.

Saturday came, as the sun shone brightly, Kaz cooked some dapper bacon cobs and then they set off in their Butlin's customised tee's for a round of crazy golf. Kelly, wheelchair bound, hopped around the course and gracefully posed on toadstools. They then headed over to the Netball courts which were a short walk away. HLNC entered two very strong teams which had been put into groups

and the final result in those groups would then decide if they could play the following day for the cup or plate. As both teams fought for every game, the sun was getting hotter and the oppositions gave a good battle for the ball. Thanks to the great organising and super



umpiring by Kaz, Cp and Becky, the day ran smoothly and flew by. A well done to naughty Anna borrowing kits and trainers to get back into the game after a serious calf injury last season, she

Butlins - Minehead

really added that extra 'bounce' in the team. A little sun burnt, blistered feet and hungry the HLNC girls celebrated coming 1st in one group and 4th in the other. A fantastic result! They headed back to the seashore for fish and chips, more beer and some cheeky pool!

That evening saw everyone dressed up as their favourite TV and film characters. Highlights included Bex's show Keith your teeth game, CP and Katie's splits, Emily vacating early and Kelly defying gravity in a wheelchair!

The Sunday morning brought the rain, and a lot of it. HLNC's first game of the day was against each other, still in the first half the showers and lightning prematurely called the whole tournament off. They all presumed last ones standing won the cup...right? A re-match between the two teams has been rumoured but we shall see...



SEPTEMBER 2015

**Wednesday 2nd September
EGM**

This will be held during the first training session of the season. Please make sure you're present.

**Thursday 3rd September
D Team friendly vs Griff**

Home game, starts at 7.30pm please come down to show support for the D's!

**Saturday 12th September
Stockton Tournament**

Starts at 10am at Stockton
Any questions please contact CP at fixtures@hinckleyladiesnetball.com

OCTOBER 2015

**Friday 2nd October
Fish & Chip Quiz Night**

Menu, payment and registration coming soon

**Saturday 3rd October
First Senior Game CWNA League**

Check website calendar for game times etc

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**Sunday 18th October
Deadline for Cash for Clothes Charity**
events@hinckleyladiesnetball.com

DECEMBER 2015

**Saturday 12 December
Senior Christmas Dinner**

Venue and price TBC.
More info contact Emma at events@hinckleyladiesnetball.com

**Thursday TBC December
Junior Christmas Dinner**

Venue and price TBC.
More info contact Holly at juniors@hinckleyladiesnetball.com

**TBC December
Cash for Cards**

Donate cash instead of sending lots of christmas cards within HLNC.

FEBRUARY 2015

**Wednesday 17th February
Curry Night Out**

Annual Curry Social evening. Open to Seniors only due to environment.
More info contact Emma at events@hinckleyladiesnetball.com

WE WANT YOU!

FISH 'N' CHIP QUIZ!

This year we are holding mini games to take part in during the quiz night. Prizes will needed to be donated, we are hoping to collect bottles of wine, spirits etc. If anyone has any spare unopened bottles or would like to contribute to prizes please hand to either Emma Draycott or Alice Roche at any training sessions, match or social leading up to the 2nd October.

CASH FOR CLOTHES

Are you making room for your Winter wardrobe? If so please donate your unwanted clothes to Emma Draycott whenever you see her (before 18th October). She will bag them all up and receive cash in return which is a really easy way to help us fundraise!

Coaching and Umpiring

We are always on the look out for a member with confidence, leadership skills and has a great passion for the game and for the club. At HLNC we have successfully supported lots of members through their courses. Whether it is brand new UA Umpires or an experienced Coach, we are here to help you.

If you are interested in becoming an Umpire, Coach or would like more info please contact secretary@hinckleyladiesnetball.com.

Beth's Tournament

Each summer Hinckley Ladies Netball Club hold their annual mixed tournament in memory of Beth Richards; a former player who lost her life. This years tournament was another successful event despite the weather with several teams of men and women braving the rain.

Many new players took to the game quickly and were soon showing off their skills and understanding of the rules. The round robin format saw each team having the opportunity to play everyone and despite competition being fierce, fun was had by all.

At the end of the heats Bedworth and The Saxon Slammers were in the playoff for the coveted Wooden Spoon and in the final were The Pressure and Malkins Lunatics. The playoff

was a hectic but enjoyable affair with possession continuously changing hands. Despite the game remaining close throughout Bedworth managed to take the lead and win the game Bedworth 2 The Saxon Slammers 1.

The final saw Malkins Lunatics VS The Pressure who took the early lead during the first half but Malkins Lunatics piled on pressure in the second half closing the gap after some team changes. With confident and talented players on both teams there were some amazing interceptions from the defence and some extreme goal scoring by the shooters. But at the final whistle The Pressure had held on to their lead beating Malkins Lunatics 8 to 5.



Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES!

GAIL AND DAVE NEW ARRIVAL!

Wonderful news as an eagerly awaited little boy joined the Lavery family this June. Jayden, who is full of character loves his new home and enjoys teasing Dylan the dog! We all send our very best wishes and look forward to meeting him soon!

HELEN IS EXPECTING!

Great news to hear that Helen Coles-Hennessy is expecting her first child. We wish you all the best during your pregnancy and look forward to you supporting the games safely from the sideline. We have enrolment forms ready for mini Hennessy!

DI & ASH ARE TYING THE KNOT!

Congratulations and best wishes to Di Yates who became a Mrs. Norman when she married Ash this August. She looked very beautiful! We are hoping for a post hen do netball night out!



NEW UMPIRE ALERT!

Congratulations to Holly Hemsley and Leanne Evans who are now fully qualified UA Umpires. HLNC look forward to you umpiring lots of matches this season.

If you're interested in becoming an umpire or would like more information please email secretary@hinckleyladiesnetball.com

THANK YOU

Thank you to HLNC's Number one supporters. They are there cheering and most often scoring the games come rain or shine; Jane Hemsley and Sam Rainbow. We really appreciate you're ongoing support for the Ladies and look forward to seeing you sideline this season!

GOODBYE

Our club says farewell to one of our nicest, funniest and umpire guru; Rebecca Mayfield. Becs will be solely missed from the club, as her roles within the club, teams and committee has been amazing. She has some fantastic opportunities lined up including umpiring at Loughborough Lightning's Superleague trials in October and also the NTL trials!

Girls just wanna have fun!



HLNC Moto



Winners!



Fancy D's!



Emma? Late? Noooo

yum yum
Laura's cakes



Minis on tour



Ouch!

