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# LONDON REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of the London Regional Newsletter. This aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the latest badminton-related developments across the capital, and introduce you to the work of the BADMINTON England London Regional Team. We will produce 4 of these a year and welcome any feedback you have, so please don't hesitate to contact us. Even better, why don't you visit our social media sites - [www.twitter.com/londonbadminton](http://www.twitter.com/londonbadminton)! Please also distribute this newsletter far and wide...

## WELCOME TO OUR WORLD...

Over the past two years, the main priority for the BADMINTON England London Regional Team has been to establish a spread of Community Badminton Networks (CBN's) across London. CBN's are led by a group of local badminton contacts and professional staff, who manage and develop a whole range of interconnected activities across the region. There are nine CBN's in London at present, across the following areas: Harrow, Barnet, Brent, Hounslow, Islington, Richmond, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Greenwich / Bexley. This programme is overseen by three BADMINTON England Regional Officers, who are:

- Daniel Nixon: South & Central London (Islington & Richmond)
- Jenny Douch: North & West London (Harrow, Barnet, Brent & Hounslow)
- Sandy Kurek: East London (Newham, Tower Hamlets & Greenwich / Bexley)

A spotlight on a specific CBN will be included in each issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, you can read up on this programme and the rest of our work on the BADMINTON England website ([www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk)) - Regional Plans section

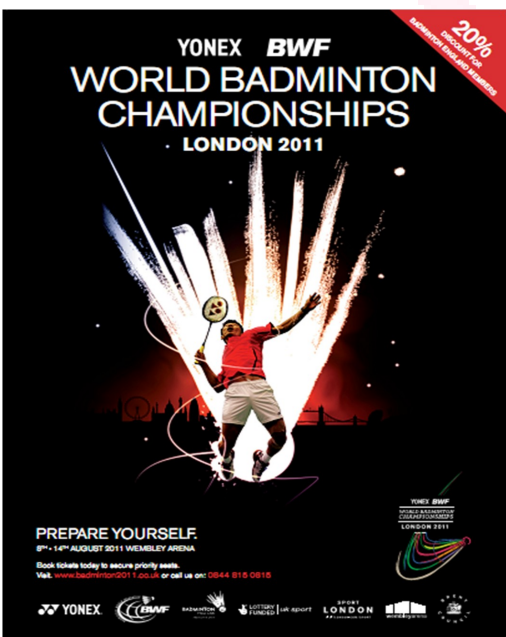
## THE BWF WORLD BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS COMES TO LONDON, AND AIMS TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY!

Between the 8th and the 14th of August 2011, the worlds best badminton players will descend on Wembley Arena to compete in the BWF 2011 World Badminton Championships. In the lead up to this inspirational event, featuring sporting role models of all ethnicities and background from all 4 corners of the globe, BADMINTON England and the London 4 Counties Group\* have planned and are now embarking upon the delivery of a very ambitious **London Legacy Plan**. The plan aims to deliver the following key projects:

- 3,000 Young People 'tasting' badminton via a series of school based festivals
- A Schools Mini World Championships, with the finalists playing on the Arena floor
- A high profile London 'Bonanza' for adult social and beginner players
- The launching of a new London Junior Club League
- An innovative disability inclusion programme, involving local clubs and coaches
- A World Coaches Conference, which will cater for over 100 high performance and community coaches from around the world

For further information, please contact Paul Bickerton directly...

\* - the London 4 Counties Group is a strategic group that oversees the work of the BADMINTON England London Regional Team, and also leads on the delivery of the BWF World Badminton Championships London Legacy Plan. For more information on this group and its activities please contact Paul Bickerton directly.





## CENTER PARCS NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Tensions were high at Crystal Palace on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March as key stage 3 and 4 boys and girls Badminton teams from all across London and Kent fought it out to be crowned Regional Champions. The winners of this 3<sup>rd</sup> round go onto the 4<sup>th</sup> round - the National Finals due to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April at Center Parcs in Sherwood Forest. The girls finals saw Woodford County beat North London Collegiate School 3-2 and Hall Mead emerged on top against Coombe Girls 4-1. Woodford County High School (key stage 3) and Hall Mead (key stage 4) will be representing London and Kent in the National Finals.

The boys finals saw Isleworth & Syon beat Gravesend 3-2 and Wilsons School finished unbeaten against Ilford County 4-1. Isleworth & Syon (key stage 3) and Wilson School (key stage 4) will be representing London & Kent in the National Finals.



## SPOTLIGHT ON A CBN—TOWER HAMLETS

24 local women in Tower Hamlets have qualified as Level 1 Assistant Badminton Coaches thanks to a course run in partnership with Newlon Fusion, BADMINTON England, Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) and the Muslim Women's Collective.

Their achievements were celebrated at an Award Ceremony in a local restaurant, which was attended by Lutfur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets. As a result of their new qualifications, three of the women have already been employed by GLL. The ladies have also completed voluntary hours which have contributed to projects in the borough such as No Strings Badminton and various female only sessions.



## no strings badminton



## NO STRINGS BADMINTON COMES TO LONDON

No Strings Badminton is all about fun, friends and fitness. It's the fresh new initiative that makes it extremely sociable for Londoners to grab a racket, rally around friends and head on court for some fun-filled action. And the best bit is all the good stuff is served up in a tasty little package of convenient 'pay and play' sessions where you get to call the shots! Most importantly, No Strings Badminton is designed to make playing the game as easy as possible—you simply pop your post-code into the website, browse a list of your nearest sessions, choose one, then turn up and play!!!

The programme is really taking off in London—we now have 15 sessions up and running across the capital, and an average of 14 people turn up to each one! So you'd better get your skates on before they are all full up.

Check out [www.nostringsbadminton.co.uk](http://www.nostringsbadminton.co.uk) for all the latest information.

Any feedback on this newsletter is very gratefully received. Its purpose is to inform anyone with an interest in badminton on the work of the Regional Team, any BADMINTON England initiatives, local activities and funding information as well as any other news which may be of interest. If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, then please contact us directly. Issue 2 is due out on the 30th June 2011.