



Harborough Feathers Badminton Club

2017-2018 Season

First Club Night - Friday 1 September 2017

Welcome back to the new season. I hope you all had a good summer. This letter is just to give you some important information about the forthcoming season. Regular updates will also be sent out via email and posted on the website (www.harborough-feathers.co.uk), so please check regularly.

Club Nights

Club nights will run between the following dates:

Friday 1 September - Friday 15 December
Friday 12 January - Friday 23 March
Friday 13 April - Friday 25 May

Due to the number of matches we are again going to double up some matches and play some club nights at an alternative venue. We will let you know details of that once the season has started. We will start matches at Welland Park at 7pm, to hopefully finish matches earlier in the night and allow court space for club night towards the end of the night. We will let all members know fixture dates and club night venue by the end of September. Updated information will be on the website, so please check this throughout the season. Please ensure that if you're not in the matches, you still make an effort to attend club nights. It does ensure that the quality of club nights is maintained throughout the season.

Subscriptions

The fees are as follows:

Adult member = £110 (**reduced to £100 if paid by the 1st October**)
Junior member = £50
Visitors = £5

Match fees will remain at £5 per match.

Can you please ensure that your subscriptions are paid by the end of September, any subs received after that will not receive the discount. Also if you're intending to play in matches then we have some starting in September so prompt payment is appreciated so you can be registered. Please give all cheques / cash to Jim. No one will be registered until his or her fees are paid. **Badminton England has changed their registration process. Some of you may have already have had email about registering. You can ignore this as all registrations will be done via the club**

Matches

We have 4 teams entered this year:

Ladies – Division 2 Northants League

Doubles – Division 2 Northants League

Men's 1 (known as Feathers Badminton Club) – Division 3 Leicestershire League (To be confirmed)

Men's 2 – Division 4 Northants League

A full list of all the fixtures will be given to all members by the end of September.

For further details on the teams / matches please contact the relevant Team captains.



AGM

The AGM minutes were sent out with this newsletter. There was a very disappointing turn out at the AGM and a lack of apologies given. This was extremely disappointing as it is very difficult to make decisions that are in the best interest of the club, if there is no input from the Membership. You will see that the decision was taken to increase Subs to £130, with £20 being given back to Members who attended the AGM. The Committee has since decided to suspend this increase for 1 year, for a decision to be made at the 2018 AGM to allow Members to have a say and give their opinion. But if people don't turn up to the AGM, then the Committee has to make decisions that may be unpopular.

Committee members

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If you have any issues or suggestions at any point during the season, then please do contact a member of the Committee.

We look forward to seeing you all in September

Helen