



Welcome to the third edition of our Club Newsletter—and we are on the countdown to the summer holidays already!! We have lots of club news and end of league results to share this edition, and would like to celebrate your girls' achievements and accomplishments, both on the netball court and off, so would love to hear your news—please email us at [magnet.netball@virginmedia.com](mailto:magnet.netball@virginmedia.com)

## Half Term Newsletter

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### Magnet's Success at Berkshire Netball Awards

The Magnet Netball Club had a fantastic evening at the annual Berkshire Netball Awards, as several of our players were nominated, shortlisted and received awards at this prestigious event.

We were delighted that so many of our girls attended the award to win a Coaches Nomination Award. This award is given by the club and coaches to the girl they feel has developed and grown most as a player and as a committed team member in each age group over the last season.

This year, after many years of coaching, playing



and working to improve netball in our area, our very own Sally Gray was nominated and awarded a Special Recognition Award! Sally was thrilled to collect this from Club President Gina Macgregor.

In the toughest category of the evening, a total of eighteen girls were shortlisted by the panel from the

whole of Berkshire to be considered for the Berkshire Netball Player of the Year. This year, three of our girls reached the shortlist, but the final award slipped through their grasp, and went to an U14 player from B's Netball Club! However, it is a huge achievement to even reach the shortlist, and we are very proud of these talented players in our club.



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#### Berkshire League— Final results

For the first time, we are thrilled that all three Magnet teams have finished in top three places in their divisions!

The U11 team finished in third place, narrowly missing second place on goal difference only! They had had a great run in the spring term, even beating the team in second place!

The U12 team finished in second place, having had a tough second half of the season with depleted and injured players, costing them first place.

The U13 team also finished in third place.

We are really proud of all three teams, and look forward to an even more successful 2015-16 season!

#### Berkshire Netball Awards & Nominees

##### Awards

- Frankie Wilding : U11 Coaches Award
- Seren Suter : U12 Coaches Award
- Imogen Shaw : U13 Coaches Award

##### Berkshire Netball Player of the Year (Shortlisted)

- Zoe Allanson (U11)
- Sophia Robinson (U12)
- Georgia Charalombous (U13)

##### Special Recognition Award for Services to Netball

- Lizzie McIlhattan : Junior Award (U14)
- Sally Gray : Adult Award

## Berkshire League Rally 2015

A chilly day heralded the start of the Berkshire League end of Season Rally at The Brackenhale School in Bracknell. Over 45 teams across the various age groups from Berkshire entered this 'fun' rally. Teams are drawn into random pools, and then play short ten minute games with every team in their pool to determine who goes through to the finals.



The U11 team drew a fairly mixed pool—but with the League winners, Woodley as their toughest game. Opening with two strong games, winning 8-0 and 11-0, we then held another strong team, Rushmoor, to a draw. Another win 6-1, and then the dreaded Woodley game. The girls played their socks off, and held Woodley to a 5-5 draw in feisty and

heavily contested game - a really fantastic result. Winning our final game 3-2, meant we had not lost a game, and secured the girls a place in the semi finals. This was a tough game against the eventual winners, the B's, and we lost 7-4—meaning the third & fourth place playoffs would be against our old nemesis Woodley! The girls dredged up energy from somewhere, and played a super game, with great shooting, fabulous defence and eventually beat Woodley 6-4, securing them a medal and third place!

The U12 team had a fairly mixed day of play, starting with two strong wins against Surrey Heath and Wokingham, then hitting a blip and losing the next two games against Wood-



ley Teams. The cold weather was not helping anyone, so a rousing chorus of the Hockey Cokey was in order to get the blood moving and team spirit flying! This seemed to do the trick, as they secured another three wins and a final draw, meaning that the team ended up in a very respectable 5th place overall.

The U13 team had a tough pool to play in, with principally Division 1 teams from their Berkshire League group. Sadly an injury to Mia Elton in the third game meant that the team were missing a key player for the rest of the tournament, and did not recover from this.

A fantastic day of netball for all the Magnet Teams, and thankfully Mia is well on the way to recovery.



**STOP PRESS!!!** We are a delighted to confirm that the following players will be trialling at the Berkshire Satellite Academy Trials in June - Seren Suter, Laura Autio, Maddie Gayter and Sophia Robinson, Chloe Boparai and Abbi Jones ... good luck girls. Sophia has already trialled and successfully got into the Bucks Academy, huge congratulations !

