

## HISTORY OF NETBALL IN THE UK AND HISTORY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

1895	Madame Osterberg's brought game to this country deriving from game called Basket Ball from USA.
1900	250 copies of the first set of published rules were produced by the Physical Education Association
1926	An inaugural meeting in London forms the All England Netball Association (AENA)
1932	First Inter County Tournament held.
15 <sup>th</sup> <b>May</b> 1956	First meeting to discuss formation of the G.C.N.A
18 <sup>th</sup> <b>June</b> 1956	Constitution for G.C.N.A written. Two sections to the county organisation:  i) Schools section ii) Adult section
5 <sup>th</sup> <b>October</b> 1956	First County trials held:  i) 54 trialists Schools section ii) 20 selected (2 teams of 10)
24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Nov.</b> 1956	County Kit chosen - Emerald Green Skirts First match played against Bristol Netball Association Juniors lost 12-3 Seniors lost 25-5
23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>March</b> 1957	Participated in Intercounties Tournament in Yeovil.
19 <sup>th</sup> <b>May</b> 1958	First AGM held, an election of officers took place.
30 <sup>th</sup> <b>Nov.</b> 1960	Knock-out Tournament introduced with 8 teams. (The Audrey Bateman Shield)
<b>September</b> 1967	Gloucester City Youth Netball League introduced.
<b>September</b> 1969	Joined the West Midlands Region from the South West Region.
<b>September</b> 1972	Gloucestershire League introduced
<b>May</b> 1973	Cheltenham Ladies were champions in the first season of the Gloucestershire League.
<b>September</b> 1973	Gloucestershire League expanded to 18 teams. (3 divisions of 6 teams)
<b>September</b> 1973-1974	No County team run
<b>March</b> 1979	May Dent Trophy introduced.