

## Badminton in the Wychwoods

Badminton in the Wychwoods is flourishing. From a single one-hour class only a few years ago, there are now three classes at the New Beaconsfield Hall in Shipton, from September to March, for players from age seven.

Not only is the sport proving popular on social grounds, the Wychwood players (badminton that is) have made a real impression on the county scene.

### County Schools Tournament

At the County Schools' Tournament finals this year Bethanie Nisbet and Bryony Corbett were runners up in the Under 15 Girls Doubles, Bryony with Joe Dyakowski were runners-up in the U15 Mixed Doubles. Sam Davey and Stefan Palejowski were runners-up in the U11 Boys Doubles.

They were not the only local players to make the finals – in the Under 13 category, Charlotte Allcock and Emma Bailey, Girls Doubles, and Toby Walker and Henry Purdy, Boys Doubles, Keiran Flinders and Callum Kloos, Under 17 Boys Doubles, were all West Oxfordshire Area finalists.

Stefan, Lizzie Radcliffe and Emily Armstrong have already represented the



county Under 11 squad in matches. Bryony was selected for the county Under 15 squad but chose to withdraw to pursue other sporting commitments.

Callum, Kieran and Hugo Palejowski are still with the West Area

development squad. Kieran deserves a special mention; he passed his Badminton England Level 1 assistant coach's award in April and hopes to help with classes in September.

Emma, Charlotte and Toby were selected for the West Area Badminton Training Squad for the first Oxfordshire Youth Games on 9<sup>th</sup> July. The girls were awarded the Silver medal for the Girls' Doubles.

I am proud of all of them – and equally proud of all the others who work and play hard in my classes and make them such fun.

If you would like to join us please telephone Jean Kloos (BE Coach, Level 2) on: 01993 832591.

Classes Monday 5 - 6.45 pm (two groups, ages 9 - 12 and 12 plus) and Fridays 5 - 6pm age 7 - 9.

Age groups are approximate as playing ability is taken into account.

**Jean Kloos**