



# Annual Review

Dear All,

I can't quite believe that we have reached the end of another netball season.

Didsbury have had a fairly good season this year which started with our U14 & U16's qualifying for the Regional League and ends with the U15's qualifying for next seasons U16 age group with the possibility of also entering an U14 team.

We also had success in the Reddish League and CJNL with a number of teams winning or runners up in their divisions.

Individual success has also seen players selected for Regional and County training which hopefully sees them selected for the Regional and County squads.

This season also saw Didsbury's inaugural High Five Tournament, with the aim to give the new younger players the opportunity to play in a tournament and the aspiring umpires to gain experience of tournaments. The day was a great success with lots of positive comments and feedback.

As stated at the start of the season, our aim was to encourage, aid and support players (and parents) who wanted to get involved in the many aspects of netball other than the playing and we feel that we have achieved this as we have a number of girls who have qualified as either coaches or umpires, with a few more just waiting to be assessed and several parents who are on the path for becoming match officials. A number of the older girls also come along and help out at the High Five sessions allowing them to log their volunteering for Pass On Your Passion or Duke of Edinburgh. We can go into next season building on this success and endeavor to get more members involved and qualified.

A final note of **THANKS** to all the committee members, team managers, coaches and umpires whose contributions allow the Club to run smoothly and to you guys, to say how much we appreciate the time, effort and commitment that you give to our club! From attending matches, washing kit, taxi-ing, supporting training, paying fees – we could not run the club without you!

With the summer now upon us training will re-commence Monday September 7th with the first Reddish game scheduled for 30th August. I hope you all have a fabulous summer break and we get some decent weather to enjoy. Once again I would like to thank you all for your support and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Please remember to look on the website, [WWW.DIDSBURYNETBALL.CO.UK](http://WWW.DIDSBURYNETBALL.CO.UK) and/or our Twitter account [@DidsburyNetball](https://twitter.com/DidsburyNetball) for the latest up-to-date information on training and all things Didsbury Netball related.

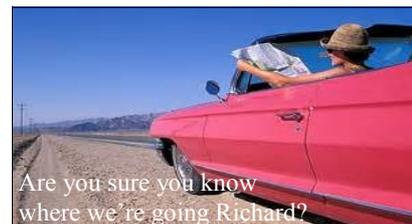
Many thanks

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# Didsbury High Five Tournament

**Saturday 16th May** was the date we decided to hold our very first tournament with invites sent to fellow Cheshire Clubs.

The aim of the tournament was to introduce the young netballers, especially the YR3&4 players, to tournaments and the process of playing more than one game as they went through the rounds.

Budding umpires were also able to gain valuable experience by umpiring the games and being mentored as tournaments usually require umpires to be qualified as a C umpire.

Entries to the tournament allowed us to provide game play for the U9/10 & 11 age groups and Cheshire Umpiring Secretary, Chris McCall, kindly attended and provided the mentoring and invaluable feedback to all the trainee umpires. Cheshire Chair Estelle Graham also came along to support the tournament.



Chris & Estelle catching up before the games started

Although a little windy to start with, the weather was fairly good and the tournament had a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

All games ran smoothly, and on time thanks to the Club officials. The umpires did a fantastic job ensuring that the High Five players got a better understanding of game play as they explained the decisions.



The team managers ensured that their teams were on the right court, at the right time & in the right position.

Piranhas team, manager Nazmun



Chill out time while waiting for the next game



Shooting practice

Although only a small tournament covering three age groups, starting from 9am and finishing at 12.45pm, it was well supported by Clubs and parents and showed us what we could achieve. We had Julian providing his renowned bacon butties and 'allthatnetball' providing netball clothing and equipment on the day. We even

had time to organize and sell tickets for the raffle!!

Due to a last minute issue the day before the tournament and having to assemble our U9 team within 24 hours the girls did themselves proud and were placed 3rd.

to go along to the Cheshire trials for more experience and mentoring. All players received a medal at the end of the day.



All players seemed to enjoy the day and the experience as did the umpires, with a few being invited

*Hi Didsbury, just an email to tell you that the girls absolutely loved your tournament. Thank you so much for organising it. Lots of love Lindsay, Boughton Belles*

*Thank you so much for Tournament on Sat - our girls loved it! Macclesfield Pink Ladies*

Tournament photos can be found on the website

# Presentation Evening



**Saturday 13th June** was the Club's presentation evening and true to tradition a good turn out by players and parents. The evening is held to celebrate the achievements and accom-

plishments, both on the netball court and off, of Club members over the season. It is also an opportunity to thank everyone for their commitment and support. It's also a time when everyone can relax, socialise & catch up.



