

## Long Service Award

In 2006 19 people received a Long Service Award.

### **Christine Beasley (Hertfordshire Netball Association)**

Christine is a keen umpire and still umpires both locally and regionally. She has been a member of the Herts Umpiring Sub Committee since 1998 and has been the umpiring representative on the Herts Development Sun Committee since its inception in 2000. She was a member of the Herts Clubs League Committee from 1985 to 2001, in which time she was Treasurer and Chair. She has also sat on the County Committee since 1991. Christine was a key member of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Championships Public Affairs Department and worked for several years leading up to the event in Birmingham. She is an umpire assessor up to 'B' Award and is an umpire mentor.

### **Chris Brien (Cheshire County Association)**

Chris has been involved with the Cheshire County Netball Association and the Warrington District Netball League for over 30 years. She is a Level 2 coach and has coached at both club and County level as well as on the Active Sports programme. She is a 'B' Award umpire and never says no to umpiring a match. She is currently setting up a junior section in Warrington and is working towards CAPS accreditation for her club. Chris has also run a number of 'back to netball' sessions and developed the league website.

### **Judi Wilson-Clark (Manx Netball Association)**

Judi started her voluntary career on the mainland, setting up two clubs in Bedfordshire. She then moved to the Isle of Man and has been volunteering there for the last 24 years. She soon realised that there were no formal netball leagues on the island and within the first year of living there she set up a league and the Manx Netball Association was born. Judi has undertaken many roles within the association, most notably; Coaching Secretary, Umpiring Secretary and Chair. She has organised numerous umpiring courses and has arranged for coaches from the mainland to deliver coach development workshops.

### **Pat Cunningham (North West)**

Pat has been umpiring for over 30 years and has umpired Wales, Scotland and Australian Institute of Sport. She has umpired at numerous National Competitions including Inter-Countries, Alex Barlass, National Schools, plus Regional Tournaments. She was also a scorer and time-keeper at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. Over the years she has been the secretary and fixtures secretary of her club, umpiring secretary of the Cheshire County League, Chair of a local league and more recently is tournament referee and umpire co-ordinator for tournaments in the North West.

### **Linda Cutler (East Dorset County)**

Linda was chair of the East Dorset Junior League for 10 years. She used to coach and manage the County Squads. Currently Linda is the South West and East Dorset County Netball Development Officer. She is also secretary on the East Dorset Junior League and is a representative on the Dorset Netball Sports Action Group. She was

key in securing £1.4 million for the creation of the Bournemouth and East Dorset Netball Centre. Linda is a coach tutor and coaches a local team.

### **Jean Davies (Cornwall)**

Jean has been volunteering in netball for over 30 years. She has held countless roles during this time including Fixtures secretary for Falmouth NC, Publicity Officer for Cornwall County Association and West Regional League Secretary. She is a keen coach and has been West Region U21 coach, head coach for the U14, U16, U18 and Senior Cornwall County Squads and head coach for the U17 and U19 England Squads. Jean is also a committee member on the South West Regional Management Board and is the director of Talent and Performance. She has also been involved in the development of the new UKCC coaching qualifications.

### **Chris Evans (Merseyside County Netball Association)**

For 35 years Chris has volunteered and worn many hats at a local, county and regional level. Locally she has helped many clubs develop by running back to netball and disability activities as well as mentoring. She runs numerous tournaments and is heavily involved with the Merseyside Youth Games. At County level she has been on the committee in the roles of vice chair, disability officer and coaching secretary. She has been a satellite academy coach and ran the Merseyside Junior League for 8 years. Regionally she was the Northern Thunder team manager in 2005-2006 and sits on the Regional Competition Group.

### **Sonia Gregg (Avon County)**

Sonia set up her club over 25 years ago getting members from the mum's at the local play group. Over the years she has played many roles within the club and is still actively involved today. She introduced juniors into the club and supports local initiatives to encourage more young players into netball. Sonia also volunteers for the county and has been the junior squad team manager for many years, as well as Fixtures Secretary. She is also an umpire and frequently helps clubs out who are struggling for umpires.

### **Sue Gullick MBE (South West)**

Sue has volunteered huge amounts of time to netball over the last 30 years and was recognised in 2006 when she was awarded an MBE for her Services to the Community. She is a Level 2 coach and coach tutor. In the past she has coached for her club and the U16 West Devon County Squad. Sue is also a coach mentor. She has been chair of the Plymouth and District Netball League and is a member of the South West Education and Training working group. Sue is also an active 'B' Award umpire.

### **Chris Harpham (East Region)**

Chris has volunteered in many roles at a local, county, regional and national level. She has chaired the East Region since 1990 and through this role has become involved at a national level, being a member of the England Netball National Council, Regional Chairpersons group and more recently the Membership Committee. She has also been involved with numerous national steering groups. At a local level Chris was key in her club achieving the Gold CAPS award. She has been chair of Suffolk County and held various different roles within the county before becoming chair.

