



Southend and District



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The first year the magazine was published was 1988/89 and the list of Officers were as follows:-

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The late lamented Donna Harris with
Lorene and Clare Roberts, 2008

SDBA Chairman's Report 2020-21

When I agreed to stand to become your chairman, I did not imagine a year when we could not play any league badminton. Our lives have been turned upside down and I hope this magazine finds you healthy and ready to get back on court. The committee has continued to meet regularly via Zoom, and it was with regret that we decided the Peter Gibbs had to be abandoned as we could not have 12 people in a room together, and the clubs could not guarantee fielding a set of fit match ready teams. We thought it was best to concentrate on running future competitions when possible.

We have focused on trying to help clubs get back on court, where availability of venues seems to be the most troublesome problem. However if you are worrying about running your club nights at a loss there is some funding available from the Essex Badminton Association, so I would urge you to apply (for more info contact a member of SDBA committee). Many clubs, but not all, are now back to playing some form of club badminton although we are still very much in the dark as to how many teams we are likely to field in future leagues. We have been shrinking as an association and I am therefore desperate not to lose any more clubs, so if you need support please ask and we will do all we can to help you.

With great sadness I report that Donna Harris, one of our Vice Presidents, passed away in January. Donna was a long-standing member and servant of the SDBA and when she stopped playing she could be seen at every SDBA tournament supporting the organisers and players and enjoying the badminton on offer. The committee have, therefore, decided to change the name of the Reg Harris trophy to the Harris Trophy in recognition of their work for badminton in this area. I think I am correct in saying the very first match I played was against Reg and Donna Harris in about 1985. I remember it vividly as there was a line dispute. I called a shot long and was questioned by the opposition standing at the back of the court on their side of the net! As a 16-year-old it was hard to stand my ground, it was a baptism of fire. I remember we lost the match 8-1 - oh to be back playing matches and be young & fit!

Another big loss to badminton was Ron Hawks. Ron ran the badminton on Sunday mornings at Clements Hall for many years and was responsible for teaching and introducing badminton to many SDBA members. He was young at heart and very generous with his time and experience.

I hope you will agree that Malcolm has done another great job with the magazine this year and although there is no new badminton to report in this edition, I hope you will be entertained with some reminiscences and consequently be invigorated to get back on court and create more memories! As soon as it is possible, with your support, we will get the leagues and tournaments up and running.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring Mark King and Christina Scott - past chairman and treasurer - for all their years of work as members of the committee, and to welcome Andy McMahon as your new treasurer. I would also like to thank the rest of the committee for their continued guidance & work on behalf of SDBA members.

I look forward to seeing you on court in the near future.

Tim Baskett.

The season that never was (2020/21, that is)

The creative musings of our Press Officer, Andrew Strutt

On the 16th March 2020, Hawkwell won 5-4 away at Blenheim in the Men's Second Division to move within two points of top spot. That same evening the Government announced a national lockdown and the stay-at-home message came into place for the first time. Nobody could have predicted that this would be the last competitive match in the Southend and District Badminton Association league for 18 months! Unfortunately, that has been the case, and after the 2019/20 season was abandoned, the 2020/21 season didn't even start. However, below I've had a look at what might have happened if the season had gone ahead (by applying promotion and relegation form from the abandoned 2019/20 season).

The Ladies' Premier has been dominated in recent years by Leighway and they continued by adding another league title to their collection. An improving Westcliff side finish as runners-up while Eastwood settle for third spot. The relegation battle then falls to newly promoted Fitzwimarc and Chelmsford Casuals. Despite a long stay in the top flight, Chelmsford Casuals fall out of the Division and Fitz survive.

After relegation the season before, Phoenix Flames would prove too strong for the Ladies' First. Eastwood Seconds settle for a second successive runner-up spot while an improving Fitzwimarc Seconds side move up to finish in third. A mid-table finish for B&BP ahead of Westcliff Seconds with Hawkwell having to settle for the wooden spoon again.

The Men's Premier has generated three different winners in the last four years and another new winner would be crowned with Fitzwimarc taking home the title. Two recent champions, Leighway and Westcliff, would have to settle for second and third place respectively. River-side's second season would result in another safe campaign while it would be an immediate relegation back to the Men's First Division for B&BP.

Westcliff Seconds have shown steady improvement and they would take home the Men's First Division title ahead of Fitzwimarc Seconds. Phoenix Flames record a second successive third place finish, leaving new boys Fitzwimarc Thirds and Chase to battle the drop. After surviving the previous year, Chase would be able to do the same again and Fitz Thirds would be relegated back down.

