

# HERTFORD HEATH RANGERS

## NEWSLETTER 2013-14 SEASON

The 2013-14 netball season for Hertford Heath Rangers was our best yet and we are proud to report on the ever growing achievements of our teams and individual players.

The club, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, has certainly come a long way from just the one ladies netball team formed by Maureen Perez back in 1992 at the local Hertford Heath primary school. Back then the club looked very different, not only in size but in appearance too - the more fashion conscious will be horrified at the thought of pleated skirts and tucked in buttoned up shirts! Nowadays, our playing kit suits the athletic capabilities of our teams, especially as we climb up the netballing ladder!

We have many talented players and coaches on-board and the dedication and time that everyone involved has put into the club has helped Hertford Heath Rangers grow from strength to strength. Running a club is a lot of hard work requiring huge commitment (and the free time of all our volunteers) and their support and enthusiasm is what helps to keep the club thriving.

**On to the news.....**

### Rangers 1 rule the court

Rangers first team has been going from strength to strength over the past few years and you have only got to look back over past newsletters to see just what the team has achieved - numerous tournament and league winners, promotion to higher divisions and successfully qualifying for Herts County League.

This season the team ended the Turnford Winter League joint top with Turnford and with this comes promotion to division 1 for next season. This team really knows how to perform in some very intense matches but remain focused for those all-important victories. The Rangers 1 side on a Monday night in the Turnford Leagues usually consists of senior players including Victoria Perez, Amy Law, Maria Rowley, Chloe Bass, Ellie Burt, Cheryl Hodge, Gemma Cranfield and Shana Hall. On a Wednesday, in the Hertford and District League and Sundays in Herts League, we also include our younger senior players Claire Daw, Molly Brett and Lucy Hoskin.

Rangers 1 also came first place in the Hertford and District Winter League in Division 1 and in the summer league won all 9 games to come top once again - a fantastic team effort by all the girls.

The Herts County league has also been a great start for the club. This is the first time in the clubs history to play in this league and we finished in third place which is a great accomplishment for us and the league even congratulated us for securing this position for our first time in county. On gaining this position in the league table, we have now been promoted to division 2 which means come September, we will be playing indoors. The club is extremely proud of the accomplishments made by the senior squad and we can only hope that the future holds more exciting opportunities, helping to pave the way for our younger players.



### Wildcats have the wow factor

Our newly formed U11 team have certainly made an impact in the Turnford summer league. This was the girls first time as a team in a league and they have displayed some fantastic netball and are a team that show great potential.

We are sure there will be many great stories to tell in the future as the Wildcats continue along their path and leave their mark in the netball world. The girls finished second place in the league which is an outstanding achievement for their first season. Player of the season goes to Hannah Emmerson (GS) who displays great accuracy in her shooting and enthusiasm to the team. Well done Hannah!



## Vixens out Fox their opponents for division 2 promotion!

Well done to our Vixens team (Rangers 2 in the Turnford Leagues), they have had an amazing winter season and dominated their division with some fantastic wins and securing some awesome score lines. The team is probably the strongest it has ever been as the girls have even more experience and grown in strength throughout the years. The team consists of Hannah Hersant and Molly Brett U18, Claire Daw U19, Lucy Hoskin and Miami Choudhury U17 and our youngest player in the team Maddy Davies U15. Also a big thank you to Kirsty Paget from Bengeo Netball Club who regularly helps our teams as a second claim player – Kirsty's experience has been a huge asset especially in the defending circle. The girls came top of their division and managed to secure more points in the play offs for promotion, finishing in first place in the winter league, so a huge congratulations to them as they have displayed great maturity in their games and we are all very proud of this great achievement. Player of the season goes to Miami who has shown immense determination over the past few seasons and plays well in both defending positions or as a WA. Another thank you must go to returning player Lil Dawson who is currently at university and steps in for the team when she is back home. Next year will see a couple of changes to the team as Hannah goes off to university. Hannah has been an extremely consistent and very accurate shooter for the team and we will miss her very much but, like Lil, she will continue to play for the team when she is back home..... As Hannah starts her new adventure, we welcome her little sister, Evie, who has just joined our year 4 squad. We have some very talented players from the Wolves team who will be stepping in to play for the girls this upcoming season as they now qualify for senior netball.



