



REGIONAL OFFICER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the January Badminton England Regional Officer newsletter for Devon. This newsletter will provide you with details of my work as well as news and information which I feel may be of interest to you. It is produced on a monthly basis at the start of each month. I would welcome any feedback you have so please contact me if you would like to offer your opinions. Please distribute to anyone else you feel may be interested.

STAFFING CHANGES

As you may be aware I have been appointed as Badminton England Regional Manager for the South West and will be leaving my post as Regional Officer for Devon. As a result of this we have looked at our current staffing and Devon will now be covered by 2 part time Regional Officers. Tim Jones (currently working in Cornwall and Dorset) will now cover Dorset and the eastern part of Devon with a new post, which is currently being advertised, to cover Cornwall and the western part of Devon. We are hoping to have someone in post by March so in the meantime I will continue to be your main point of contact but this will be my last Regional Officer Newsletter. I will send further communication to clubs over the coming months but if you have any queries then please contact me. Please see advert at the end of this newsletter for more details on the vacancy.



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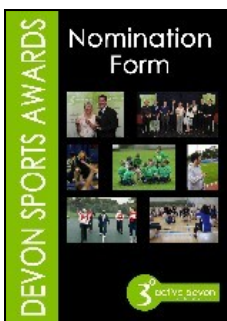


NEW FAMILY SESSIONS IN EXETER

We are launching a new family badminton session at Riverside Leisure Centre in Exeter on Saturdays starting from 14th January. The sessions run from 4-6pm and cost £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for juniors. They will be run by a qualified level 2 coach and are open to all ages and abilities. Bring along the family and enjoy a game of badminton together. For more information please contact Riverside on 01392 221771. Look out for more sessions starting in Exeter over the coming weeks.

ACTIVE DEVON SPORT AWARDS - LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE

Nominations for the Active Devon Sport Awards close on Friday 14th January so only a few days left to make your nominations. The Devon Sports Awards are held in order to give recognition of the achievements and successes of the many coaches, teachers and volunteers who give their time freely week in week out for the good of sport in Devon. There are 10 categories and nominees must coach or live within Devon. Please take time to nominate your club members who you feel may be worthy of an award. To make a nomination please [click here](#)



PLYMOUTH JUNIOR SESSION

After a successful bid for funding through the Sport Unlimited programme, Plymouth City Council's Sports Development Unit will be running an eight week badminton programme at Devonport High School for Boys.

The programme will link with a local club, Mayflower Wednesday Badminton Club, who are based at the site, and the programme will target both boys and girls aged 11 to 15.

The one hour sessions will be on a Tuesday afternoon, 5 to 6pm from 25 January 2011, at a cost of £1 per session. Places are limited and need to be booked in advance by calling 01752 307140



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CIRCUS AND BARTON ACORN RETAIN PREMIER CLUB STATUS

Congratulations to Circus and Barton Acorn BC who have successfully been recredited as a Premier Club. The club first achieved the status in 2006 and this year had to complete the process again to show the club was still a safe, equitable club who have good plans for development. The club also have the remarkable achievement of all of their first team players having played for the junior club and have stayed with the club over a number of years. Premier Club also helps clubs when they apply for external funding as it shows they are a well organised club. Congratulations to the club on their achievement.



YONEX VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Another chance to nominate your unsung heroes in the Yonex National Volunteers of the Year. Award categories are **YONEX NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR & YONEX NATIONAL YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (Under 25)**. Prizes include a trip to the Yonex All England Open in March 2010 as a VIP Guest of the Championship Director, kit and equipment from Yonex UK and a trophy presented immediately prior to play on semi-finals day.

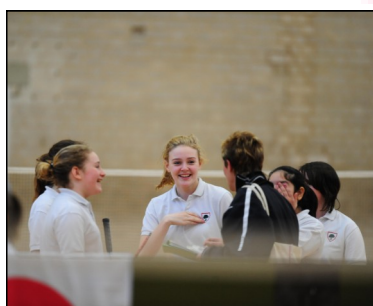
Why not nominate someone you know for their contribution to volunteering during 2010. A nomination forms is attached, but is also available from BADMINTON England and can be downloaded from the website. **The closing date for nominations is 21st January 2011.** For further information please contact BADMITNON England 01908 268400 or visit www.badmintonengland.co.uk



ACTIVE DEVON COACH CONFERENCE

Active Devon are pleased to launch the Devon Coaching Conference 2011 in partnership with UCP Marjon, Plymouth - Sport to be held on Sunday 27th March 2011. The conference will provide a keynote address, interactive seminars/workshops and observation sessions delivered by high quality coaches in Devon and across the region. A full conference programme with booking information and joining instructions will be available by next week.

In the meantime by completing an expression of interest you will qualify to book at the early bird rate of £40.00. This will include all keynotes and workshops as well as a delegate pack and catering. Click [here](#) to complete online registration of interest



REGIONAL OFFICER VACANCY—CORNWALL AND DORSET

We are now recruiting for a full time Regional Officer to cover Cornwall and the western part of Devon. This is the most exciting time there has ever been to work in the Olympic sport of badminton. In the build up to the 2012 London Olympic Games BADMINTON England will: Increase the number of regular adult participants to over 600,000, Create better opportunities for talented young players, Stage European and World Championships and Develop medal winning athletes. More information can be found by [clicking here](#). Closing date is Thursday 20th January, for further information please contact me.



Any feedback on the newsletter would be gratefully received. Its purpose is to inform clubs on the work of the Regional Officer, any BADMINTON England initiatives, local activities and funding information as well as any other news which may be of interest. It important that it is of benefit to clubs and coaches so any views and opinions are welcome particularly around what information you would like the newsletter to contain. If clubs have any events, activities or news they would like included in the newsletter then please e mail me by 20th of each month.