

Jen and Friends Spirit of Netball Team Award – Teri Guest

“The Jen and Friends Spirit of Netball Team Award was introduced by the Committee in 2018 in memory of Jen Brackenbury, who had been playing for Long Crendon in the Aylesbury League for over 50 years.

“This award is also dedicated to members of the Aylesbury and District netballing family who have passed away during the season.

This season we will be dedicating The Jen and Friends Spirit of Netball Team Award to Kerry Crosby and Jo Hercules.”

“Sadly, Kerry passed away on the 6th May. She played for Unity Netball Club in the premier division. I would like to share with you some words from her team”

“Kerry really loved playing netball – she was competitive, but she believed in playing fairly. She really does embody this award – being respectful to opponents and umpires, was important to her. Win Lose or Draw! She would always be encouraging to her teammates. When she was not able to play anymore, she would still come to support and encourage us from the sideline, even if she was feeling unwell. Despite everything she was going through, she was always so positive. We are really going to miss her positive presence and her words of wisdom.”

“We have just heard about the sad passing of Jo Hercules, who was known as Jo Doman when she played in the League many years ago. Jo was captain of the Equitable Life team, who then changed their name to HBOS. We felt that Jo should be included in this year’s dedication as she was a member of the ADNL family for a long time. Her team disbanded in 2008, but we know that there are still some members playing who will remember her.”

“Thank you to all the teams that have taken part and nominated a team from your division.

We believe fair play, respect for opponents, gracious behaviour in winning or losing and willingness to help others is important and would like to use this award to recognise this.

The winning team had the highest number of nominations.”

“The reasons given where: They are a very friendly squad that play a very competitive game in the spirit of netball with good grace.

Our reason is they play a good strong game and fight hard however keep it nice and clean and are always pleasant. “Always friendly. Enjoyable to play against. Loads of encouragement and team spirit showed to both teams regardless that they are beating you. Always praising Our match against them felt nicely competitive! Good, clean netball where they clearly wanted to win, but in a sporting way, and were very gracious when they did. They were great fun, with everyone just being chatty and supportive. They are a good team to play against because they are fair.

The winners of the Jen and Friends Spirit of Netball Team Award are:

Cherokees Pink, from Division Three”