

## Secretary's Report

It was hoped that this year would have been a more organised year with things beginning to run more smoothly. In many ways this has happened but there have been panics and points in the year where far too much was happening and being required by other organisations.

In July two players successfully completed their Level 1 coaching awards - Matthew Barwell and Glecy Bernardo. Glecy plays out of Callington Badminton Club but as there was no one from BAT's wanting to do their Level 1 coaching course, and Sport England requiring any monies not spent from the grant to be returned, we offered Glecy the opportunity.

One player is getting towards completing the Level 3 badminton coaching course: the seven weekends at Milton Keynes were successfully completed and there is now the portfolio and coaching observations to pass.

As a direct result of BAT's involvement with the West Devon Community Badminton Network a number of things have been successfully organised and run: two badminton festivals in association with Tavistock Community Sports Centre; the setting up of the No-Strings badminton session at Tavistock Community Sports Centre.

In October the annual health check carried out by Badminton England was completed successfully so that BAT's Badminton Club could continue as a Premier Club within Badminton England. Before the health check is carried out this year there are a couple of things that have to be put in place: the programme of coaching on Monday evenings has to be produced; the club needs two players to complete the Child Protection course; the club needs to appoint a new Welfare Officer.

The club entered into the Plymouth and District Badminton League with one medley team and, newly, a men's team. A separate report will be given by the team captains.

The club website has been totally revamped and is now kept as up to date as possible. New areas have been added to the website - the important one being a coaches area. The club has received a number of 'special' mentions from players, coaches and representatives from various bodies.

So that the club is aware I represent BAT's Badminton Club at the following meetings:

- West Devon Community Badminton Network
  - chaired by the Badminton England Regional Officer
- West Devon Training Camp
  - chaired by Dr James Allenby
- Plymouth and District Badminton League

(Alan Berry - Secretary)