SLH Rayleigh return to the Men's First Division after a two-year absence as they edge to the title in a close call with Eastwood finishing runners-up and Hawkwell just behind in third. Hawkwell Seconds finishing in fourth with Blenheim coming bottom in the Men's.

After the Mixed Premier mid-season split didn't work, it would revert to three Divisions of five teams. In the top Division, Fitzwimarc defend their title ahead of Westcliff and Eastwood again. The relegation fight would be between Fitzwimarc Seconds and B&BP, and Fitz Seconds slip down a Division with the newly promoted side doing enough to survive.

The Mixed First Division promotion battle would be a close one between Westcliff Seconds and Phoenix Flames but the latter would edge home. Eastwood Seconds would be safe in mid table and after storming the Mixed Second in the previous season, Phoenix Flames Seconds would survive with SLH Rayleigh dropping down.

Hawkwell, after finishing runners-up in the previous season, take the Mixed Second Division title ahead of Westcliff Thirds and Fitzwimarc Thirds. Phoenix Flames Thirds finish up in fourth with Highlands propping up the Division.

Despite years of dominance, adjusted handicaps see Fitzwimarc dethroned in the Masters Premier with Phoenix Flames taking the title instead. Eastwood and Hawkwell comfortably survive in third and fourth while Westcliff head back to the Masters First Division after just one season.

Finally, Phoenix Flames Seconds bounce back to win the Masters First Division ahead of Eastwood Seconds and Fitzwimarc Seconds. Phoenix Flames Thirds avoid a second successive wooden spoon, with that accolade going to Fitzwimarc Thirds.

This magazine was first published in 1988 and, with no 'live' badminton to report, we take a glance back over the last 33 years

Although formed in 1953, at the instigation of Bernard Chandler, the first official Southend & District League matches were not played until season 1953/54. Initially the league was confined to mixed teams, and just six clubs took part. By season 1968/69 there were 24 member clubs with 31 teams playing in six mixed divisions and ten teams playing in two men's divisions. It wasn't until two years later that the first ladies' doubles division was formed.

Press coverage of the early years was a largely hit-and-miss affair, and could not be relied upon. It wasn't until the late 1970s that regular badminton copy appeared in the local press, provided by yours truly. Few people kept copies of these reports (one who did was Dave Kitchens) and the information contained was mostly blown away on the winds of time. Dave donated his original folder to me a few years ago and, together with my own collection, these are the only records of the early years.

So it was that, on my suggestion, and Chairman Robbie Bysouth's subsequent insistence, this magazine was born, and has since provided a permanent record of all SDBA leagues and competitions.

Our first reports from season 1988/89, confirmed the domination of the Southend Manor club, which captured all three of the Premier Divisions. From a total of 30 matches played, Manor collectively dropped just four rubbers in that season, an astonishing record. There was a splendid picture of the club with the three Premier trophies, including well-known names: Ken Adams, Keith Robinson, Adrian Watling and Kathy Cracknell. Big story at the championships was the ladies' doubles triumph of 16 year olds Lois Coker and Karina Bryant, who defeated Sue Lynch and Julie Pearson in the final. The following season saw Manor hold on to both mixed and ladies crowns, but the men's was taken by fast emerging Eastwood, whose line-up included the two Pearson brothers (Ian & John) as well as Steve Bish.

Volume 5 (1991/92) reported on SDBA's first trip to foreign parts when we sent a team to Löhne in Germany to contest the International Kanguruh Cup. What a fabulous success it was and an exciting new experience for all who took part. Our squad stayed for three nights in Germany and the magazine reported that all the senior members were booked into a hotel, while the younger members of the party were hosted by local families. The hospitality was marvellous and the tournament organisation superior to anything our players had experienced in this country. In modern parlance it was 'something else' and, apart from the badminton, there were dancing girls, music and flashing lights, and enormous barbecues in the evenings. The finals were run alongside an international event and 1,000 paying spectators watched our players reach the last stages. To cap it all, our lot won the team trophy which was presented again to captain Keith Robinson at the presentation dance by England International, Andy Goode. Domestically, there were clean sweeps in the men's Premier for Eastwood, and for Canvey in the ladies', and a double at the Championships for John Pearson, with Keith Robinson in the men's and Sue Lynch in the mixed.



THE COFFEE MILL

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Our love affair with the Kanguruh Cup continued the following year (1992/93, volume 6) and I went along for the first time. Eleven of us flew from Gatwick to Paderborn where we were then whisked the 100 kilometres to our hotel by a small fleet of lovely Mercedes cars. We were joined at a restaurant that evening by our team-mates who had driven all the way from home. It was an exciting evening full of expectation for the days ahead. I remember the meal well - Wienerschnitzel, followed by my first experience of tiramisu. What a weekend!

