

YORK BADMINTON NEWSLETTER



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We return to the start of a new season and I hope you are all fully refreshed after the "exhaustions" of watching (or perhaps visiting) the Olympics.

Although Team GB's overall performance was truly fantastic, badminton as a sport did not fare so well. Not only did the GB team generally under perform, but badminton was "brought into disrepute" by the actions of some players in the women's doubles. Only time will tell as to whether this will have an adverse effect on badminton's participation in future games.

One uplifting fact is that the men's singles final between Lin Dan and Lee Chong Wei, was apparently watched by 20% of the world's population - 1.2 BILLION people!

John Bellerby

The York Badminton League's Life President, Mr John Bellerby, passed away peacefully on September 17th 2012 in York Hospital. John's first sporting love after leaving school was rowing with the York City Rowing Club where he eventually rose to umpire level. However, a rowing friend asked him to come down to play badminton at the RI in order to get more fit for the river. He soon became embroiled in the club and this new sport during the 1950's, he quickly mastered the game and became an integral member of the Institute Men's and Mixed Doubles teams from 1950's to the 1980's in the York and Yorkshire Leagues.

Since the late 1960's John established and ran a junior coaching evening at the RI, and organised a variety of tournaments for the children and club members alike. In 2001, after being Club Secretary for more than 30 years he was presented with the English Badminton Lifetime Achievement Award during an England v China International match being played at Sheffield where he commented that although he had never actually played for his much loved county Yorkshire, some of the children he had coached had reached county level, which pleased him greatly.

John was a former Chairman and then Life President of the York Badminton League, he was also vice president of the York Railway Institute Council, and an active member of the York Sports Council. He also represented the Institute at the Yorkshire Badminton Association meetings where his common sense comments were well received by that meeting and all other forums he attended

In 2007 he relinquished his post as secretary of the badminton section at the RI, a post he had held since 1964. To mark this occasion a presentation was held to celebrate his 43 years as secretary. His popularity was shown by the turnout which included several people who had travelled far to join in with the John's party. John's attention to detail and administration skills were his trademark, he will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. At the end of the day rowing's loss was badminton's gain with his contribution to the sport in York for almost five decades being immeasurable. They don't make them like JB anymore.

Paul Hobman.

Clubs

The long term success of badminton in this country is very much dependant on developing a strong, vibrant network of forward thinking clubs.

York clubs registered on Club Future programme this quarter:

🔥 **Clifton Badminton Club, York** (<http://www.cliftonbadmintonclub.org.uk/>)

National Badminton News....

Olympics

It was a disappointing Olympics for our badminton players. Unfortunately none were able to progress through the now controversial group stages and into the quarter finals. This prompted BADMINTON England supremo Adrian Christy to state that whilst the results were not what they might have hoped they (BADMINTON England) were always looking towards the Rio games of 2016.



For full BADMINTON England story click on shuttle.

Yonex All England Tournament



Click on picture for link

County Badminton News....

The Yorkshire Badminton Association AGM was held in July attached are the details.



Yorkshire AGM
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The Yorkshire Restricted Championships were held at York Railway Institute on the 29th and 30th September. International commitments for most of the top county players led to a reduced entry, however those who took part displayed some great badminton. The winners were: Men's singles: Alex Marritt, Women's Singles: Lucy Milne, Men' Doubles: Mark Pratt & Michael Reid, Women's Doubles: Bethan Higginson & Emma Smethurst, Mixed Doubles: Danny Shiels & Nicola Smith

Local Badminton News....

The York & District AGM took place on 29 August 2012. Minutes can be viewed here:

<http://www.yorkbadminton.co.uk/york-district-badminton-league/agm-minutes>

Development of the York & District area of the revised web site is almost complete. The website is shared with David Dewey so it also covers the development work that is being undertaken in the area & is designed to be a one-stop-shop for badminton in York. Would Clubs that have not yet returned their completed profiles for inclusion on the York & District area of the site please arrange to send to Hazel at your earliest convenience. Here's the link to the new site:

<http://www.yorkbadminton.co.uk/york-district-badminton-league>.

We also now have a special offers page on the web site - see the latest offer from Core Chiropractic <http://www.yorkbadminton.co.uk/york-district-badminton-league/special-offers>

Useful contacts

- BADMINTON England - <http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk>
- Yorkshire Badminton - <http://www.yorkshirebadminton.co.uk/>
- Forza Badminton UK - <http://www.forzabadminton.co.uk/>

Finally....

I hope you have a successful season and we will return with further newsletter later in the season.

If you have any comments regarding the composition of the newsletter or have any articles that you would like in it, then please contact any of the contacts on the first page.

Regards

John Fowler