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Welcome to the September 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.

COMMUNITY BADMINTON NETWORK NEW ACTIVITIES

We have two new sessions running from September onwards
Junior Coaching in Brixham—Brixham College Sports Hall on Tuesdays from 5-7pm starting 28th September. Cost £2.50 per session. First hour for primary school ages, second hour for secondary school ages.
Coaching session for Exeter College students— Tuesdays from 4-5pm starting 28th September. Exeter University, cost £2 per person.

EXISTING CBN ACTIVITY

Wheelchair badminton—2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 10.30-12.30 at Torquay Community College. £3 per session.
No Strings Badminton— Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 at Torquay Boys Grammar School. £3 per session, just turn up.
Junior coaching— Monday's at St Luke's Science and Sports College, Exeter. 5-6pm ages 6-11, 6-7pm ages 12-16. £2 per session.

NEW SOUTH WEST YOUTH FORUM

The South West team are setting up a brand new badminton youth forum. The forum is an opportunity for anyone age 16-21 who wants to have a say in the development of badminton for young people. We're looking for dynamic and reliable young people who are happy to share their ideas and work together to raise the profile of badminton and to inspire more young people to play and volunteer in badminton. Being a member of the youth forum will give young people the chance to support new initiatives and events in the region, develop their leadership and team skill as well as receiving training opportunities and Badminton England kit. If you are interested in applying to be a member then please contact Hayley Pollock on 07827 351250 or [click here](#) to send her an e mail

ACTIVE DEVON COACH BURSARY SCHEME

Active Devon have just launched a new bursary scheme to help fund costs of Level 1 and Level 2 coaching qualifications. They will fund a maximum of £95 for a level 1 and £150 for a level 2 but there are certain criteria that must be met. All funding is allocated through National Governing Bodies so if you are interested you will need to contact me. The panel will meet again on 1st October so if you are looking to do a qualification between now and March 2011 then please contact me. The course does not have to take place in Devon but you must be willing to commit to some coaching hours within Devon in return for funding.



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NEW JUNIOR SESSIONS IN BRIXHAM

As mentioned on the previous page the Torbay CBN has successfully secured funding from Torbay Sports Partnership to run some junior badminton sessions in the Brixham area where there is an identified lack of opportunities. Sessions are run by both a qualified Level 2 and Level 1 coach and will take place at the Brixham College sports hall on Tuesdays starting 28th September. The session from 5-6pm will be for primary school ages and the session from 6-7pm will be for secondary school, cost £2.50 per session. For more information and to book a place please contact me.

DEVON RACQUETEERS SUCCESS AT 4 NATIONS

Six players from the Devon Racqueteers Wheelchair badminton club represented England in the first leg of the four nations in Cardiff this weekend winning four medals between them. Dave Follett and Rowan Crossman both won gold in the men's doubles. Crossman also won gold in the men singles class 2 section, while Follett was unlucky to lose in his semi final. Rowans brother David won a silver medal in the men's singles class 3 section. David Crossman also reached the semi finals of the men's doubles when he teamed up with fellow Racqueteer Phil Day but they were just edged out in a close semi final. Nick Butler who was playing in his first four nations tournament played really well to reach the semi finals in the men's doubles. Paul Gray finished in third place in the men's singles class 3 section. Picture are Rowan Crossman (left) Dave Follett (right) being presented with their gold medals for winning the men's doubles. Congratulations to all players on a fantastic achievement.



CRANFORD BC PREMIER CLUB PRESENTATION

As reported in the previous newsletter Cranford BC have achieved Premier Club status. This shows they are a safe, equitable club who have good plans for development. It also helps clubs when they apply for external funding as it shows they are a well organised club. Pictured are members of Cranford BC and the Cranford Sports Club receiving their Premier Club certificate. Congratulations to the club on their achievement. If your club is interested in finding out more about Premier Club then please contact me.



NO STRINGS BADMINTON - NEW LOOK AND NEW SESSIONS

The No Strings badminton programme has been re launched with new branding and promotional materials. There will also be a national marketing campaign happening throughout September and October. We currently have 2 sessions operating in Devon, one in Torquay and one at Exeter University. Details for the Torquay session are on the front page and the Exeter session is due to start in early October. We have also just confirmed a new session at Plymouth University due to start on 23rd October. For more information see our website www.nostringsbadminton.co.uk.

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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.