

Shuttle Express

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BEDFORDSHIRE BADMINTON UPDATE

Badminton Development Officer:

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to you all, as the new Badminton Development Officer (BDO) for Bedfordshire.

My name is Ollie Jordan and I will be undertaking this role on a full time basis, working from within the offices of team BEDS&LUTON, who are our; County Sports Partnership (CSP).

I undertook a Sports Development degree at the University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC), and in previous employment I have worked for the Singapore Rugby Union, as a Rugby Development Officer; undertaking the role in a country where the sport was not traditionally accepted. This experience, alongside my studies, has provided me in good standing to undertake this role within Bedfordshire.










I have now been in post for three months, and already I can see the massive potential, for the development of the sport within the county. In order to support this development, and keep you all informed of the latest developments I will be producing this newsletter on a regular basis.

If I can be of any assistance to you, I can be contacted on the following details:

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Chair's Corner: Welcome

A warm welcome to this the first edition of Shuttle Express. It's intended to help us keep in touch with our membership and to give readers an opportunity to have a forum in which to post items of general interest relating to badminton in Bedfordshire (including Luton).

Those of you who attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Bedfordshire Badminton Association (BBA) will have had an opportunity to meet Ollie Jordan – who, at the time of the meeting, had been in post about three weeks. Ollie is our, relatively new, full-time Badminton Development Officer and, besides welcoming him at our AGM, I'd like to welcome him via a wider audience i.e. via this newsletter.

He's already having tremendous effect and examples of his work are already being cited as "examples of good practice" in forums both inside and outside of badminton.

We also welcomed Tim Fitches to our AGM. Tim is the relatively new Regional Development Manager (RDM) for the East Region and replaces Julia Strong – who many of you will know as both a player and as one of our previous, part-time, BDOs. At the time of our AGM Tim had been in post only a few days so we were something of an eye opening introduction for him – I'm pleased to say that we didn't put him off, for he's still with us! I know that Ollie has put various contact email addresses in this newsletter for you but if you feel that you'd like to contact Tim he can be contacted on:

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Whilst on the subject of our AGM, I had to report the indisposition through illness of our Hon Treasurer, Mike Brooks. Mike had a stroke the weekend before the AGM and, although he bounced back from two earlier ones, this one has had longer term repercussions and Mike (and his family) agrees that he can no longer continue as Hon Treasurer. I did explain the situation at the AGM and, although Mike was re-elected unopposed it was on the provision that he would be well enough to continue. In case he were not, the General Committee was empowered to recruit an Hon Treasurer – this we have done and I'm pleased to say that he will be a familiar face to many of you (having been our Hon Auditor for a number of years prior to the appointment of Mike Bath). His name is Roy Boness and his contact details are as follows:

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Bedford,
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It would be very remiss of me not to acknowledge Mike's huge contribution to the BBA as our Hon Treasurer and to thank him for it. We are, unfortunately, unlikely to have the opportunity to thank Mike publicly for he and his wife, Pat, are intending to move out of the county as soon as all of the arrangements can be made. We really cannot underestimate the amount of work that Mike has carried out in a voluntary capacity on behalf of the BBA – and our best wishes go to Pat and Mike in their new home.

We also have to say thanks to Jill Brill who, after many years of service to the BBA, has decided to stand down as our Hon President. Jill's involvement with the BBA spans decades and, although we've publicly thanked her in the past, it is fitting that we should formally thank her for her tremendous contribution to the county – both at senior and schools level.

Although Jill will no longer be involved with the BBA, she will of course continue to have considerable involvement with badminton – particularly with the Museum at the National Badminton Centre.

In his part of the newsletter, Ollie gives tournament dates and for those of you who don't aspire to "County" standard play please may I remind you about the Even Doubles Tournament – which is intended just for you – and will be held on Saturday, 17 November 2007. We held this tournament for the first time last year and, although we mailed members individually, the take-up wasn't great – perhaps because players thought that they had to be "County standard" to enter BUT that wasn't the intent of the organisers. So please enter this year as this will be another case of "use it, or lose it" as we won't keep organising it if there isn't a reasonable number of entries.

I did explain at our AGM that badminton will be a "focus sport" in schools in the county in the autumn term of this year. This could mean some 5,000+ young people being introduced to badminton by Christmas of this year! We have to ensure that those young people who want to go beyond the introductory phase have safe, child friendly, environments in which to develop their badminton. These young people are the future of our (more importantly YOUR) clubs – so please do all you can to get your club to become accredited with the Silver Clubmark standard – details are in Ollie's contribution to the newsletter.

Ollie mentions the County Sports Partnership and the Community Sports Networks (which cover the whole county and Luton) in his part of the newsletter – and I'm conscious that these will be "a mystery" to some readers. I'm also conscious that I'm rapidly taking over this newsletter so I'll give you further information about them (and funding available from and through them) in the next newsletter. In the meantime if you have any queries about them or anything else "badminton" please don't hesitate to get in touch – I suggest that you enter "BBA matter" in the subject line of any email that you send so that it doesn't get consigned to "spam"! My contact details are; Email: Batchat9@aol.com, Tel: 01234 359820

Have a good summer and please get those tournament entries in! *Best wishes*

*Derek Batchelor
Hon Chair*

Silver Club Update:

I am pleased to announce that Goldington Junior Badminton Club, has achieved the Silver Club award through BADMINTON England.

Silver Club is BADMINTON England's application of the government-backed, Sport England Clubmark initiative, to allow all sports clubs to demonstrate that they provide quality coaching and effective management; and take equality and child protection issues seriously.

Goldington Junior Badminton Club, has now become the third club within the county to have achieved this status, alongside Bedford & County Badminton Club and Bedford Juniors.