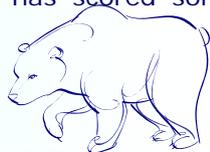
## Coyotes take control

Our most successful junior team to date have yet again pulled off another great season in the Broxbourne and District Winter League. Our U13s comfortably won their year group with superb performances against local rivals. Dominating the matches they play, the girls really are a tough bunch to beat resulting in back to back league titles - with the silver wear to prove it! In the summer season, the girls played a year up in the Turnford League to give them more of a challenge and they did themselves extremely proud finishing middle of the table. The team consists of our super strong defenders; Natalie Grimes, Georgia Gvero, Emily Mathieson and Amy Light and our lightning fast attack; Milly Davies, Ellie Hackworthy, Darcy Lowe and Phoebe Hoskin. Player of the season for this team is a very tough decision to make as all girls work very hard during their matches, but it is our defenders this year who have really stood out. Natalie has really upped her game and her strong defending on court has caused her opposing players a real task to get around and Georgia and Emily work as a solid team in the circle, both showing great knowledge of the game and the right skills to break down the other teams attack. The overall player of the year, however, goes to Georgia Gvero GD - a superb season from her, so well done Georgia. We welcome on-board new Coyotes player Angelica Bowring and also Daire Coates who had previously been playing up a year for the Wolves team.



## Beware Bears

Our U12 Bears once again showed us why they are so deserving of their medals by coming second place in the Broxbourne and District Winter League. The girls are a large squad and not all are pictured (photo right). The team show great character and are a talented side. The team consists of Holly Mayes, Lily Hirons, Laura Butcher, Odett Racz, Lizzie Alliot, Grace King, Amber Lindars, Charlotte Graham, Ashleigh Cook, Charlie Head and new player to the team Ciara Walsh (pictured with the ball). Well done to all girls, the club is very proud of your hard work and commitment. Player of the season has gone to Odett who plays Goal Shooter – Odett has a great technique for shooting and has scored some really outstanding goals this season.



## Farewell Shana

Unfortunately the club has to say goodbye to our GK, Shana Hall, who has been outstanding for the club this last year. With her dedication and encouragement on court she has helped the team considerably in defence gaining the ball back countless times to secure more goals in our attack. We will miss Shana hugely and also thank her for her netball knowledge and coaching she has carried out for the club. We hope that she will come back and visit when she can and even have some match play - we wish you all the best in your new job! Shana is pictured left with captain, Victoria Perez.



## Wolves step into senior territory

This season the Wolves U14 side have really started to show teams just what they can do on the netball court. Each season they have gone from strength to strength each developing their skills and showing great commitment at training. The Wolves best performance this season was beating a Cheshunt team 79-1 which is a record scoring game in the clubs History! The Wolves finished middle of the table this summer season and we couldn't be prouder of them. In each match they have shown real determination to win. Player of the season has gone to Eloise Bishop who plays mainly GD. Eloise gets chosen by other teams as player of the match for the majority of the Wolves games which goes to show how talented a player she is. Hard work and enthusiasm always shines through from Eloise on court and she is deserving for this year's player - well done and keep it up! Coach, Maureen, is looking forward to seeing the Wolves play for the first time in senior league netball which will enable the girls a variety of senior league experience.

## Tigers

Our newly formed U10 Tigers team had a tough start to the season as they were entered in to the U11 division (rather than play High Five) so many of the teams they played against were a year older.