It was "Pfingstwochenende" in Germany. There were 400 competitors for the tournament and magic in the air. The magazine reported that on both Saturday and Sunday evenings we didn't return to the hotel until about midnight. We took our dinner into the hall where some of the rounds in the 12 court arena went on until about 11pm. A handful of our players arrived back at the hotel at four o'clock on Sunday morning to find the landlord sitting outside with his girlfriend. Being a bonny morning he treated them all to a beer! Pam Tatum won the 'B' Group ladies with Sue Lynch, and the mixed with Adrian Watling. Sue Blackwell and Lois Coker won the 'A' Group ladies with Karina Bryant and Gill Heysham in second place. Southend retained the team trophy.

Volume 7 (1993/94) saw Sue Crompton take her first Premier mixed title with Carl Chinnery, while Karina Bryant collected her third ladies doubles crown, this time with Sarah Parsonson, who also won the singles. Steve Bish described how he went to the Portuguese open and reached the semi-final of the men's doubles where he lost to a strong pair from Denmark.

Volume 8 (1994/95) saw Pete Emptage and Pam Dallow travel to Australia where they became the O/40 World Masters champions, defeating a Chinese pair 15-8, 15-9 in the final. Also in Australia were seven SDBA players, including Jackie Jones, Sean Conlon, Ken Adams and Andy Forsyth where they represented UK Customs in the World Police & Fire Games. The direct flight took 27 hours and the initial ceremony took place at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in front of 65,000 spectators. Our appetites whetted by the Kanguruh Cup, Annette Baker, Kevin Coleman, Birgit Bryant and Reg Kightly sallied forth to Belgium to try out another foreign tournament - The Magnum Trophy - for teams of four. At the presentation evening awards were given by Sue and Paul Whetnall.

The following year we had the pleasure of Andy and Jo Goode's company at the presentation dance, which followed a season when Eastwood won all of their ten matches in the Premier Mixed, and Southend Manor an unprecedented 12 out of 12 in the Ladies. Peter Emptage won the Championship singles. Not bad for a veteran!

Adrienne Barber (now Munro) was featured in the 11th issue of the magazine, and described her first visit to the increasingly popular Magnum in Belgium. That was just as well, for the same year saw our final excursion to the Kanguruh Cup, which was then discontinued due to loss of sponsorship. Again, despite the diminished razzmatazz, the event was a great success. Steve Bish and Karina Bryant won the mixed doubles and partnered by sister, Lene, Karina also won the ladies. The 'B' Group mixed was won by Mark King and Sue Cosgrove. A professional Bundesliga player from Germany declined to take on Steve at singles. Our swansong was a lovely barbecue in the hotel garden, followed by Paul Chesterton and Steve Bish saying "Malcolm, if this event is ever held again and you don't invite us, then we won't speak to you again." Darren Hall was a very popular guest at the dance!

Page three of volume 14 featured a lovely picture of John Pearson and his bride Philippa Jackson, married on September 15th 2000. John's club, Eastwood, won their 5th consecutive Men's Premier championship while Leighway took the mixed and St. Aidans-Leigh the ladies'. Pete Emptage and John Gardner won gold at the Euro O/50s in Bulgaria. Nine teams (36 players) took the road to the Magnum and Sue Crompton described her first visit to this event and her success in 'B' Group with team-mates Clive Betts, Lee Scott and Julie Gowen.

Volume 16 celebrated the 50th anniversary of the SDBA and the cover featured notable figures of the age and recent past. Lee Scott won his fifth consecutive singles title while Sue Crompton won her fourth. Mark King & Lee Scott took the men's championship title and Sue Crompton and Sue Cosgrove, the ladies'. Paul Barber was Chairman of the Association.

While Eastwood continued to dominate the Men's Premier, having dropped just nine rubbers in ten matches, volume 17 showed that Leighway were increasing their influence with victory in both of the top ladies' and mixed divisions. Lee Scott made it six on the trot in the championship singles, and Sue Crompton took the ladies'. Mark King and Sue held on to their mixed title while Lee Winsor and John Pearson won the men's.

