

## **Annual Parish Meeting 4 April 2019**

### **Badminton Clubs Report**

#### **Seniors**

We have a core of seven players and regularly have five or six playing on a Wednesday evening. As always, new players would be very welcome and I can offer some free coaching to anybody wanting to improve their game. It is a very sociable group and we have tea and biscuits during which we catch up on local news. We have some very competent players and often have very close games.

#### **Juniors**

The juniors meet on a Friday evening. I have two beginner's sessions that I coach and a third group who play games among themselves with hints from me to improve their play. In all I have about 20 regular players, so it can get a bit crowded with only one court. We use the back room for serving and returning practice and play net shots in there too. Everybody thoroughly enjoys themselves and it is often difficult to get them to leave so that the next group can play.

A group of four boys and two girls have been playing against other junior clubs within the county and are enjoying some competitive badminton. Most of them have only recently started playing and are up against players with several years experience. I wanted them to try playing competitively so that in coming years they will know what to expect. We won't be winning any medals this year but watch this space!

I have had a number of young players coming back after getting involved in other activities and that is pleasing to see. In addition some new players have joined the club and are progressing well.

New members are always most welcome and, if I can't fit them in to the current sessions, I am willing to book additional time to accommodate them.

We still have three boys in the county squads who play tournaments around the country. They play in the Memorial Hall when their competitive schedule allows and it's always a pleasure to see them and watch them fly around the court.

Seeing players improving and enjoying themselves gives me a great deal of pleasure. We have some very good and promising players in the village and they are a pleasure to be with. Even the seniors are listening to my coaching tips and upping their game. Long may it continue.

Brian.