



Merry Christmas!

We hope you are all enjoying this festive season and looking forward to the holidays!

In this issue you will find details on all of the No Strings sessions, BADMINTON England's upcoming events, news stories, key dates for your 2012 diary and much more!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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no strings badminton



Interested in playing social badminton? There are plenty of Co-ordinator led No Strings Badminton sessions located all over Devon, there is no need to book, just turn up and play!



Day	Time	Location
Tuesday	12:30pm-2pm	Exeter Sports Park
Tuesday	7-8pm	Exeter Sports Park
Tuesday	8:30-9:30pm	Crewkerne Sports Centre
Thursday	6-7pm	Nancy Astor Sports Centre, Plymouth
Saturday	11am-12noon	Nancy Astor Sports Centre, Plymouth
Sunday	9.30am-11am	Tavistock Community Sports Centre



Come on your own or with friends!

New No Strings Programmes for PLYMOUTH...look out for sessions starting in January!



YONEX ALL ENGLAND OPEN
Badminton Championships
BUY TICKETS

6th - 11th MARCH 2012
National Indoor Arena, Birmingham
www.allenglandbadminton.com

Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships

The new All England Open 2012 website is now live! [Click here](#) for all information on the Championships. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 0844 444 9994 or download the postal booking form online. [Click here](#) to watch this years promotional video!

YONEX National Badminton Awards 2011

Why not nominate someone you know for their contribution to volunteering during the past year?

BADMINTON England, in partnership with Yonex UK, is delighted to announce that nominations are now open for the Yonex National Badminton Awards 2011.

Anyone can nominate an individual for the awards, and all volunteers who are members of BADMINTON England are eligible for nomination.

There are two prestigious awards to nominate someone for which are:

- YONEX NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2011
- YONEX NATIONAL YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2011

If you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution during the past year then BADMINTON England would like to hear about them! Nominations will close on 20 January 2012.

Please direct any questions/queries to development@badmintonengland.co.uk or the Development Team 01908 268400.



English National Badminton Championships 2012, Bolton (3rd-5th February)

The English National Badminton Championships return again in the new year to be played at Bolton Arena! See the present and future players for England in action in the lead up to the Yonex All England Badminton Championships.

[Click here](#) to visit the official website.

NORTH DEVON JUNIOR OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

U13's and U17's Saturday 7th January 2012
U11's & U15's Saturday 14th January 2012

Venue: [North Devon Leisure Centre, EX31 2AP](#)

Entries must reach secretary [Dennis Blackmore](#) by **Friday 23rd Dec 2011**
Tel 01769 551 788.

Entry fees will be £6 per event per player, made payable to North Devon Badminton Tournament. For further information please [click here](#).





4 NATIONS PARABADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011—IRISH LEG

Gray finally gets his medal (two silvers)

After nearly three years of trying Paul Gray finally picked up a medal at the 4 Nations Parabadminton Championship which was held in Belfast.

Gray who is a member of the Exeter based [Devon Racquetees](#) wheelchair badminton club was England's only representative in the wheelchair section.

In the men's singles Gray finished runner up in his group. His only defeat was against Ireland's Chris Stewart. They both went on and met in the final, but Stewart who is the reigning Irish champion was too strong for Gray and won 21-9, 21-10.

In the men's doubles final Gray and his partner Blaze Hughes (Ireland) were unlucky to lose 21-17, 21-16 to Stewart and his partner Mike Smith (Ireland).

We wish Paul many more successes in 2012!



DEVON COACHES CONFERENCE 2012, UCP Marjon, Plymouth—Sunday 29th April

Includes an afternoon **BADMINTON WORKSHOP** with STEVE BUTLER. Steve is a former England National Men's Singles Coach, former England Junior National Coach, a former International Player with 75 caps and winner of a number of International Men's Singles Titles.

Key Note Speaker: DAN HUNT—British Cycling Race Coach with SKY Pro-Cycling Team & Great Britain's National Endurance Coach for the Track. Dan led the transformation of a failing programme into one that produced 4 Olympic Medals in just two and a half years.

Further details available on the Active Devon website: <http://www.activedevon.org/conference2012>

Cost: £40.00 or £35.00 if registered as a Coach with Active Coaches. £20.00 for HE Students/Lecturers - All coaches encouraged to register...[click here](#)

- Event Brochure and Bookings Form will be available in January



Playbadminton.co.uk

BADMINTON England launched playbadminton.co.uk in September to help you find details of all badminton activity taking place in your local area. You will be able to search for your nearest club, local badminton courts, social sessions, competitions and CBN activities. Clubs and counties can also add information to the site so if you have anything to promote then please [contact us](#).

If you have anything to promote whether it is new sessions, open days, match reports or any news please either [Emma](#) or [Roisin](#) and we will put it in the next edition!



COACH AND VOLUNTEER EDUCATION

Education and Training—Upcoming Coaching courses

- **UKCC Level 1 Badminton Course**—Exeter University—31/3/12, 1/3/12, 28/4/12. For further information and possible funding support please contact [Roisin](#)
- **UKCC Level 2 Badminton Course**—Marjons Plymouth—25/2/12, 26/2/12, 31/3/12, 28/4/12. *Closing date is 27th January 2012.* For further information and possible funding support please contact [Emma](#)



Course registration forms can be found on the [BADMINTON England website](#)

A Guide to Mentoring Sports Coaches



It is important that we are able to support the development of coaches/physical activity instructors in Devon, especially those that have only recently undertaken coaching qualifications. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about coaching and want to refresh or develop new mentoring skills.

This workshop will enable coaches to identify their role as a mentor, develop their mentoring profile, increase the effectiveness of their mentoring relationships and design a mentoring programme that best suits the needs of badminton and coaching.

Day Date: Wednesday 11th January 2012, 6:30-9:30pm

Venue: [Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club](#)

Cost: £35

For more information please contact [Martin Brice](#) at [Active Devon](#).

THE 2nd TAVISTOCK FESTIVAL OF BADMINTON—Sunday 1st April 2012

Supported by West Devon CBN & BATs Badminton Club

2.00-6.00pm @ Tavistock Community Sports Centre

EVENTS: Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles, Mixed Doubles

ENTRY FEES: One event £4, Two events £7 per player



Closing date for entries—*Monday 26th March*

Further details and entry forms available from Tavistock Community Sports Centre or **online** at BATs website—[click here](#)

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