

EVENLODE B.C. Newsletter

Chair's Chat

Firstly, I want to welcome all the new members to the club, both seniors and juniors. I hope by now you have settled in and are enjoying club nights and matches.

We are now well into the badminton season and so far, lots of reasons to be positive as many of our teams are looking very competitive in their respective leagues. Club nights have been great as usual, and I have been particularly impressed by some of the Juniors who have moved up to Adult club. A testament to James and Lee's hard work! Just a reminder to please come along to club night when you can, it is a great time to get practice in, get some exercise and enjoy yourself!

A big thank you to the committee who have helped me in my first months as Chairman. I never quite appreciated until this year how much is done for Evenlode by our committee and in particular by James who has the unenviable task of sorting fixtures (and rearranging them as well!).

Finally, on behalf of the club, I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year. It would be great to see as many of you as possible next week (Thursday 12th) for the Christmas meal at Pizza Express in Oxford. And if after Christmas you are looking to burn off your Christmas Turkey, please sign up for the Charity Badminton Tournament on the 28th December. This will be raising money for the neurology department of the John Radcliffe hospital, which helped saved Mike Brockie's (an ex-Evenlode junior's) life earlier this year, so a very worthy cause indeed! **Ed Callow**

Website

Remember to check our website: <http://www.evenlode-badminton.org.uk> Fixtures, minutes and newsletters as well as other useful general information is regularly updated on the website.

Facebook

Check out our Evenlode Badminton Club facebook page for up to date news, match reports etc.

Christmas Meal

Thursday 12 December 7 pm at Pizza Express, Oxford Castle. Christmas jumpers mandatory, games and quizzes. Please let Lilian or Louisa know if you would like to join us or reply on Facebook.

Fixture's Secretary Report

The 2019 -20 season is well under way now. With 14 teams Evenlode is the largest club in Oxfordshire, we have four mens, three ladies, two mixed and five 3D teams. With the new scoring system it is hard to keep track of who is where in the league but early season pace setters are the Mens B team and 3DC team both sitting top of the league, They are both being pushed hard by Mens C and 3DD teams in these leagues. Ladies B and 3DB are catching up with games and hopefully they will move up the leagues as a result. Ladies A are looking solid again in Div1 . Ladies C are pushing for promotion, interesting to see who tops that league at end of season. Mens A, 3DA and Mixed A are all in Div 1 standard and have had success but matches here are very hard to play in so good luck to them in their matches. Mens D have not had the rub of the green, Div 5 is a strange league for me as you have some very strong teams entering and looking to move up, some of these teams should be in Div 3 level. Finally 3DE sitting top of league but just like the ladies C it will be interesting to see who tops this league at end of season.

As much as it is sad to see a club close it is great to see the players that have moved to us from Wantage BC, all of them are excellent players, they have fitted in to Evenlode very well and all support club nights which is great. Club nights is what all badminton clubs are about for me, here you get a chance to meet people, improve your game and keep fit. Please support the club nights as much as you can. You can also use club nights to improve your doubles partnerships.

The juniors that have moved into adult club this season are also doing very well, Juliana, Freddie, Alfie and Maisy. We are lucky to have such talent at our club and we can all help them with their game.

Finally, please can you all be aware of your matches you have, if you know you are going to be away or cannot make a match tell the team captain straight away. Finding subs is not as easy as it sounds so the more time you give the team captain the easier it is for them. Being a team captain is not easy so help them as much as you can.

Christmas Badminton Tournament

To raise money for the Neurology Intensive Care Unit within the John Radcliffe Hospital

Saturday 28th December 2019

Manor Preparatory School, Faringdon Road, Shippon, Abingdon, OX13 6LN

9:15am - "Lower Standard" and will be contested by players who usually play in the Oxfordshire Badminton Divisions 3/4

Afternoon (time to be announced) - "Higher Standard" and be contested by players who usually play in the Oxfordshire Badminton Divisions 1/2

6-8 members per team (at least 3 women and 3 men)

Round-robin with 1 ladies doubles, 1 mens doubles and 2 mixed games – point based.

Xmas fancy dress optional

£10 per person to include finger style buffet.

Raffle

If you are interested in playing please see a member of the committee or see link:

<https://forms.gle/2ph2LG9RCgsq1VSY8>

Any donation for raffle or towards buffet gratefully received.

Club Night

When arriving, **please** help with setting up nets and posts, curtain, lights setting. Peg board, shuttles and doorbell all need getting out. At end of night take nets and posts down, tidy up shuttles, put peg board and doorbell away. Badly broken shuttles can go straight into bin, if shuttle looks good keep it as we can use this for juniors or knock up shuttles.

