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# Warwickshire Regional Newsletter

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## Focus on the Badminton!!

Welcome to the first issue of the quarterly Warwickshire Newsletter. The Regional Team has been very busy this quarter, on top of our other projects we have also just begun working towards the Yonex All England Badminton Championships at the NIA, Birmingham in March!

### West Midlands Fire Service Badminton

Before Christmas we started working with the West Midlands Fire Service. The Fire Service has begun a badminton programme for 7 of their sites in South Birmingham area. In partnership we purchased new equipment for the sites but luckily this time there were no facility costs as each station has its own court printed on the floor where the fire engines are cost. With over 30 staff members at each site we have high hopes that this will help to significantly increase participation and hit our targets.



### West Midlands Coaches Conference

On Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February 2012 BADMINTON England's West Midlands Development Team are offering a two day coaching extravaganza. The Conference titled "improving technical and tactical awareness" will be delivered by two world renowned coaches -



**Andy Wood** (assisted by Donna Kellogg) - Former Great Britain Olympic Head Coach and Team Manager of the GB Badminton Squad



**Steve Butler** – Former England National Coach, England Junior National Coach and USA National Coach

If you would like to find out more or download an application form please follow the link below or alternatively please contact Patrick or Liz.

[www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wmconference](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/wmconference)

### 103rd Yonex All England Badminton Championships

The West Midlands Team have finalised the Yonex All England Legacy Programme for 2012.

**25th & 26th—West Midlands Coaches Conference**

**3rd March—Disability Tournament**

**6 & 7th March—Performance Centre School**

**8th March—Regional Centre Parcs Championships**

**9th March—Youth Forum Conference**

**10th March—Premier League 4 Sport Regional Finals**

### Birmingham's First Disability Tournament

On the 18th September the City Centre CBN launched Birmingham's first Disability Badminton Club at the NIA Community Hall. Due to the success of the club we have developed a Disability Badminton Tournament as part as our Yonex All England Legacy programme. The Tournament is being run in partnership with Special Olympics Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield and is being run on the 3rd March at the Doug Ellis Sport Centre at Birmingham City University. If you would like to support or help on the day please let us know.



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### UKCC Coaching Courses

**UKCC Level 1**— Broadway School, Aston  
18 March, 1st April & 1th April

**Disability Badminton Coaching Course**—  
Moat House Leisure Centre, Coventry  
24th & 25 March 2012.

Please contact Patrick for an application  
form for either of the above courses.

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Over the past few months Badminton England has been working closely with an organisation called Spice. Spice is the UK's premier adventure, activity, sports & social, leisure group for adults. Founded in 1981, there are over 15,000 members nationwide and 3500 members in the West Midlands area, all living life to the full. Spice gives people the opportunity to 'live your dream', by trying hundreds of exciting events and gives you the chance to meet lots of like-minded people. Prior to working with us Spice only offered one session in Birmingham which catered for the whole Region. Spice identified that due to changes in society they needed to offer more localised sessions. This has resulted in them starting 4 new sessions in partnership with Badminton England with one of these sessions in Coventry. The sessions are only over 2 courts but are a sustainable option as Spice manage the bookings and facility hire and will continue to run them if they see a positive response from their members.



### CTC Kingshurst Academy/North Solihull

CTC Kingshurst Academy are working with BADMINTON England to provide a range of opportunities at the school. Opportunities already being provided are:

- Back 2 Badminton
- Pay & Play opportunities
- Over 50's session
- 6th form enrichment

CTC have also recently signed an agreement to offer a **No Strings Badminton** Opportunity which will be available from Monday 27th February. No Strings Badminton will then be available on Monday & Friday, more information will be available on [www.nostringsbadminton.co.uk](http://www.nostringsbadminton.co.uk)

CTC Are also working with Stephanie Cartwright-Randle on providing additional opportunities for adult coaching and family badminton on Wednesday evenings & Sunday mornings.

### Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership

Benji Evans of Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership has been running a successful badminton opportunity in Rugby since December 2011 and participation for this session has exceeded 20 players, all 16+.

Benji and Patrick are now looking to replicate the success of this project and expand its provision across Warwickshire.

We would welcome input from clubs and especially coaches for their thoughts as to best areas and venues where this might happen.

Also, if any coaches would like to be involved in the development of these sessions then please let Patrick know.

You can also promote your clubs, coaching or activities via



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