



New Sidcup, New Eagles & New Bexley Badminton Clubs



Dear Members

This is a special newsletter for 2023 since our first club “New Sidcup” was formed 20 years ago.

We also had a challenging time with Townley Grammar School, since September, for giving our Thursday time slot away to another club even though we have played there for over 15 years. New Eagles had to play at Trinity School for a couple of months and the attendance was dwindling. 11 members turned up at the last session there even with Free Play! We are glad to say that we have finally won the battle and are resuming play at Townley on Thursdays.

Have a very merry Christmas & happy New Year.

1. MEMBERS

Welcome to all new members since the last newsletter (and there are quite a few) and thank you to all the loyal members for your continued support.

Club membership to date:

- New Sidcup – 33 (Monday)
- New Bexley – 37 (Wednesday)
- New Eagles – 29 (Thursday)

Due to the uncertainty of venue for New Eagles a few members have resigned and we did not invite trials from the waiting list. We are working on the list now for January 2024.

All new applications for membership must be referred to the Recruitment Officer (via the membership [enquiry form](#)). No players may go on court without prior arrangement.

Chris Chamberlain has resigned from the committee in October. We thank him for his input and duties.

Peter Henry has suspended his membership due to knee operations. He had his first operation at the end of October and is recovering well. We wish him all the best.

A warm welcome back to Peter Bromley who has not played since the first lockdown in 2020. For those who do not know Peter; he is one of the founder members 20 years ago.

2. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The financial status of the club is still in good shape and the subscription has not changed since September 2008. We shall try to keep this for as long as we can even though Townley Grammar School is increasing their hire fees by 25% in January 2024.

Upcoming Events

December 2023 & 4 January 2024

Free Play

April 2024 (TBC)

Intertoto XVII Competition

October 2024 (TBC)

Club Challenge 2024

Date TBC

Quiz Night

Club Challenge 2023 was won by the Younger team. Thanks to Paul Maulkin for organising again.



Thanks to Ian Bassett for taking pictures which can be viewed on <https://www.facebook.com/eaglesandssidcup/>



Thanks to Anneka Smith (Anna's daughter) who made the cake





3. EVENTS – please go to <http://www.eaglesandsidcup.com/index.php/events> for the latest update

20th Anniversary Party held on 18 November at Sophie’s Choice was enjoyed by 40 people (members with friends and families). We also welcomed Dave Reed (another one of the founder members and ex-chairman of the club) and his wife, Sue, to join us to celebrate this occasion.



Intertoto XVII – All being well this will be held in April 2024 and details to follow.

Quiz Night – Some members have shown interest but we need enough to make it viable. Please register your interest by emailing Anna Smith.

We are always looking for suggestions for events. Please talk to a member of the committee at club night.

4. SHUTTLECOCKS

We have settled on Yehlex Championship Grade feathers and they seem to be well received. Please check [shuttle etiquette](#) on how to look after them.

5. FREE PLAY & PAY AS YOU PLAY

Free Play is on during December 2023 and 4 January 2024. PAYP has always been welcomed to those who would like to play on a different club nights but due to the current high attendances this will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

6. PLAYING ROTATION & MIXING (SKILL & SEXES)

It has been brought to the Committee's attention that not all members are adhering to the Club's Constitution in line with the rotation and mixing of play. The club will ensure that the rotation and mixing will be fair to all members, and does not support clique groups forming and playing throughout an evening. **Please be reminded that this is a Social Club and it was formed to provide a focal point for the promotion and enjoyment of badminton.**

7. BADMINTON ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE

As mentioned in previous newsletters we have stopped our affiliation with Badminton England. We have acquired Public Liability Insurance from AXA XL Insurance.

8. WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please visit our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for news and update.

