

County Chair

Another season comes to an end but thanks to your Committee a full season was scheduled for both Junior and Senior Leagues. We have still had our ups and downs, but I am proud that we managed to run a full league this year even though COVID-19 still meant some cancellations and/or rearrangements. Congratulations to teams that managed to play all their matches. It is hard to believe that it was two and a half years ago that COVID-19 really affected our netball lives. Congratulations the way you have all had to adapt to England, Essex and Redbridge safety rules for our netball to continue. My thanks in particular to Cassie who has regularly kept us all updated. Let us hope that netball will be back in full swing next year.

I was hoping to run a fun rally at the end of this season, but dates were an issue with Redbridge and in fact the nearest date we could provisionally book was the end of July. Parking was the issue because Redbridge had national competitions etc going on every week and needed the car parking spaces. I know Yvette would have contacted all secretaries by now but a personal thank you to the seven clubs that did contact me showing an interest. A shame that we could not run this as I was hoping that we could encourage more of you to take up the whistle.

Not to forget that we also need more coaches coming through - as a player how nice it is to have someone supporting you, and helping you improve your netball skills.

I realise that costs for these qualifications are expensive, but the County will help subsidise you depending on what you are prepared to give back. For more information please talk to any of the Executive Committee.

There will be some refreshments to enjoy at the AGM so please use this opportunity to get to talk to Committee members after the meeting has ended.

I think Birmingham must be on the Agenda this year - how lucky we are to have had the World Championships up in Liverpool a few years ago - now we have the Commonwealth Games and England are the holders of this trophy - so I hope you get to Birmingham to see various countries and their styles playing our lovely game.

My thanks as always to our hardworking committee and you members - please have a lovely summer and stay safe.

Pat