Club coaches were also thanked for their help and dedication to training sessions and Emily was also thanked and received a farewell gift for her commitment to the Club over the last 8 years— a set of suit cases.



Club Chair and Treasurer were also thanked for all their hard work. Thanks also to Cheshire Chair, Estelle Graham for attending.

Players Player of the Year 2014/15	
Didsbury Manatees	Rebecca McLynn
Didsbury Eels	Aoife Leydon
Didsbury Piranhas	Anna Collier
Didsbury Rays	Izzy Gleeson
Didsbury Whales	Jordaine Bain
Didsbury Starfish	Lydia Forster
Didsbury Barracudas	Millie Turner
Didsbury Tadpoles	Charlotte Bulwich
Didsbury Seals	Megan Humpage
Didsbury Marlins	Roma Sharma
Didsbury Dolphins	Hannah Clouston
Didsbury Terrapins	Roisin Boyle
Didsbury Seahorses	Sophie Bashich
Didsbury Turtles	Rebecca Lewis
Didsbury Platypus	Becky Gorman
Didsbury Mermaids	Katie Thomas
Didsbury Otters	Emily Newbold

Coaches Player of the Year 2014/15	
Didsbury Whales	Alex Chatterton
Didsbury Rays	Rebecca Young
Didsbury Barracudas	Maisie Smith
Didsbury Starfish	Jean Crawford
Didsbury Seals	Grace Wareing
Didsbury Tadpoles	Olivia Perkins
Didsbury Dolphins	Molly Beckley
Didsbury Marlins	Frankie Davies
Didsbury Seahorses	Naomi Neal
Didsbury Terrapins	Courtney Bain



# Cheshire County



## CHESHIRE PRE-TRIALS

The weekend of the 6th & 7th June saw Cheshire County hold their pre-trials.

It followed the usual format of players playing several games and positions throughout the day.

Competition was fierce with over 150 girls trialing for the U14's and 50 for the U16's and those numbers didn't include the players who go straight to the training sessions as they were already in the system and were not moving age groups.

The following players were successful in the process and received an invite to attend 4 further assessment sessions throughout August.

**U14 Emily Kennedy and Lydia Forster**

**U16 Grace Wareing and Megan Humpage**

Well done to those who trialed and congratulations to the above. We will let you know if they are selected for Academy or PODS



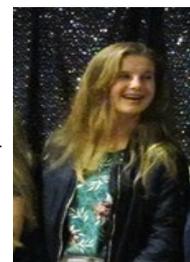
On Saturday 13th June the top athletes from our 6 counties came together to take part in the NW talent festival.

After a great day of some fantastic netball the successful athletes were selected to take

part in a summer training programme with the potential of receiving a NW regional academy trial in September.

Didsbury Seal player **Darcy Ross** was 1 of 10 Cheshire players selected, so a *massive well done & congratulations* to Darcy and we are all behind you and wish you good luck in making one of the places in the Academy.

Again we will with let you know how Darcy gets on.



**DIDSBURY PLAYERS** were also acknowledged at the Cheshire Presentation Evening.

U14 Academy – Grace Wareing, nominated coach's player

U14 Academy – Molly Whelan, nominated most improved player

U14 Academy – Darcy Ross, taking Players Player



U19's Academy—Alice Welch also takes Players Player. Alice is awarded by ex Didsbury player and U19 coach Corinne.



U19 players Rebecca, Alice & Ama also received medals as Elite League runners up.

Well done to all players



## Earthquake in Nepal

At the end of April Nepal suffered 7.9 magnitude earthquake. The tragedy had a devastating impact, with thousands of people now also living in fear of aftershocks.

Meanwhile, bad weather hampered the delivery of relief to remote villages.

A close friend of Debbie Whitworth had visited Nepal a number of times on climbing trips and had made friends with a number of locals and wanted to do something to help them.

1 text sent to 4 people requesting donations of unwanted clothing was sent, one being Debbie. Within 4 days over 100 bin bags of clothing had been collected., with Didsbury members playing their part with the collection. With 1 days notice we had collected 8 bags with several



more collections on the way home! Thank you ladies.



Nepalese residents set up tents in an open field at Chuchepati area in Kathmandu, Nepal. Sleeping rough and shell shocked after the earthquake

# A New Chapter For Teams

The end of this season also sees Didsbury Netball Club say a fond farewell to 3 of it's teams as they start a new chapter in their lives as they head off to University and pastures new.

At the time of writing they are waiting for their A level results but what a talented bunch of young ladies they are and go against the statement that not many females take up the study of the sciences or math's.

Across the three teams math's, biology, chemistry, physics & psychology are

popular subjects taken, with graphics, languages, history, geography and PE in the mix.

