**Thame Badminton Newsletter Q3 2022**

The summer season is upon us, and we wish everyone who has managed to book a holiday a safe and wonderful break.

We will continue to play badminton through the summer season on the same days and times in the week, but with a reduced number of courts. Historically, attendance reduces by about 20%, so everyone who does turn up can be assured that you will get maximum playtime.

Welcome to all the new players this season, and thank you to all the established members for making them feel welcome and helping them settle into the Club.

**Committee AGM**

This year’s AGM took place in early June to review that past season and make plans for the new 2022/23 season. The following are the key highlights from that meeting.

* **Social Secretary**: Nathalie Parry has accepted the position as Social Secretary and is now on the Committee
* **Grading System**: We will re-introduce the Grading System over the summer season and review it in the coming weeks. We don’t want to foist this on Club Members, so if all the team players agree to play a level game, they may do so.
* **Membership Fees**: You may not be aware, but we receive favourable court fees from TLC on the basis that our members are registered with Badminton England and the insurance that comes with that. We have decided to introduce an annual Club Membership Fee of £7 for juniors (12 -18) & students, and £15 for senior members. The Club fees will be used to registed individuals with Badminton England. If a player is registered with Badminton England but not through the Club, their fee will be waived. Badminton England membership runs from 1 November to 31 October of each year.
* **Web Address**: Our URL and email will change to thamebadminton.com. We will let you know when we make the switch. Our website has an up-to-date calendar of events.
* **WhatsApp**: Please let us know anyone who is not on WhatsApp and wants to be. This is where we post updates and general messages.

**League Play**

There is plenty of league play coming up with an excellent season finsih. The 2022/23 season will see us adding a new team to the Aylesbury League.

**Oxford County**

Mens A – Div 2 – Captain: A Rogers

Mens B – Div 2 – Captain R Sutton

**Aylesbury District**

Mens A – Div 1 – Captain: B North

Mens B – Div 2 – Captain: D Maldonado

Medley A – Div 2 Captain: K Eyre

Mixed A – Div 1 (new) Captain: N Parry

**Subscription Fees**

We will continue with our Commitment Cards which seem to be the most convenient for everyone. We are pleased to say that our books are balanced and there doesn’t appear to be a need to increase fees in the foreseeable future.

**Club Shirts**

We are currently working on sourcing a UK based business for Club shirts. Supplies have been difficult and websites avalability misleading. We belivee to have found the right company and will keep you posted as soon as we establish all the details.

Thank you, as always, for being with us!

**Thame Badminton Club Committee**