The Tigers may have had a tough challenge each week but this just makes for stronger players as they will have gained valuable experience by playing a year up. The team did themselves and their coaches proud as even under defeat the girls were still determined to try hard and went out to play each match with superb effort. Well done girls and we look forward to the new season where you will be playing in your own age group - keep up the good work. Player of the season goes to Grace Mathieson who has demonstrated some outstanding performances throughout the summer season and is a hard worker in both match play and training.



## Jaguars

The clubs newly formed U9 team this summer season were entered into their first league by playing in the High 5 division. For those not in the know, High 5 netball is a little different from your regular seven a side game and is the recommended level of netball for younger junior players. The rules are; that the WA and WD positions are dropped and the GS and GK are allowed into the centre third. With just 5 players on court the players have to also rotate their positions each quarter which is great for early development. The Jags have had a fantastic season and coach, Helen, couldn't be prouder of their performances. Many of the games were comfortable wins leaving the opposition struggling to even get half our score.

Player of the season has gone to Millie Rowland who has demonstrated great talent at such a young age and we are hoping Millie will go far in the future. Millie has great shooting skills and is proving to be an all-round court player. Keep it up Millie and well done for your hard work this summer.

## Ranger's juniors bring home the silverware

After our last tour in 2012 it was time for our next and this time we travelled to Butlins in Bognor Regis to take part in a weekend tournament held by SCI Sports. The weekend took place on a very warm and sunny weekend on July 11<sup>th</sup> and the age groups we took were our U12 Bears, U13 Coyotes and U14 Wolves. The matches were played on both the Saturday and Sunday with the U11 and U12 groups mixed together and the same with the U13 and U14 teams.

All three of our teams made it to the finals which was fantastic. The Wolves came up against Saffron Hawks and unfortunately lost out but came second to get medals, the Bears lost in the final to come second place winners and the Coyotes won their final very comfortably to win the cup and medals! All the teams played extremely well and we couldn't have been prouder of them.

Coyotes (below) U13, back row L-R: Amy Light, Emily Mathieson, Natalie Grimes, Ellie Hackworthy, Angelica Bowring. Front L-R: Phoebe Hoskin, Georgia Gvero and Darcy Lowe.



Wolves U14, L-R: Eloise Bishop, Abi Ross, Emma Butcher, Charlotte McCollum, Megan Hackworthy, Emily Frith, Alice Martin and Rachel Evans.



Bears U12 L-R: Holly Mayes, Ashleigh Cooke, Amber Lindars, Grace King, Lizzie Allott, Charlie Head, Lily Hirons, Odett Racz and Laura Butcher.



## Rangers reign at Netfest

Rangers senior team this year went on tour to Harrogate where the tournament is held by organisers, Netfest.

We put together two teams and travelled up by train on 25th July. The weekend turned out to be a very hot one and the girls were having to play in high temperatures but that didn't stop us from dominating the day. One of our teams didn't lose a single game which meant we brought home the cup! The games took part on the Saturday and we came up against a variety of teams. It was great having so many Rangers girls on the tour as the support on the side-line was tremendous when one team would be playing and the other watching. It was also great to welcome back Jodie and Sian Butcher, along with Lil Dawson, from university this season who stepped in and played like they had never been away!

With our three junior teams that were so successful on tour and our seniors too, it's no wonder Rangers are stamping their mark in the local leagues!



## News just in.....

We are very pleased to announce, as we commence the 2014-15 season that our Bears team players, Ashleigh Cook and Holly Mayes both age 12 have successfully trialled for and got into the Mavericks Development Squad. This is a fantastic opportunity for both girls to train alongside other talented players within the Mavericks environment and all club coaches are very proud of Ashleigh and Holly. For players who did not get through, please remember that there were many girls from all over Hertfordshire who also trialled and there will be plenty of opportunities in the future - make sure to keep an eye on the

Hertfordshire Mavericks website or England Netball. As a club, we will do our best to encourage talented players whether that is trialling for Mavericks, Satellite or County Netball Academies or to keep at it in their teams - netball is a team sport and hard work and dedication from all players can result in league promotions, eventually leading to county netball and perhaps even regional level one day..... We would like to think this is a possibility!

