



## BADMINTON WYCOMBE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

#### **Brexit, Trump, All England - what has that got to do with Badminton Wycombe?**

Our first focus is more people playing more badminton, more often and in the best conditions we can manage within our budgets.

We deliver grass roots play through club and league play to national and international standard.

Our pricing is as competitive as we can make it whilst delivering good conditions and ensuring we have a long-term future.

From our start at Wycombe Badminton Centre some 30 years ago, we have evolved and developed in to one of just a few centres that most counties and clubs strive to match. In addition, we have the best junior development and national standard excellence centre in the country. All this, alongside a simple pay and play policy open to all.

Your Centre is, thanks to our Centre Management team of Alistair and Helen who selflessly deliver a clean and attractive Centre, open 7 days a week for play. Our colleagues on the desk and behind the scenes make sure you are welcomed and the place is kept clean and safe.

The team is ably supported by a Management Committee drawn from the members of the Centre. We are unpaid and ensure that we are sustainable, well managed and run to deliver week in and week out to all our members; including the wider badminton community, social, league and club play. We have a strong interest in doing the best we can for all our members and are always keen to hear from you.

I, as Chairman of Badminton Wycombe, am immensely proud of what we have here and players that we have developed through Badminton Wycombe; beginners and social players that have joined clubs and on to league play. That brings me to Brexit, Trump, All England.

- Brexit is about uncertainty, potential economic instability. UK Sport funding is now under threat, so we plan cautiously as we wait to see how that unfolds whilst still providing the best we can, as our other incomes may come under threat as the devolution unfolds.
- Trump – do we look at protectionism and looking after just ourselves with walls to keep others out? No, we welcome a wide variety of players from around the UK and internationally whose sole aim is to come here and play and thereby deliver a richness in our playing experience.
- All England – We support our county, national team and internationals. We support our juniors who train here, long and hard and supported by the best junior development coaches in the country. They reach national and international standards. In return we are able to put on demonstration evenings where the badminton Olympians and top level national players are able to demonstrate and entertain us showing what is achievable here at Badminton Wycombe.

So, we plan, cautiously, as we can continue to deliver: play for all; play for competition; play for international excellence; play for juniors and play for you!

### **Jeff Brydon**

*Chairman & Director of Badminton Wycombe*



### **MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER**

Everyone at Badminton Wycombe, including myself, the Directors and Committee, wish you all a Happy 2017.

It has been a year since the last review and what a year it has been! So, here's a quick reminder of the last 12 months.

### **Memberships**

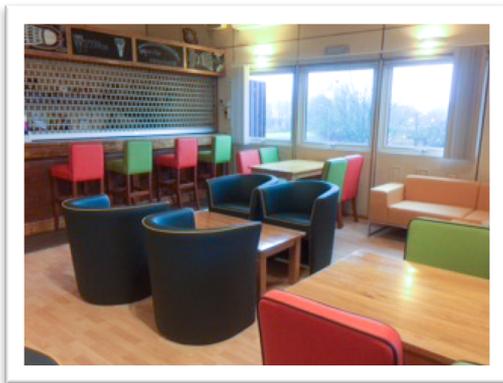
I am pleased to be able to report that the Centre has seen a steady membership year and hope that the online membership fee of £10 being held for the 2016-17 year has proven popular in promoting more players at the Centre. We are also pleased to say that any members renewing their membership for 2017-18 ahead of 1<sup>st</sup> October will benefit from the same online £10 rate – so watch out for those renewal email reminders later this year.

### **Centre Improvements**

**Changing Rooms:** We renovated the Ladies' showers over the summer by installing cubicles and reconstructing a flat surface in the shower area. We are pleased to be able

to announce that the same renovation will take place in the Men's changing area within the next two months. Please bear with us during the building work, which should not take more than a week or so to complete.

**The Bar:** Those of you who have been to the Centre in the last few weeks will have noticed that the Bar furniture has undergone a complete refit. We now have all new tub chairs, as well as chairs for the tables, four new bar stools and a corner sofa (with cushions). Please feel free to come up after a game and enjoy a refreshment on the new furniture in the Bar. The Bar is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings.



## Clubs

We see new members joining the Clubs based here at Badminton Wycombe and would like to remind everyone that you can approach the club contacts directly if you are looking for club nights and/or matches. Please visit the clubs page on our website ([www.badmintonwycombe.co.uk/clubs](http://www.badmintonwycombe.co.uk/clubs)) for contact details and online contact forms.

## Summer League

Another competitive Summer League season saw 15 teams battle it out over three months from May to July. The Final was between North Park and The Royals with The Royals taking the honours 262-215. Well done to all who played and I hope to see even more teams enter this summer.

## Bronze Medal Masterclass

Following the success at the Rio Olympics, Marcus Ellis and Chris Langridge visited Badminton Wycombe in December. They took part in demonstration matches before taking on over 50 players who had purchased tickets to "have a go" at the Pro's. The event was a great success and special thanks to Yonex and BADMINTON England for working closely with the Centre to enable this event to go ahead. For a full report and photos please visit the website (<http://www.badmintonwycombe.co.uk/bronze-medal-masterclass-dec-2016.html>)



### **Wycombe Performance**

This year we have seen many performances that have been worthy of recognition. To encapsulate the whole is probably the best way to give a flavour of the success of the set-up under George Bevan's guidance. There have been many improvements both domestically and internationally with Wycombe players competing in such countries as: Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, France, Spain, Holland and others. We can boast many U19 players now inside the top ten adults nationally and hope to be able to report on senior international honours before long. Well done to the coaches (George, Gary & Darryl) for producing and developing the next generation of players. We additionally have a group of top ranked juniors from U10 up to U21 who are showing promise.

In May, members of Wycombe Performance along with, 2016 Olympian, Lauren Smith, facilitated a Girl's Badminton Training session for those between the ages of 11-18, which proved to be a great event.

I and the Committee hope you will continue to come and enjoy the Centre, making full use of our facilities and see even more members join us.

**Alistair Jones**  
*Centre Manager*