



## Newsletter

I hope you have all had a good summer and are looking forward to the upcoming badminton season, I know I am. The first Club Night is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

For those who were unable to attend the AGM this year here are some of the salient points.

Firstly a big thank you to Bob who is stepping down as Chairman after several years at the helm. We are therefore looking for volunteers willing to take on the role. It is not an onerous post but it is necessary so please let me know if you are interested in being considered.

Financially this season we've made a surplus of £2,224.87 however this does include two one-off receipts of £1,000 from the Last Will and Testament of Dave Cosham and a £200 funding grant. After the deduction of these our surplus is £1,024.87 which is a slight reduction from last year.

Numbers in our junior section have continued at maximum level over the year with over 60 juniors regularly attending our weekly sessions on either a Monday or Thursday. A higher than usual number of new members this last year have been of Primary school age, and with our groups at capacity it has meant movement between different sections has been limited, although we have ensured wherever possible that developing players are offered progression.

Sue has informed us that this is her last season as Match Secretary and would like someone to work with her this year with a view to taking over the role next season so again volunteers please let me know.

We would also like to remember Ron Laws who was a long standing member of our club, match player and committee member who passed away last season and will be sadly missed.

Past member Dave Cosham generously left the club £1,000 in his Will to be used in development of the Club. It was decided that we should engage a coach for the first three club nights of the season to give advice to any members wishing to participate. This may be divided into Mens, Ladies and Mixed over the three nights but is yet to be decided. We may continue this for several years or decide on something else next season.

The following Officers were elected:

*Chairman – Vacant*

*Secretary – Philip Huggett*

*Treasurer – Peter Lacey*

*Match Secretary – Sue McGregor (final season)*

*Junior Club Rep – Sue Awcock*

*Club Coach – Neil Warwick*

*Child Protection Officer – Laura Pettigrew*  
*Social Secretary – Vacant*  
*Committee – Annette Huggett*

Badminton England will now require clubs to formally affiliate. A club subscription will be offset by a decrease in the individual club member's Badminton England subscriptions. Club affiliation will be £100 for the senior club and free for the Junior club and membership for the "Play" category will be £10 for Seniors and £5 for Juniors.

For more information see -

<https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/landingpage.asp?section=6849&sectionTitle=Key+changes+to+membership>

To cover inflationary costs the Lewes Club Membership fee for this season is increased slightly to £120 for Seniors Members. The fee for Student Members of the Senior Club remains at £90. Match fees remain at £5.

League teams to remain the same as last season:

Brighton – Mixed and Men's Combination

Eastbourne - Mixed

Mid-Sussex - Mixed Combination, Ladies, Men's Combination

The Ladies team in the Mid Sussex will be filled by the student members of the senior club where possible. Fiona will take on the Captaincy of the Mid Sussex Mixed team. Members are reminded that they are representing the club when taking part in matches and competitions and should act accordingly.

We will have a registration form for new members to complete on their first evening with all their contact details. Members are asked to make them feel welcome for the weeks they attend as guests and hopefully they will want to join.

We will also have a Club Registration book to keep a record of club attendance.

Members are also reminded that the pegboard on club nights is to vary the games and not just to have the same players in every game. Please think when selecting the next game.

Finally another thank you to Bob for his term in office as Chairman and also thank you to Sue who is continuing as Match Secretary this season but would like assistance from someone willing to take on the role next season. The club can't continue unless the members are prepared to help organise so please think about taking on some of the responsibility and let me know.

Regards

Philip

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