## Club communication.....

As well as annual newsletters, we will communicate news and events in a number of ways including; our **Facebook** group which is a private group open to all members and their parents of Hertford Heath Rangers. This is our number one tool to communicate with one another including match reports and league results. We have also recently set up a Twitter account to reach out to our members and the wider netballing community, you can follow us at **@HhrNetball**. General club information will of course continue to be sent out from the club email address **hertfordheathrangers@outlook.com** and some of our coaches also use **Teamer** for weekly junior match organisation. You will receive an email invite from Teamer should your daughter's team manager or coach organise the team this way (otherwise it will be the usual text message). Please make sure to let both the club secretary and your team manager or coach know should you change your email address or phone number and for affiliation purposes, please let us know if you change your home address.



## Rangers in the news

We will do our best to publicise the clubs news as much as possible, please see below recent report from the Hertfordshire Mercury...

# Net gain for talented Hertford Heath teams

THERE was good cause for celebration for Hertford Heath Rangers Netball's junior teams as they won one age group and achieved two runners-up spots at a tournament in Sussex.

A junior netball competition was held at Butlins in Bognor Regis for ages 11 to 16.

Hertford Heath Rangers entered their U-12, U-13 and U-14 teams.

The two-day event consisted of nine teams in the mixed U-11 and U-12 group and eight within the U-13 and U-14 mixed age category.

Rangers U-13s came up against some teams that were a year older in their group.

They only lost one game – to the Rangers U-14s side by one goal.

Wins for Rangers U-13s came against Brentwood U-13s and Saffron Hawks U-13, and Rangers won their group.

They were up against Saffron Hawks U-13 in the final.

The start was intense and it was not until the second half that Rangers started to dominate and went on to win 9-5.

Their player of the tournament was Georgia Gvero.

Coach Victoria Perez said: "I am proud of the team's per-



WINNERS: The Hertford Heath Rangers Netball U-13 team

formance and the girls showed great commitment and enthusiasm for the sport."

Rangers U-12s started with a storming 20-1 victory and enjoyed great wins.

They reached the final and fought hard before they went

down 8-2 against Lymington from Hampshire.

Rangers' U-12 player of the tournament was Lily Hirons.

The strong defence of Rangers U-14 came to the fore as they conceded no goals in their first two games.

Rangers defeated Brentwood 12-0 and Bugs 10-0.

Rangers experienced a nail-biting hard-fought final against Saffron Hawks U-14.

The result could have gone either way and Saffron Hawks won 9-7.

Rangers' U-14 player of the tournament was Eloise Bishop.

Perez said: "It was a great effort by all Rangers teams making it to the finals and all bringing home medals and a cup for the U-13s."

Success has also been enjoyed at adult level by Hertford Heath.

Their senior team were promoted to division two of the Hertfordshire County League and won the Hertfordshire District Netball Summer League.

### Hertford Heath Rangers Netball teams at Sussex tournament:

**U-12s:** Laura Butcher, Odette Raczy, Grace King, Lizzie Alliott, Ashleigh Cook, Amber Lindars, Holly Mayes, Charlie Head, Lily Hirons.

**U-13s:** Amy Light, Ellie Hackworthy, Darcy Lowe, Natalie Grimes, Angelica Browling, Emily Mathieson, Phoebe Hoskin, Georgia Gvero.

**U-14s:** Megan Hackworthy, Alice Martin, Rachael Evans, Abbi Ross, Emily Frith, Emma Butcher, Charlotte McCollum, Eloise Bishop

## Finally

Our Committee work very hard and we have a number of events in the pipeline, however, certain occasions such as fundraisers and charity events require some additional help - if you would like to get involved in any way, we would love to hear from you and once we get the ball rolling, we will keep you posted - any ideas you may have will also be gratefully received. This may be for raising club funds or for a local charity or helping to organise presentation evenings for our juniors.

Here's to another successful 2014-15 season.....!