Volume 20 (2006/07) featured all-conquering Sue Crompton as the very first Page Three Girl, instigated, of course, by Adrian Watling. It was the 20th issue of this magazine. Eastwood's power having waned, it was Leighway who dominated the men's premier with just one loss in their ten matches. Some team called Localife were top of division two. County captain, Karina Bryant, reported that her best player, Ian Pearson, had decided to "quit badminton and take up tennis." Despite this her Essex team manage to finish second to the mighty Yorkshire in the ten county top division. Neil Easton described his first visit to the Magnum and mentioned that "Adrian Watling left his shoes on the Eurostar train and has since been charged for the fumigation of two carriages."

Volume 21 and we are catapulted into the 21st century as Mark King's Character Print & Design Ltd (now Abbeystar) took over the production of this magazine. The issue bore a glossy action cover and a stunning colour shot of Kera Lewis on page three. An equally stunning picture depicted Donna Harris with a presentation to Lorene and Clare Roberts.



2008, a great year for Southend teams at the Magnum in Belgium! A Group Champions, Essex-Landers

B/C Group Top Dogs, Baldilocks and the Three Hairs



At the Magnum, it was Essex-Landers, comprising Danny and Adrienne Munro, Lee Scott and Nicola Waller who won the top group, celebrated later by a champagne party in the hotel bar. At the Championships it was Paul Kirby and James Anderson who took the men's crown, while Karina Bryant and Lynne Swan win the ladies. James chalked up a double when he landed the mixed with Nicola Harrison.

It's the year 2009/10 and Volume 23 tells us that Westcliff pipped Eastwood and Leighway to land the men's crown. The club also took the Ladies' Premier. Adrian sported a flamboyant jacket and tie at the dance, while James Anderson turned up as Hiawatha. Kevin Coleman sank a Kwak at the Magnum, while at the Championships, John Masheter got his name on the mixed crown with Karina Bryant. Karina and Lynne Swan make it three on the trot in the ladies' while David Wenn and Alan Sibley land the men's.

Volume 24's cover features a lovely picture of Rebecca Terry while Laura Roberts shines on page three. Mark King begins a ten-year slot as our Chairman. Neil Raven is pictured making the introductions at the dance and Echo sports writer, Chris Phillips, is our guest of honour. At last, thanks to Alan Morris, we see some coverage in the local press. The pictures in the mag are lovely and we see Adrian comically dancing cheek-to-cheek with Clare Roberts and (separately) Birgit in the lovely town square at Mechelen.

Steve Butler presents the prizes at the dance in volume 25, and the magazine features a super picture of Sue Crompton and Viv Gillard who successfully defended their Over 45 Ladies' Doubles crown at the National Seniors Open (over 45). In her Magnum notes, Lorene Roberts reported that her team 'The Only Way is Essex' arrived in Mechelen in good time having been driven by "the one and only Adrian Watling in his bat mobile." There was the inevitable late night high-jinx at Vivaldi's, and yours truly wrote an article about Belgian beer. At the Champs, Karina landed her eighth doubles title, this time with Liz Gotts, while John Masheter took the men's with Andy Frye and the mixed with Karina. Ex chairman Paul Barber reported on the sad loss of SDBA founder, Bernard Chandler. On a much happier note, Greensward teams took the first two places in the Veterans Premier.

Nick Ponting presented the trophies in Volume 26. Andy Frye reported that Essex had bounced back from relegation to be champions of Division One. Lee Scott reflected on a great performance for the Essex 3rd. team.

Volume 27 reported on a magnificent performance by Southend players at the World Senior Championships in Turkey with five Southend players included in the England team. Tournament Secretary, Keith Robinson stepped down after 20 years in the job.

Volume 28 reported that no fewer than 14 players from the Southend league competed in the English National Veteran's Championships at Hatfield. There were winners medals for Viv Gillard, Sue Crompton, John Masheter, Lynne Swan, and two for both Peter Emptage and Karina Bye.



**Kevin sinks a Kwak
at the Magnum**

**While Karina Bryant
& Lynne Swan win the
Championship doubles
for the third time**



Andrea Lloyd reported on her first trip to the Magnum where Adam Sibley, Charlotte Lane, Emma Harris and Matt Allum (The 'A' team) won the top group in style. Derek Matthews reported on probably the best Essex team ever (that included local boy, Pete Emptage) winners of the County Championship in 1977.

Volume 29 (2015/16) saw Leighway take all three premier titles again but, catching the eye in the ladies' First Division were Fitzwimarc, undefeated in 12 matches. Sara Thompson led the way for the Rayleigh side. There was international success for Roy Lord at the World Masters Championships in Sweden. Playing with Robert Bell in the O/65s (where there were more entries than any other group) Roy took gold in the level doubles before, with Eileen Carley, from Yorkshire, he won gold again in the mixed. Andrew Strutt announced that he would be taking over from Alan Morriss as our new press officer. The issue reported more local success at the prestigious All England Seniors where unseeded Leighway combination, Dave Gotts and John Masheter, lifted the men's crown in brilliant style.