Please keep an eye on pegboard. Especially when you are at the front of queue and several courts are empty, this will help keep courts filled when it's busy. Club nights is a chance to meet people and to have a chat with them, please leave you mobile phone in your bag and take the time to speak to people in the club.

Please note the last club night before Christmas is Monday 16 December and this will be held at The Manor Prep School from 6.30 to 9.00 pm with 2 courts being available for Club night.

The first club night back after Christmas will be Monday 6 January.

Junior Club

The junior club which is held on Tuesday evenings at the Manor prep is moving along well, both sessions are nearly full. If anyone can spare some time it would be great to have your help. 6pm to 7pm is the younger/beginners session and then 7pm to 8pm is the older/stronger players.

Junior News

REBECCA

Suffolk Under 17 Bronze and U17 Silver 26th & 27th October

Last weekend of October Rebecca travelled to Ipswich with Jess from Oxfordshire, to enter an Under 17 National Badminton tournament on the Saturday and an Under 17 Silver tournament on the Sunday.

Saturday proved a good day, with Rebecca winning a Bronze medal in the Girls singles. In the doubles Rebecca and her partners won Silver. The mixed doubles was a great result with Gold for Rebecca and her partner.

Sunday was a Silver competition which means that higher graded players can enter. This also proved to be a good day, with Rebecca winning Bronze in all 3 disciplines. Girls doubles was with Jess and her mixed partner was Adam, also from Oxfordshire.

Rebecca, and some others from Oxfordshire County Badminton all entered the Hertfordshire Junior Bronze tournament on Saturday 30th November. Rebecca played Mixed Doubles with a partner from Berkshire and after a tight final, won the Gold medal. The Singles included tough competition with Rebecca winning a Bronze medal.

CHARLIE

Played in his first U17 international tournaments this summer 2019:-

July - Russia - played MS and MD

Aug - France - played MS and MD

Oct - Lithuania - won first international match in MS and MD.

Oct - Germany - played MS & MD

Sept -

DKWAY U19 Bronze - won Gold in MS and Bronze in MD

Oxon Restricted U18 - won Gold in MS, MD with Harry & XD with Maddy (see photo below)

Nov -

Notts U19 Bronze - won Silver in MS

Dec - entered into the last U17 International of this year in Cyprus.

FREDDIE

Oxon Restricted U14 - Bronze in MS, Silver in MD with Ethan, U16 XD Bronze with Javeeka. (Pics attached)

Swindon U15 Bronze - Silver in MD with Ethan . (pic attached)

Dec - Freddie is entered into his first International tournament in Cyprus.

MAISY STOTT

Made her U16 team county team debut.



Rebecca



Maddy and Charlie

PLAYER PROFILE

Ed Jones

Hello there!

I'm Ed. I've been a member of the club for 12 months now after moving to the village of Chilton (~10 miles South of Abingdon), from Monmouthshire, in South Wales. I live with my wife Natasha and our children Oliver (6) and Imogen (1). By day I work in medical sales, by night I am a downtrodden husband and father!

My parents introduced me to badminton aged 9 in the garden. Fast forward a few decades and here I am at the finest club in Oxfordshire meeting new people and still enjoying the game.

1. *Best and worst venue played in.*

Best: Welsh Institute of Sport (rubber court surface)

Worst: Christie Miller Sports Centre in Melksham, Wiltshire (now closed/condemned)

2. *Badminton highlight/achievement to date.*

Reaching the Quarter finals at the British Universities Individual Championships.

3. *Which discipline do you prefer*

DOUBLES!!

4. *What is the best and worst things about badminton?*

The best thing is that you can play the game from 6 to 106!

The worst thing about badminton is the lack of team spirit and socializing that you get with team sports like cricket, football and rugby.

5. *What other hobbies do you have?*

Tennis, weight-training, running,.... is DIY a hobby!?

6. *Favourite food and drink.*

Probably Lebanese/Turkish to eat and Tsingtao rice lager to drink.

7. *Best film watched so far.*

You can't beat Rocky can you!?

8. *Car you own and would like to own.*

Currently driving a Range Rover Evoque and awaiting a VW Tiguan Allspace. Would like to own a Jaguar F Pace next before all cars are fitted with boring electric drivetrains.

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

Have only played one season, but I'll go with Feathers as we took them by surprise this season in the first mens A match.

10. *Best biscuits to eat at a Badminton match.*

Dark chocolate covered Digestives.

Evenlode Website: <http://www.evenlode-badminton.org.uk> (website administrator - Andrew W)

Committee: Chair – Ed, Secretary – Louisa, Treasurer – Claire, Match Secretary – James

Ordinary members – Stella, Judy, Lilian, Katherine, Peter

Child Welfare Officer – Stella

First Aiders – Lee, Judy, James, Anna, Stella