



## ***Badminton Junior Club***

A grant was obtained from Blaby District Council which helped with the set-up for a trial 4:30pm to 5:30pm session to be held for the 5 weeks of Autumn Term 2. This was aimed at Junior School children with “The Racket Pack” equipment and Tink & Flo awards from Badminton England being used. Although by the end only 7 were attending the club decided to continue and open the session for players from school years 3 to 9.

The weekly Friday night’s sessions are on two courts for the 4:30 – 5:30pm session and four courts for the 5:30 – 7:00pm session at Brockington College. We now have registered a total of 51 Junior Badminton England members for the 2016/17 season of which 10 regularly attend the 4:30 to 5:30pm & 30 the 5:30 to 7:00pm session.

Members take a pro-active approach in entering the Non-County Tournaments such as the LSBA Junior American Tournament on 3/12/17 and the Whitwick Badminton Tournament on 3/02/18. A special mention to **Billy Hammond & Jos Dove** who finished runners-up in the U14’s Boys Doubles event. We also have members who are part of “Team Leicestershire” and dependant on their technical & tactical badminton skills have the opportunity to represent the LSBA in matches.

For season 2017/18 all members / volunteers when joining are presented with a free Club T-shirt.

The club gave a grant to Tom Cowperthwaite to help with his Badminton England Level 1 coaching course which he successfully was awarded.

The club now has five Badminton England coaches available on all four courts to be able to adapt the structured programme for each week of the term session to suit the player’s technical skills on the respective courts.

Junior Members of a suitable playing standard have the opportunity when invited to stay on and join in part of the senior club sessions.

The Junior club now has its own section within main web site <http://www.southleicesterbadminton.co.uk/login> which provides details of all junior club sessions, documents for all to be able to really appreciate what the club is about and what is available to young players.

With a Constitution, Code of Conducts updated Welcome Leaflets, additional Level 1 coaches, and volunteers the club continue to receive renewal accreditation as a Badminton England Premier Club and Sport England Clubmark.

**Ray Phipkin – Head Coach (31/03/2018)**