Volume 30 (2016/17) featured a lovely picture of our new MC on page three, the vivacious Wendy Hyde. Andrew Strutt reviewed the league season for the first time and noted, among other things, that Fitzwimarc had won the Veteran's Premier for the fifth straight time. Angela McDaniel played every match and dropped just four rubbers. Leighway won their fifth straight Premier title with Karina Bye undefeated. Eastwood pipped Leighway in the top mixed, with Adam Sibley to the fore. Golden veteran, Roy Lord presented the prizes at the dance, and captain Bye described how Essex O/40s again walked away with the ICC National Championship. Success too for the O/45s as captain Trevor Rogers described how they secured the crown for the fifth successive year. There were great action pictures of junior players taken by Eric O'Brien, and, in celebration of 50 years, a stunning wedding 'black & white' of Fitzwimarc supremo Mike Worship, with his bride Linda.

We'll sign off with Volume no.31. I'm sure that most of you can remember what has happened since – not much over the past couple of years! We'll close with this quote from Gary Webb that concerned long time SDBA player John Kindred. "In September 2017, before the start of our domestic season, the World Senior Championships were held in faraway Kerala, India. Lim Loo, Janice Flower, Annette Baker and probably the coolest man in Southend – Mr Eastwood himself, John Kindred, decided to make the journey and accept the challenge of representing England. The opposition was tough, as expected, but John was fortunate enough to partner Surrey's Ian Purton, probably England's number one in this age group. He finished up with a bronze medal."

.....*Editor's comment – it's a long way to go for a take away!*



“Mr Eastwood” celebrates his club’s 2014/15 Premier Championship with Mr Watling

**Early issues of this magazine were not complete without a picture of Mr Dave Kitchens
Here he is in 1998 in the bar in Germany with Steve Bish and Paul Chesterton**



**2015/16 Championship Mixed winners
Rebecca Terry & David Wenn**





Volume 29 (2015/16). Dave Gotts and John Masheter celebrate their **All England 0/40 Veteran's triumph**.
The Leighway combination were unseeded



Two in a row for Viv Gillard and Sue Crompton

Viv Gillard and Sue Crompton successfully defended their Over 45 Ladies' Doubles crown at the 96th Seniors Open Championships played at Milton Keynes, April 21/22nd 2012. As always, the prestigious and popular event attracted entries from many countries. In this age group the Southend pair faced opposition from Denmark and Holland as well as the home countries.

Seeded One after their success the previous year, the Essex girls won all three of their matches in group 'A', defeating Hanne Bertelsen and Meret Ravn from Denmark, 21-18, 21-12; Alison Johnstone and Lynn Robb from Scotland, 21-12, 21-16; and English pair, Christine Marsden and Elaine Meagher 19-21, 21-9, 21-15. All four Group 'B' matches were won by the Dutch duo of Sandra Kroon and Jeannette Vd Werff. In an England v Holland final the Dutch girls were no match for Viv and Sue as they comfortably defended their title in straight games. A staunch supporter of our local league, Sue Crompton won her first Championship title back in 1987/88. Her haul of 12 S&D Championship crowns includes five singles titles.

Viv, meanwhile, continues her much sought after coaching sessions for leading youngster's at the Chalkwell centre.

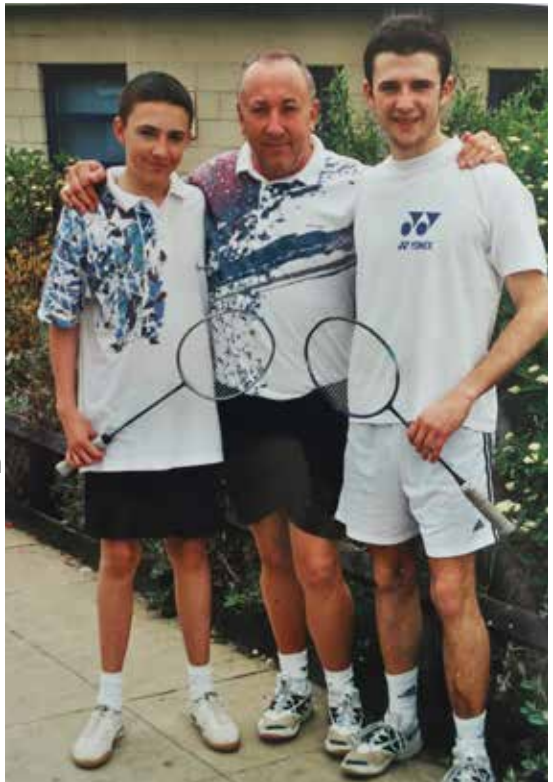




*New facilities for Phoenix Flames
at the Seaglass Centre*

Few people have contributed as much to local badminton as John Scott. Here pictured in our 2003 issue with sons, Mark and Lee

