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# New Sidcup, New Eagles & New Bexley Badminton Clubs

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## Dear Members

Summer is in full strength and hope the heat wave was not too bad for you. Since our return to play in May last year, there has been a few lockdown babies and all three clubs are now playing at Townley since Bexleyheath Academy has let us down in January.

## 1. MEMBERS

Welcome to all new members since the last newsletter (November 2021). Thank you to all the loyal members for your continued support.

Current club membership to date:

- New Sidcup – 33 (Monday)
- New Eagles – 32 (Thursday) plus 2 more TBC
- New Bexley – 28 (Wednesday)

As you can see that we are now back to good number on membership. Please note that if you wish to join all three nights you only have to pay an extra £5 per month.

Here are the lockdown babies, congratulations to you all:



Sathia's Sharrvesh  
7 January



Gary's Amy  
3 February



Eric's Isla  
10 April



Wei Li's Gideon  
21 July

Emma Wright will be going to University of East Anglia in October, we wish her all the best and she might come back during her holidays.

Peter Bromley is recovering slowly but surely. We wish him all the best and hope to see him back playing again very soon.

Ben Merry and Paul White injured their ankles within a week of each other in March and haven't been back to play but believed to have recovered well. We hope to see them back very soon.

## At a Glance

### Aug/Sep 2022

PAYP see item 5

### 29 Aug 2022

Bank holiday – no badminton  
welcome to join either  
Wednesday/Thursday of the  
same week

### Oct/Nov 2022

Club challenge – TBC

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## 2. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The financial status of the club is still in good shape. Thanks to Shimeer Thakrar for doing the audit of 2021 and the bank balance up to the end of 2021 can be obtained from the Treasurer (Paul Hanson).

## 3. SHUTTLECOCKS

Please look after the feather shuttlecocks, these represent a major expense for the club, they are delicate and much in need of tender loving care. Please see [shuttle etiquette](#) for information.

We have been using Adidas hybrid feather shuttlecocks but unfortunately they have stopped manufacturing them. Most of you have found the hybrid shuttlecocks a good alternative so we will carry on using hybrid for now.

## 4. EVENTS

We were hoping to have a tournament in April but it didn't happen. Maybe we could look at October/November if there is any interest. Please inform a committee member\* if you are interested.

## 5. PAYP (MEMBERS ONLY) – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022

It's a bit late notice but pay as you play is back and it will take place from August and September 2022 if anyone is interested. This means that one can play on another club night which one isn't signed up to and pay £4 per session either by bank transfer (preferred) or cash.

## 6. CORONAVIRUS

It hasn't gone away but most of us have had it. Subject to agreement with other players if you would like to shake hands at the end of the game then go ahead. The club will carry on providing hand sanitiser for your use.

## 7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We haven't had an AGM for a while but members are welcome to join in the committee meeting with prior arrangement. Date of next meeting TBC and it will be on a Tuesday evening.

## 8. BADMINTON ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE

All members should be receiving emails from Badminton England on a regular basis. If you have not, please email Anna Smith – [alh\\_smith@hotmail.com](mailto:alh_smith@hotmail.com) as your contact details may be incorrect.

When a new member joins the club, a fee is payable for "public liability insurance" and the club will pay for this fee on renewal providing the members who have been with the clubs for more than six months. Please note that the "PLI" **doesn't cover personal injuries**. If members would like to take out personal injuries insurance please visit [www.badmintonengland.co.uk/membership](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/membership) to find out about the "Club England Premier" subscription.

## 9. WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

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

\*Committee members - Sathia Balakrishnan, Maria Bassett, Peter Bromley (inactive), Paul Hanson, Rebecca Ireland, Michelle Kirby, Barry Lewis, Paul Maulkin & Anna Smith