



April/May 2023 Newsletter

Club Update

Well it's been another busy couple of months in the 'Priory Badminton Club' World!! Plans are happening apace for entering the League in September and we have launched our Wednesday sessions, to include under 18s. It's been good to see a few 'Monday' faces there as well as a large influx of new players. Thank you to everyone who has supported getting the Wednesday sessions off the ground, Gary, James M and James H and all those that come along - it really shows that the Club is in a healthy place 😊 Welcome to all the New members - Terry, Louis, Julia, Catie, Jak, Charlie, Dom, Freddie, Gabriella, Katie, Leon, to name a few - sorry if I missed anyone!!

Now seems a good time to remind people of our membership offers for Monday, Wednesday and Both sessions:

Ways to Pay	Choose from:	Ways to Pay
Choose from:		Choose from:
☒ Monday	☐ Monday	☐ Monday
☐ Wednesday	☒ Wednesday	☐ Wednesday
☐ Both	☐ Both	☒ Both
Direct Debit	Direct Debit	Direct Debit
Huge savings to be made!	Huge savings to be made! (Excludes junior members)	Huge savings to be made!
Yearly Membership	Yearly Membership	Yearly Membership
£120 every 12 months (Save £132*)	£100 every 12 months (Save £110*)	£200 every 12 months (Save £262*)
Click here to purchase this pricing plan	Click here to purchase this pricing plan	Click here to purchase this pricing plan
6 Month Membership	6 Month Membership	6 Month Membership
£65 every 6 months (Save £122*)	£55 every 6 months (Save £100*)	£110 every 6 months (Save £242*)
Click here to purchase this pricing plan	Click here to purchase this pricing plan	Click here to purchase this pricing plan
Monthly Membership	Monthly Membership	Monthly Membership
£12 every month (Save £108*)	£10 every month (Save £90*)	£20 every month (Save £222*)
Click here to purchase this pricing plan	Click here to purchase this pricing plan	Click here to purchase this pricing plan
	Junior Membership (Under 18's)	
	£8 every month	

The above can be found on our website at <https://www.priorybadmintonclub.com/ways-to-pay> If you have any questions please speak to a committee member.

With many new players joining we may consider ordering a new batch of Club shirts - if anyone (new player or existing) is interested please see a Committee member, as we need to order in relatively large numbers, to get the best possible deal.

For all the new members we have, here is your Committee:

Priory Badminton Club Contacts



Ben Straw

Hi, I'm Ben.

I'm known for welcoming players and acrobatic moves on the court. All players are welcome and please come and find me if I can help you with anything.

Ice Breaker Topic: Wine!



Helen Baker

I'm Helen, the club Treasurer. I keep everything in order and make sure the club runs smoothly. If you're looking for a friendly club and a warm welcome, you'll get on just fine with us.

Ice Breaker Topic: Grandkids!



Gary Jacobs

I'm proud to chair the club and welcome new members to join. I've played with Priory Badminton Club for 12 years and wouldn't be anywhere else on a Monday night.

Ice Breaker Topic: Aircraft!



James Howard

Hi, I'm James and I'm the Club Secretary, having joined the club last year. I've played badminton for over 20 years and Priory Badminton Club is one of the friendliest I've found! I'm really pleased to be able to help new and current members in any way I can.



James Middlemass

Hi, I'm James and I'm the club Project Lead. I've played badminton on and off for a few years and I've only been with Priory Badminton Club for a year but I love my Monday nights. It's such a friendly and social club.

Ice Breaker Topic: Marvel



Liam Smalley

Hi, I'm Liam and I'm the clubs' Social Events Co-ordinator. I can honestly say that Priory Badminton Club is a great place to spend an evening, with a group of really brilliant people! We have regular coaching sessions, fantastic games and a laugh along the way!

Moving forward.....

League Badminton - We are finalising details of joining either Newark and District Badminton League or the Lincs Combination League, or possibly both. The teams will be predominately based on players from a Monday session, but we will take into account anyone from a Wednesday who wants to play in the league. The season runs from September to April and there needs to be a commitment from players to be able to play a number of matches in a season, and these could be on any night of the week. Teams will also be organised based on ability, and this is also dependent on number - for example if we have 4 advanced players, that may make up one team, if we have 4 beginners, that could make up a second team. If anyone is interested in playing in the league, please speak to Gary or James H. We are hoping to enter mens and ladies teams, numbers allowing.

Matt Jelly has very kindly sponsored our club, via his business Jelplumb Plumbing and Heating. We would like to extend our gratitude to Matt for his sponsorship.

We are not stopping here....

Funding Update - Message from Liam

'As a Club, we are in a fantastic position and we couldn't be more proud! We'd like to give a MASSIVE shout out and say a BIG thank you to Lincolnshire Co-op for choosing to raise funds for our Club later on this year.

Between 4th June and 2nd September, three Lincolnshire Co-op Stores (Parklands Food Store, Moorland Travel and Rookery Lane Post Office and Pharmacy) will be raising funds for our Club.

Whenever a Dividend Card Holder, who is assigned to any of the above Stores, shops at any Lincolnshire Co-op Store and uses their Dividend Card, they'll be raising funds for us. The funds will support us as we strive to make our second evening (Wednesday 7.30pm-9.00pm) a success. Looking forward, we will be exploring other opportunities and we'll keep you updated'

Health and Safety/ Notices

- Players helping clear away at the end of the night is **GREATLY APPRECIATED** - we all want to get home!! A couple of asks - if your court runs past or very close to the end of the session, please **DO** help clear away at the end (I think most do anyway 😊). Secondly, if you are moving posts around the Hall, please **DO NOT MOVE POSTS BEHIND AN ACTIVE COURT** - a player moving at speed colliding with these posts could cause serious injury
- Please be aware of stepping on or near courts where there are games in progress - keep to single file behind courts as close to the wall as possible.
- Be mindful of your positioning when at the net - keep your racket up so you are able to return a shuttle, this will in turn protect your face and eyes
- Please ensure you are wearing clothing appropriate to play badminton in, paying particular attention to footwear - if in doubt, please speak to a Committee Member
- Can all players please do their utmost to arrive on time - late arrivals often means other players are not able to begin their games, thank you.
- Please can players respond to messages - keeping in touch helps us run the Club smoothly and keep everyone in the loop

Dates for your Diaries.....

22nd April - Virtual Golf Social Evening

June TBC - Next Committee Meeting

Other notices....

- Insurance - the only insurance in place is the Club's insurance which covers the Club, not individuals. If you are interested in insurance, please take a look at the Badminton England website, where details of their insurance for players can be found



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