(below) Lee, pictured in 2010 with Nicola Waller, when the pair were unbeaten in the Premier Division. Lee has won six Championship singles titles (between 1999 and 2004), three men's doubles, with Mark King - and three mixed doubles crowns, one with Julie Gowen and two with Karina Bryant.



Exciting new facilities for Phoenix Flames

Phoenix Flames has teams in both men's and ladies' divisions, as well as three mixed teams and a veteran's side. Their second mixed squad won all nine of their Second Division matches played to the end of 2020 (no matches played last season). Well run, and enthusiastically supported, the club also sends players to compete in the annual Magnum tournament in Belgium.

With their magnificent new playing venue at Thorpe Hall School, they have every reason to be optimistic about the future. The three-court venue is situated at the Seaglass Centre, attached to the school. Opened in November 2018, and so called because of its colour, the construction cost of the facility was £2.4 million. The opening ceremony was performed by six times Olympic medallist Max Whitlock MBE. Careful consideration was given to several sports, including badminton, in the design of the facility.

Phoenix uses the new hall every Friday, while on Thursdays Ian Breed and Kevin Coleman run a junior club, followed by an adult pay and play in the evening.

Speaking for the club, Jill Beaver said "The school is really supportive and encourages us all the time. The playing facilities are great and the floor ideal for badminton. It is an airy hall and the lighting is good too."

With regard to the off-court amenities Jill was also full of praise. "The staff are really helpful. There are showers etc. but we haven't used them during Covid, and there is a cold water dispenser for drinking bottles." Jill also mentioned that there is a viewing gallery and meeting rooms. "The whole club are so glad we moved here," she added.

Kevin Coleman and Ian Breed with members of the Phoenix junior club.



The Phoenix Junior Club, by coach Kevin Coleman

The club now known as Phoenix Junior Badminton Club started out in 1983 as a training course offered by Rochford Council at Clements Hall sports centre, and the course was coached by Ron Hawkes. Originally the group met on Sunday mornings, but it proved so popular that it was changed to Tuesday afternoon with two sessions each with four courts. With an ever-growing waiting list, more sessions were added until eventually there were five sessions per week, two on Tuesday and three on Thursday.

In 1987 Kevin Coleman joined Ron Hawkes to assist with coaching. The five weekly sessions were organised as a beginners and improvers group on each Tuesday and Thursday, and a two-hour session on Thursday called The Club. The Club players were the winning children from an internal tournament held at the end of each term in the improvers' classes. These children were then invited to join The Club.

At this time when matches were played against other junior clubs in the Southend and District Junior League, the club was known as Clements Hall. We had in excess of 100 children playing each week and a waiting list. In the nineties the management of Clements Hall passed from Rochford Council to various other companies.

As the management of Clements Hall evolved The Club was always fighting for survival as each new operator wanted to use the club's peak time - between 7pm to 9pm - for adult use. After successfully surviving these attempts we renamed the club Clements Phoenix, however eventually Virgin Active took over the centre. Around this time Ron Hawkes retired from junior involvement, whereas I continued to run the club sessions and John Scott took on the beginners and improvers. Without any notice nor consultation, I was informed that Virgin would be discontinuing the club sessions with immediate effect. This was the day before we were due to resume after the summer break which meant no time to make any alternative arrangements, that in turn finished the club for a period. I managed to find alternative places for the older children at some senior clubs including my own senior club Fitzwimarc where I was organising the original Fitzwimarc social players sessions.

After a break of a couple of years the club was restarted from scratch at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre. This was as a result of The Junior Association, with the help of Daryl Hardcastle, obtaining a grant. The original idea was for me to oversee David Hardman as he had let his coaching licence expire and had no CRB certificate. However, David then took a job with the Lawn Tennis Association and could not continue. I agreed to continue running the club until another coach could be found, and I am still doing it some 10 years later!