### Magnet Netball Prizegiving & AGM

Friday 25th September 2015

We are delighted to announce our first Club Prizegiving will take place alongside our AGM on Friday 25th September 2015 in the Pearce Suite at the Magnet.

Girls from the Performance Squads will be invited to attend with parents, and will be eligible for consideration for a host of awards. We are keen to recognise the playing skill and commitment that all these girls are showing, and also want to share our club's successes with you, the club families!

Please put this date into your diaries now, and formal invitations will follow nearer the end of the summer term.

### Congratulations to Zoe Allanson & the U11 team...

Zoe was awarded the 'Players Player' Award at the Charters End of Season Rally. Zoe was most voted Girl of the Game by opposing teams throughout the winter season across all the age divisions.

Our U11 team also received a Most Sporting Team award at Charters. Our U11 team played in an U12 league, and lost every game throughout the year but still played to the best of their ability at all times with smiles & good grace! Well done girls!

**Remember ... [www.magnetnetballclub.co.uk](http://www.magnetnetballclub.co.uk)**

We have updated the web site to include upcoming fixtures, results, local summer training camps, changes to the committee ... In fact, for pretty much any query, try the web site as your first port of call before calling your coach, team manager or Sally!

## Match Results May 2015

	U10Squad			U11 Squad		
	Match / Rally	Score / Placing	Girl of the Game	Match / Rally	Score / Placing	Girl of the Game
9/5/15	Wycombe Rally	4th in pool		Wycombe Rally	3rd in pool	
11/5/15				Magnet ICE v Surrey Heath	26-13 Surrey	Savannah
18/5/15				Magnet FIRE v Cardinals Oaks	15-4 Magnet Fire	Niamh

### Match Reports :

**U10's :** The U10's had a brilliant day at the High Wycombe tournament playing with only 8 girls, they narrowly lost 3 out of their first 4 matches and drew one, then the shooters overcame their nerves and found the net and in the home straight, won their last three matches. This meant that out of 16 U10 teams they finished in the top half. An outstanding effort for the girls that represented Magnet Netball Club on the day.

**U11's :** A good day at the Wycombe Rally, only missing second place in our pool on by one point! Our two new Charters Teams, Magnet Fire & Magnet Ice are playing well, and have lots more games after half term lined up!

## Upcoming Events & Fixtures for Your Diaries

10/5/15	Charters Summer League begins, dates tbc, 6pm
1/6/15	Magnet Fire & Ice @ Charters 6pm
8/6/15	Magnet Fire & Ice @ Charters, 6pm
13/6/15	U13 Wycombe Tournament, Kingsmead, all day
14/6/15	U11 / U12 Dreams Southampton Tournament, all day
15/6/15	Magnet Fire @ Charters, 6pm
22/6/15	Magnet Fire & Ice @ Charters, 6pm
26-28 June	U11 / U12 / U13 Brean Sands Tour
5/7/15	Magnet Netball Club Fun Day & Tournament, Kidwells Park, 10am-3pm
6/7/15	Magnet Fire @ Charters, 6pm
9/7/15	Magnet Ice @ Charters, 6pm
13/7/15	Magnet Fire & Ice @ Charters, 6pm
20/7/15	Magnet Ice @ Charters, 6pm
25/9/15	Magnet Netball Club Prizegiving & AGM, 7.30pm

Remember to let your Team Manager know asap if you can't make any of these matches!

## Magnet Netball Club Fun Day & Tournament

Sunday 5th July 2015, 10am-3pm

The club will be holding our second annual free Club Fun Day on Sunday 5th July 2015, at Kidwells Park outdoor netball courts.

We need you to make up mixed teams including mums, dads, brothers, sisters, friends ...whoever would like to play ... to come and play in the Mix-It-Up Tournament! Teams need to include girls from the club, netball playing adults and non-netballers! We will have a mini-tournament for these teams, followed by a family pic-nic and a rounders match in the afternoon!

Last year, the day was a huge success, with over fifty participants—this year we want MORE! Recruit your friends, and enter ahead of the day on the flyer you will be receiving—or just turn up and play!

### New Team Manager for Year 5's!

We are delighted to announce that Lyndsay Holmes will be taking on the role of Team Manager to the current year 5 squad, assisted by Claire Boparai. They will continue to look after this promising group of young players as they move up into Year 6.



**Ear Piercing :** A note on ear-piercing ... please remember you CANNOT play under AENA or Berkshire League rules wearing any jewellery. If you are planning to have ears pierced, please do it at the start of the summer holidays, so you can be earring free by September, or we have no choice but to bench you & your earrings for the remainder of the season.