

EVENLODE B.C. Newsletter

Dear Member

I'd like to wish all new members both seniors and juniors a very warm welcome to Evenlode. As you will see below, not only do we have a busy couple of months of the season left, but we have the AGM and several socials planned for the remainder of 2017 including an end of season drinks night, and a rounders match followed by a BBQ in the summer. With a few "teething" problems successfully dealt with, we now seem to have settled into our new home. My thanks to James for his patience and determination in handling both the contract with the school, and the on-going relationship with the St Helen's team. My 3 year tenure as Club Committee Chair is up in April, as is our Secretary, Lilian, so if you would like to get involved with the running of the club, please ask me or any committee member what's involved – it really isn't that much of a burden! Wishing you all an enjoyable and successful end to the season, and hope to see you at the AGM on the 24th April.

Fixtures & Matches, Minutes & Newsletters

Fixtures, minutes and newsletters as well as other useful general information is regularly updated on the Evenlode website:

<http://www.evenlode-badminton.org>

End of Season Presentation Evening

Friday 5 May, The Manor Prep School. 7.30pm. Curry, band, raffle, bar and presentation of trophies. Tickets £12 please see a member of the committee if you would like to attend – always a good evening.

Extra Club Nights

The last official club night is Monday 10 April, but we have secured three courts for both Monday 24 April

and Monday 8 May from 7.30 pm at a cost of £5 per session.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Monday 24 April at 7.15 pm at St Helen's School prior to one of our extra club nights. If you would like to become involved with the committee please speak to a member of the current committee and sign up on the form that will be displayed on the noticeboard. Everyone is expected to attend.

Summer Club

We are planning to run our usual summer club starting Monday 17th July for 6 weeks at St Helens from 8 pm at a cost of £5 per session, extra Mondays at Larkmead might be available on 3rd and 10th July (to be confirmed)

Adult Beginners

We are planning to run a coaching session for adult beginners for 6 weeks over the summer from 6.30 to 8.00 before our summer club from 17 July to 21 August. Please ask James or Lee if you want more information.

End of Season Drinks

We are planning to meet at The Narrows from 7.30 pm on Friday 21st April going on for a curry for those who are interested.

Rounders

At the Manor Prep School followed by BBQ at The Prince of Wales (end of July) – date to be confirmed.

Junior News

Jamie Cackett, Bronwynn Ready and Maisie Marriott have all been selected to represent Oxfordshire at the U18 ICT which is held in Nottingham during April, this is a 4 day tournament in which most of the counties enter with teams from Ireland, Guernsey and Wales. Well done to all and good luck to the team.

Jamie Cackett results

December - Somerset U18

Bronze Boys Singles Bronze

January - Warwickshire U18

Bronze Boys Singles Bronze

February - Hereford U18

Bronze Boys Singles Bronze, Mixed

Doubles (with Maisie Marriott) Gold

Hereford Senior Bronze Singles

Quarter Finalist (he was the youngest player in the tournament by 3 years)

Luke Backley Results,

Won 2 bronze medals at the Winchester U17 Bronze playing Singles and boys doubles

Maddy Cook came runners up in the Mixed Doubles at the Nottingham U15 Bronze and came 3rd in the Mixed at the Gloucester U15 Bronze.

Evenlode Junior Club

Ever wondered how important it is? Over the years we have had a lot of juniors come and go, when I say go usually off to University. If you look at the current teams at Evenlode the importance of the junior club is quite clear. Men's A team has Jordan and Jamie in it, Men's B has Peter Weir, Luke Backley and Charlie Shan, Men's C has Adam Fisk and Albie Marriott, Men's D team has James Cook and Jonathon Horton. In the Ladies we have Megan Ready, Bronwynn Ready, Maisie Marriott, Maddy Cook, Elizabeth Van Der Veen and Rebecca Norkett all playing.

Over the next few weeks you will see a few new faces staying on into adult club, please take time to have a chat with them and more importantly play

them, do not go easy on them as they are strong players.