I was assisted initially by Dan Slayford and then Matt Tonge. At this time I changed the club name to Garons Phoenix. After the departures of Dan and Matt due to going to university and starting a new job respectively, Ian Breed took his level 1 coaching award and agreed to assist me and thankfully is still helping to this day. Garons Phoenix facilities gradually became so bad and dangerous that we started looking for an alternative venue. We were lucky enough to have a parent of one child on the staff at Thorpe Hall. He informed me of plans to build a multi-million-pound sports hall and enquired whether we would be interested in moving there. The club jumped at the opportunity and so in January 2019 we moved to a brand-new facility, when the name changed once more to the Phoenix Junior Badminton Club. Hopefully this will be the final rising from the ashes!

Hats off to Fitzwimarc

While many clubs in our league have struggled to survive, have amalgamated with others, or even failed to keep going, Fitzwimarc continue to prosper. Founded in the late 1970s with approximately fifteen playing members, the Rayleigh outfit today boasts a membership of close on a hundred. Saddled, originally, with the low ceiling and slippery wooden floors of the old Fitzwimarc school hall, the club soldiered on. Founding member, Mike Worship, was instrumental in appointing an enthusiastic Committee who organised regular social and fundraising events that helped keep the club's subs to a minimum. Over the years these have included quiz nights, race nights, ten-pin bowling, dinner-dances, wine tasting evenings, Sunday rambles with a pub lunch, and even weekends away to coastal resorts. They also run a '75' club which raises funds and provides a 'kitty' for a monthly draw. Mike believed that these social events were important in raising morale and friendship within the club.

Money provided by the National Lottery Sports Council in 1995 gave a tremendous boost for the club with the building of a splendid new sports hall, containing five side-by-side badminton courts. Suitably encouraged, Fitzwimarc expanded its quest for new members. It was one of the first clubs to set up its own website that provided over a dozen new members in the first two years.

Volume 21 of our magazine reported that Mike had retired as Club Captain after 27 years in the post. Relegated to the post of Club Chairman, he was delighted to find that daughter, Marie, had picked up the reins of running the club with equal enthusiasm. The Clubs' 'pegboard' system of organising the games at club nights continues to provide a happy and contented attendance at the club.



On the competitive scene, in season 1989/90 for example, Fitzwimarc had one team in each of the Southend & District Leagues. Today, they have two ladies' teams, three men's, and three mixed. In addition to these there are three Fitzwimarc teams playing in the two divisions of the Masters league. The youngsters, meanwhile, are not forgotten, with coach Eric O'Brien, assisted by senior members of the club, providing a first class and regular system of coaching. Youngsters who reach the required level of improvement and enthusiasm are invited to join the senior players on club nights.

A couple of years ago my wife and I were invited to the 40th Anniversary of the Fitzwimarc Badminton Club held at the Rayleigh Golf Club. Typical of 'Fitz' it was a well organised, well attended and most delightful evening. I doubt there is another club in the county which is run with such dedication and enthusiasm. Long may it continue to prosper!

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Cricket taking off indoors?

How long might it be before full-scale cricket can be played under a roof in this country? The Daily Telegraph's Scyld Berry suggests that potential venues already exist around the country in the form of discarded airport hangars. Hire one of these, writes Berry and, provided there is no central pillar, we can start playing next week. All of that, of course, is a maybe. However, Australia already has an indoor cricket stadium and India is actively planning to build one. Considering our problems with the weather in this country, we may not be too far behind them.

Although the sport is up and running in Australia, it is played in a multi-purpose facility. The Marvel Stadium in Melbourne's docklands district plays host to the highly successful Big Bash League. The arena has a seating capacity for an audience of 52,000 and is equipped with a retractable roof that can be closed in just eight minutes.

While no dedicated indoor cricket stadium exists at the moment, one is actually on the drawing board at Rajkot, in India. Unpredictable monsoon weather over the past few years has caused serious disruption to several matches and has forced the Saurashtra Cricket Association to seriously consider the option of a weather proof facility. Talks are in progress with a French company to undertake the project.

Gobsmacked! The night Reg Kightley and Sue Crompton met England No.1 Steve Baddeley



Last of the great commentators?

Since our last publication we have lost two of the nation's favourite sports commentators, Peter Alliss, who died last December, and Murray Walker, who we lost on March 13th this year, aged 97.

Murray was joined in the commentary booth by James Hunt, when the ex-world champion retired in 1979, to form one of TV's great duos. He was passionate about motor racing and sometimes almost carried away by his enthusiasm. Clive James once observed that "even in moments of tranquillity, Murray Walker sounds like a man whose trousers are on fire." The laconic James Hunt was the perfect foil for the boyishly excitable Walker. Said to have drunk two bottles of wine in preparation for his commentary of the 1980 Monaco GP, Hunt, on another occasion, was said by Walker "to be out inspecting the track", when, in fact, he was out of the box and smoking something special. Other Murray Walker classics were: "There's nothing wrong with the car except that it's on fire" "and now, excuse me while I interrupt myself". There were plenty more, including: "The lead car is unique, except for the one behind it which is identical".