For more information on how your club can also obtain Silver Club Status, please contact myself, or check out the BADMINTON England website: www.badmintonengland.co.uk



Coach Education update:

We at BADMINTON England, are working hard with respect to coach education, if you are keen to undertake any coaching qualifications, the following courses are running within Bedfordshire. For more information please contact myself.

UKCC Level 1

Venue: Cedars School, Leighton Buzzard

Dates: Day 1 – October 22nd 2007
Day 2 – November 4th 2007
Assessment day – November 11th 2007

UKCC Level 2

Venue: Bradgate Road, Bedford

Dates: Day 1 – September 1st 2007
Day 2 – September 2nd 2007
Day 3 – September 16th 2007
Assessment day – October 28th 2007



EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS COACHING

Badminton Coach Education Funding:

BADMINTON England is pleased to announce that owing to the successful approval of the team BEDS&LUTON Workforce Development Plan by Sport England, and the award of a substantial amount of Community Investment Funding. A pool of money had been made available for the development of the Badminton workforce within the county.

This funding will benefit the county's badminton community, in the form of limited subsidised places for candidates on both the UKCC Level 1 and Level 2 course.

A limited number of places on the UKCC Level 1 course, usual price £195, have now been made available at a cost of only £99, if you wish to undertake this course at this reduced rate, following the course you must:

1. *Join the BADMINTON England coaching register (£34), this provides you as a coach with numerous benefits **
2. *Provide 6 hours of assistance to a Level 2 coach, in either a club or school setting (organised via BDO). This will also provide you with a Level 2 coach mentor.*

There are also limited places available on the UKCC Level 2 course, usual price £350, discount price £199. Following accessing this course at this price you will be expected to:

1. *Provide 6 hours of coaching time within school or community setting (organised by BDO)*
2. *Act as a mentor to Level 1 coaches as required (organised via BDO)*

For more information or to take up a course at these discount prices, then please contact myself.

* Please see BADMINTON England website for benefits package.

Badminton Improvement:

Adult improvers class being run by Bridget Crossman, Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm, until the end of August, at Bradgate Road.

For more information please contact Bridget on 01234 771207

Bedfordshire Youth Games:

The 2007 Bedfordshire Youth Games, organised by team BEDS&LUTON, took place at Sandy Upper School on Sunday, 17th June.

The 2007 games saw Badminton included as a competitive sport for the first time, in recent years it has been used only as a demonstration sport.

The Youth Games sees pupils in school years 9 & 10, competing in a county tournament, representing their respective local authorities.

This year's competition was contested by five teams, with two coming from Bedford Borough, two coming from Mid Beds and one from Luton.

The teams competed in a league format, and in what turned out to be an extremely enjoyable day for all involved, Mid Beds 1 were crowned champions.

Final positions:

- 1st Mid Beds 1
- 2nd Bedford 1
- 3rd Bedford 2
- 4th Luton
- 5th Mid Beds 2



The triumphant Mid Beds team with team BEDS&LUTON director, Lloyd Conaway

Summer Badminton:

There are many opportunities for children to get involved in Badminton during the summer holidays.

Sandy Place Middle School: Mondays: 2.30pm – 4.30pm, running for 5 weeks, cost £15, for more information or to book a place on this course please contact myself, oliverjordan@badmintonengland.co.uk

Biddenham: Mondays: 11am – 1pm, girls only badminton for 10 – 16 year olds. For more information on this course please contact Leigh-Anne Hussain 01234 276744

Denbigh, Luton: Mondays: 5pm – 7pm: 11-16 year olds: £2 per session. For more information please contact Beth Harris, 01582 798991 / 07785 573356

Sharnbrook: 14th August – 17th August, for more information please contact Kay Garrod, KGarrod@sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk

Competition dates:

The following competitions have been organised by the Bedfordshire Badminton Association (BBA):

Saturday 17th November 2007: Bedfordshire Badminton Association Even Doubles Tournament. Bradgate Road, Bedford.

Saturday 29th September 2007: Bedfordshire Badminton Association County Restricted Championships. Ladies doubles, Men's Doubles & Mixed Doubles. Bradgate Road, Bedford.

Saturday 29th September 2007: Bedfordshire Badminton Association Veterans Restricted Doubles Championships. Over 40, over 50, over 60 Ladies' & Men's doubles, & over 45, over 55, Mixed doubles. Bradgate Road, Bedford.

Sunday 30th September 2007: Bedfordshire Badminton Association County Restricted Championships. Ladies & Men's Singles. Bradgate Road, Bedford.

Sunday 30th September 2007: Bedfordshire Badminton Association Veterans Restricted Doubles Championships. Over 45 & over 55, Ladies & Men's doubles. Over 40, over 50 & over 60, mixed doubles. Bradgate Road, Bedford.

Entry forms for the above competitions can be found attached in the email from which you received this edition of Shuttle Express.

For more information on the tournaments above please contact Barbara Lincoln, barbaralincs@yahoo.co.uk/ 01234 326940 or Sue Ashwell (Veterans) 07708 601969



Useful links:

Badminton England Website: www.badmintonengland.co.uk

County Sports Partnership Website: www.teambedsandluton.co.uk

Bedfordshire Badminton Association Website: www.bedfordshirebadminton.co.uk

Community Sports Networks:

Sport Bedford: <http://www.teambedsandluton.co.uk/partners/community-sports-networks/sport-bedford>

Luton Sports Network: <http://www.teambedsandluton.co.uk/partners/community-sports-networks/luton-sports-network>

Active South Beds: <http://www.teambedsandluton.co.uk/partners/community-sports-networks/active-south-beds>

Mid Beds CSN: <http://www.teambedsandluton.co.uk/partners/community-sports-networks/mid-beds-csn>

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