Chris is a Duty of Care tutor and an IFNA Accredited Scorer. She has volunteered at three World Championships as a scorer and timekeeper.

### **Pat Harris (South West)**

Pat has been volunteering in netball for over 45 years. She began her voluntary career by coaching at her club and still does so today. She has been involved with Wiltshire County for over 40 years and in this time has taken on the role of County coach, team manager, coaching secretary and chair. She has also coached for the South Region. Pat is a coach and umpire tutor and has recently become a table official at Super League Matches in Bath.

### **Jan Howard (East Devon County)**

Over the last 25 years Jan has held many positions on the East Devon County Association Committee. Her first position was Fixtures Secretary; from there she moved on to Coaching Secretary, then Vice Chair and finally became Chair over 10 years ago. She was also Vice Chair of the West Regional Netball Council, until Netball South West was formed and is Vice Chair of the Exeter & District League. Jan is a Level 2 coach and has delivered numerous Level 1 Coaching Awards over the years and assisted the coaches of the U16, U18 and Senior County Squads. She has recently set up three Satellite Academies in Devon.

### **Isabel Martindale (South West)**

Isabel first volunteered when she founded Old Purlians NC with her friend Vera Cannings in 1956. She became a coach tutor in 1961 and since that time has delivered over 400 courses. Isabel was involved with the AENA summer schools for over 14 years and between 2001 and 2006 she was director/coach. She has held many roles in different clubs and counties due to moving around the Country. These roles include secretary, sports council representative, chair, publicity officer, teacher representative, head coach and AENA coaching award secretary. Isabel has also coached overseas in Sri Lanka, Malta and Malawi. Before her trip to Malawi she fundraised enough money for a 2-court stadium to be built in Mazuzu.

### **Margaret Seed (North East)**

Margaret has been volunteering in netball for over 30 years. She started by coaching at a local club and school with the school team reaching the ESNA National School's finals 12 years in a row. She has held various roles for Durham and Cleveland County including U21 coach, umpiring secretary and coaching secretary. Margaret has also been the regional U21 coach and coaching secretary. She volunteered on the Netball Information Desk at the Manchester Commonwealth Games. Currently Margaret is a member of the North East Regional Management Board and chair of the Education and Training committee. She also coaching a weekly 'Come back to netball' session.

### **Christine Stephen (North Yorkshire)**

Christine's first voluntary role within netball was as a member of the Area Schools Committee. She soon found herself volunteering to attend the Yorkshire and Humberside School's meeting and is still doing so 30 years on. Christine was vice president of ESNA in its last three years of existence until it amalgamated with AENA in 1994. In the mid seventies she was founder of the Harrogate and District League and became chair. She then took up umpiring and became a 'B' Award

umpire. Christine now tutors both beginner and 'C' Award courses. She was chair of the North Yorkshire County Committee where she was responsible for both the junior and senior county squads. Recently, due to the lack of junior netball in Harrogate, Christine has set up new a junior section within her club.

#### **Pam Telford (London and South East)**

Pam joined the East Essex Schools Committee in 1977. Since then Pam has been heavily involved with the ESNA at county, regional and national level. The roles include ESNA regional chair, national committee member, Tournament organiser, selector and tournament referee. She is a scorer, timekeeper and table official and has undertaken these roles in 1 world championship, 2 youth world championships, the commonwealth games, super cup finals and super league internationals. Pam became an ESNA Life Member in 1992 and an AENA Life Member in 2003.

#### **Helen Thorneloe (South Yorkshire)**

Helen became the South Yorkshire County Schools secretary in 1979 and undertook the role under 2000. She has also been the treasurer for the Regional Schools and continues to do that to date. Helen is a keen coach and has gained her Level 2 qualification. She is head coach of the county youth academy and is also a county talent scout. She also has her 'B' Award umpire and umpires for the region. Helen is also the South Yorkshire president and a member of the Yorkshire and Humberside region management board.

#### **Jan Turley (North West)**

Jan has been involved with netball for over 30 years. She is a level 3 qualified coach and has coached for the Cheshire County Senior Squad and U14 County Squad. She has been an England Talent Coach and the Northern Ireland National Coach. She is also an England Netball Talent Scout, a coach tutor and a 'C' Award umpire. Jan has been a member of both the Cheshire County Committee and the North West Committee. She has mentored many coaches within the Region. Jan also coaches at a local club and is helping the club through their CAPS accreditation.

#### **Sue Wainwright (Gloucestershire)**

For more than 30 years Sue has volunteered, mainly as a coach but also as a talent scout and administrator. She coaches at the highly successful Hucclecote NC, which she founded in 1975. She has also coached at the county squads from U16 to senior level. Sue has held a number of administrative positions on the Gloucestershire Executive Committee from schools representative to chair. Currently she holds the position of divisional representative. In 2005 the University of Gloucestershire in recognition awarded Sue an Honorary Fellowship for her services to local netball. The following year she won the HSBC Gloucestershire Coach of the Year Award at the Gloucestershire Sports Awards.