

## **Honorary Life Member**

In 2005 an Award of Honorary Life Membership was made to Joan Mills.

### **Joan Mills**

Joan has a passionate love of the game and the players that play it. She still plays herself, umpires and remains a leader in the administration of leagues and competition. Her administration skills helped the South East to grow and develop in to a strong, robust region and those skills brought her to the forefront of England Netball at a National level. A strange passion for constitutions, bye laws and other subject matter that would be considered dry, even arid by the rest of us, enabled her to carve her own special niche in Netball.

As Chairman of England Netball Joan was not afraid of jumping in at the deep end and joined a National Squad team building Rowing exercise during her time in office. Joan managed the Netball programme at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. She also played a pivotal role in the drafting of the revised IFNA constitution as it moved from being an Executive Council into a Limited Company. She then took this knowledge and experience and enabled Netball Europe to develop their Governance structures.