Player Profiles – 10 Questions

Anna Wareing

My parents have always enjoyed badminton so I have been playing with my whole family since I was little (my mother named me after one of the ladies at her Badminton club in London!). I have been lucky enough to represent my university (Liverpool) and Oxfordshire over the last 20 years and have been a member of Evenlode for the last 8 years. I am currently the 3DA captain and Ladies Club Captain.



1. Best and worst venue played in.

As a junior my first club was Wallingford and we used to play in the old 'regal cinema', 2 courts with walls about 30 cm's away from the side of the court. Many a racquet was scratched! Best venue is in Cheltenham where county fixtures are played - 8 courts and grandstand seating makes for a great atmosphere for matches.

2. Badminton highlight/achievement to date.

Evenlode 'one hit wonder' tour trip to play a match in Plymouth, a fun team day out with nicknames, t shirts, Percy Pigs and a lot of laughter. We lost against very strong opposition but was great to play different players and spend more time with club members.

3. Which discipline do you prefer?

I've always been a doubles player and particularly enjoy playing mixed with Lee. However, this season I have been converted to playing singles on a Friday night and I would highly recommend to players as a great way to improve footwork and fitness. Am looking forward to getting some more singles games going at club nights

4. What is the best and worst things about being a captain?

Best bit is watching your team perform above expectations and enjoying themselves (and Friday night curry's after Witney matches). Worst bit is that dreaded phone call on the day of the match to say someone can no longer play

5. What other hobbies do you have?

I love playing several sports and when I am not on the badminton court you can usually find me on a softball diamond or Hockey pitch. I also love travelling so often combine hobbies with softball trips planned for Paris, Bordeaux and Berlin later this year.

6. Favourite food and drink.

Tough question, probably Thai and a nice Sauvignon blanc followed by lots of chocolate!

7. Best film watched so far.

Pitch Perfect, I drive my Husband Simon mad by singing (very out of tune) along to the soundtrack all the time!

8. Car you would like to own.

My current car (1 series coupe)

9. Which club do you like playing against and why.

Favourite matches are always against Abingdon as I have played with and against most of their players over the years and I enjoy the friendly banter. You also always get a high standard of play which I find raises my game.

10. Best biscuits to eat at a Badminton match.

Anything chocolatey

Holly King

Ten questions time for Holly King from junior club.

Hi, My name is Holly King and I am 14 years old. I currently attend Larkmead school. I have been at Evenlode junior club for over 4 years now.

1. Who got you into playing Badminton..

My Dad (Richard King) got me into Badminton because he has been playing for years (over 35 years we believe).

2. Badminton highlight/achievement to date.

My badminton highlight is when I played in the Oxfordshire schools tournament in 2017 and I won a bronze medal in singles. Picture below with my sister Poppy who also won a singles medal. (Note from Editor, could Holly be the new Anna Wareing, similar start to badminton)

3. Which discipline do you prefer, singles or doubles.

I prefer playing Doubles.

4. Favourite school lesson and why.

My favourite school lesson Dance.

5. What other hobbies do you have?

Dancing.

6. Favourite food and drink.

Ribs and Chips, Drink is Strawberry Milkshake.

7. Best/favourite TV programme.

I love watching films.

8. What job would you like to do in the future.

When I leave school I want to be a Dance teacher or a Beautician.

9. What badminton racket do you use (make and name)

My Badminton racket is a Yonex Nano and it is blue.

10. Best biscuits to eat at a Badminton match.

Custard Creams and Bourbons.



Evenlode Website: <http://www.evenlode-badminton.org> (website administrator - Andrew W)
Committee: Chair – Steve V, Secretary – Lilian, Treasurer – Claire T, Match Secretary – James
Ordinary members – Pierre, Anna, Stella, Judy, Jordan
Child Welfare Officer – Stella
First Aiders – Lee, Judy, James, Anna, Stella