The degrees being taken are also interesting ranging from, medicine, advertising, music, economics, politics & international relations and the interesting sounding bio-mechanical engineering. Needless to say there is also inevitable 'gap year' that a few of the girls are thinking of taking!

We wish you all the very best Ladies and hope that you have a fantastic

time at Uni and that you all try out for the netball teams.

Do keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on with your results, Uni and of course — netball.



L-R Otters Mermaids Platypus



## Aye Aye Captain

The above article asks the girls who are leaving for Uni, to keep in touch and let us know how they are doing. Former

player and umpire for the Club, Claire White has done just that.

On Claire's return

to Edinburgh University in September, Claire will be Captaining the second team for the 2015—2016 season.

This role will see Claire use her netballing skills both on and off court organising the

players to a successful season in a competitive league as well as ensuring lots of fun before, during and after the games!



Claire centre front



## New Club Officials



**UKCC Level 2**

Didsbury NC are pleased to congratulate

**Jamie Whitworth**

on gaining her Level 2 certificate in coaching.

Jamie has been assisting Bernadette over the past year with the High Fives and will continue to help out with the coaching on her breaks

from Uni. We also have another Level 2 coach just waiting to be assessed.

**UKCC B Umpire Award**

Didsbury NC are pleased to congratulate

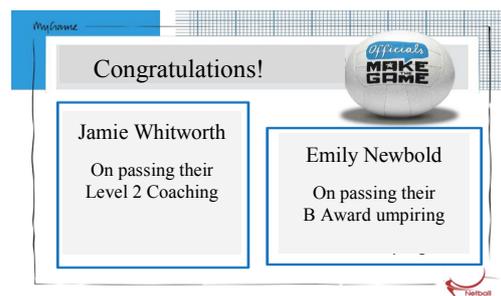
**Emily Newbold**

on converting her C Award into a B

Emily has been with the Club for several years and will continue to umpire for the Club when Uni studies allow.

Again we also have a couple of players just waiting to be assessed for their C awards.

Any players or parents wanting to take their umpiring or coaching awards next season please speak to Richard or Debbie for further information.



# DIDSBURY NETBALL CLUB

If you have any thing you want to get out to the members of the Club get in touch and we can put it in the newsletter or for a quicker publication/ response why not go on our new Facebook and/or Twitter account.....sign up today!

Anything you want to send through just use the email address below and leave the rest to us. We will endeavor to include your item in the next newsletter

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We're on the web,  
[didsburynetballclub.co.uk](http://didsburynetballclub.co.uk)

Chloe Vell and horse Kaja at the European Championships for Junior & Young Riders In France.

The last training session for YR8 was also the last session for Didsbury coach Mike



Vell. Mike who has been coaching this session for the last couple of years is stepping down due to work commitments and if you read further, family commitments. Didsbury would like to thank Mike for all his help and the girls and fellow coaches will certainly miss you.

## Chloe Clinches eighth place for Great Britain.

Mike's daughter and Otter player Chloe is also an accomplished horse rider. Chloe was part of the Great Britain team in the U18 dressage section at the recent International Federation for Equestrian Championships held in Vindobona in South West France. Mike and Mum Tracey joined Chloe for the week long competition which was a great experience for Chloe seeing her represent GB for the second time, the first being at the tender age of 12. Well done Chloe and understandable Mike that you had to let the coaching go. I am sure we will see more of Chloe and Kaja.



## Up Coming Courses



### UKCC Level 1

**Date:** 16th January 2016 & 13th February 2016

**Venue:** Ellesmere Port Sports Village, CH65 9JN

[CLICK HERE for a Flyer](#)

[Click Here to book onto a UKCC course or for more information](#)



### C Award Umpire

**Date:** Sunday 6th September 2015

**Time:** 9.30am—3.30pm

**Venue:** Parris Wood High School

**Cost:** TBC £35

\*\*This course at present is provisional and to be held for Didsbury players only and dependant on required numbers. Please email for further info [deborahwhitworth@ntlworld.com](mailto:deborahwhitworth@ntlworld.com)

**Minimum age to attend a C award course is 14 years old.**

As promised at the start of last season Didsbury Netball is not just about playing netball but all the other things that come with it.

Didsbury relies on volunteers to help us in all areas, and you make a huge contribution to the Club. Volunteering is a rewarding experience, not only benefiting the Club, but also the individual - developing skills for use at school, university or in the workplace. It's a fantastic way to make new friends, and nothing beats the "feel-good factor" of helping out and giving something to your sport.

We value all volunteers and make sure that we show recognition and aid in their development of their skills. Please speak to Richard or Debbie if you are able to offer your time in any way.

We are always looking for extra support and volunteers.