



HARBOROUGH LC Junior Badminton Club



Club AGM. 01 July 2026

Chairperson's Report.

It has been another good year for the club with none of the venue difficulties we had to deal with last year. The club continues to be popular and successful. We have a waiting list, but that's manageable.

On that note, I'd like to thank Ray Phipkin for dealing with the membership, allocating players to various sessions and moving several between sessions as age, ability and circumstances change. In addition, my thanks to Ray, my fellow coaches and the club's volunteers for successfully navigating the challenges of our tournament, especially where many older players have to fit badminton around their revision and exams.

We would struggle to run the club efficiently without our volunteers. Of special note are the contributions made by Lynda and Nancy, neither of whom has children who still play at the club, yet they continue to turn up to committee meetings, maintain the inventory of clothing and contribute willingly – even organising the food for our events. I should point out that Lynda's daughter, Ellis, who is a former club player, has now returned as a committee member and will be taking over from Ray as treasurer. Well done, Ellis.

I also want to acknowledge the commitment of our coaches. Hattie Hine and Penny Fannon are now both qualified as Badminton England Level 1 coaches. Earlier this year, we watched in admiration as John Fannon endured the burden of Badminton England's training to qualify as a Level 2 coach.

Finally, thank you to our players. It's great to see the progress you've all made over the past year. For me as a coach, it's rewarding to see a few enthusiastic individuals now also playing regularly at other clubs in Harborough and Kibworth. It makes our efforts as coaches worthwhile.

For all our players here at the Juniors' club, there are now a few weeks of rest, which I hope will see you reinvigorated when we return after the summer break.

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Club Chairman