Peter Alliss, renowned for his droll perceptiveness, was the BBC golf correspondent and commentator for many years. Describing a wet day at St. Andrews, Peter observed that "One of the good things about rain in Scotland is that most of it ends up as scotch". Much missed, since his demise at the age of 84, he leaves big boots to fill in the commentary team.

As a keen cricket fan, the first great commentator I can remember was the legendary John Arlott. The man who introduced Ian Botham to the joys of red wine. When John described his last Test Match over at Lords in 1980, and brought his career as a commentator to an end, play was stopped, and both the players and the crowd clapped in appreciation. Radio had been the dominant broadcasting medium for the most part of Arlott's innings, and more than any other, he succeeded joyously in painting a picture to listeners of what was unfolding before him. Of his many famous quotes I have chosen two: "It is rather suitable for umpires to dress like dentists, since one of their tasks is to draw stumps". Then, of England captain and off-spin bowler, Ray Illingworth, when he threw the ball to another bowler: "Ray Illingworth is relieving himself in front of the pavilion."

For rugby, there was Bill McLaren, who also had a nice turn of phrase: "He could sidestep three men in a telephone box". Snooker, for many years, had whispering Ted Lowe. "Fred Davis, the doyen of snooker, now 67 years of age and too old to get his leg over, prefers to use his left hand". For boxing we had Harry Carpenter. Not unknown to drop a clanger, for example "He looks up through blood smeared lips." And, at the Oxford & Cambridge boat race, his unfortunate description of what happened to the man who sat at the back of the winning boat cannot be repeated. Then there was his popular double act with Frank Bruno – "Know what I mean, 'arry?"

We mustn't forget Richie Benaud who, when describing a six by Ian Botham (Headingley 1981 – Botham's Test) commented "Don't bother looking for that, let alone chasing it. That's gone straight into the confectionary stall and out again." What of BADMINTON? Well, we do have Gillian Gowers, solid performer, but can't find any quips worth repeating. Then there's dear old Morten Frost. A laugh a minute in his own language I'm sure but still, he was my favourite player, with no less than four All England singles titles. We'll wrap up with David Coleman. Not necessarily loved, but famous for putting his foot in it. The so called Coleman-balls. Here's a couple: "And the line-up for the woman's 400 metres hurdles includes three Russians, two East Germans, a Pole, a Swede and a Frenchman." Finally, "That's the fastest time ever run, but it's not as fast as the world record." Say no more.....Ed.

Sixty three year old golfer drives ball 350 yards

Playing at Sunningdale on July 23rd this year, 63 year old Bernhard Langer amazed watchers when he hit a monster drive of 350 yards. Langer later claimed that this proves that the game of golf now definitely has a 'distance issue'. "So far, they haven't yet done anything really to any great impact to bring the ball back," said Langer. "You're making some courses obsolete and golf becomes more expensive because whereas you used to need 7,000 yards, now you need 8,000 yards." A prolific performer on the senior tour, Bernhard has won eleven majors.

Money was getting a bit tight at one time so I thought we could save a few pounds on the cost of a DJ for our Presentation Dance. After all, I had all my own equipment, and the latest records – Slow boat to China, Roses of Picardy, You're the Cream in my Coffee etc. And there's this new bloke named Frank Sinatra. I've got a few of his too.....*the Committee weren't keen on the idea.*



SOUTHEND & DISTRICT JUNIOR BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

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<u>Junior Club</u>	<u>Club Sec.</u>	<u>Club night</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>#</u>	<u># Awaiting confirmation</u>
Fitzwimarc school JBC	Eric O'Brien	Tues/Fri		6.00pm-7.30pm		at Fitzwimarc school, Rayleigh		
Fitzwimarc Academy...	Marie Baker	Mon.....		5.00pm-7.00pm		at Swayne school, Rayleigh.		
Phoenix J.B.C.....	Kevin Coleman	Thurs ...		5.30pm-7.30pm		at Thorpe Hall school, Gt Wakering		
Highlands Academy....	(Tim Rainbow)	Thurs....		5.00pm-7.00pm		at Belfairs HS/Academy, Leigh		
Minette J.B.C.....	Viv Gillard	Mon.....		5.00pm-7.00pm		at Chalkwell Badminton Cent, Leigh		

JUNIOR BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS: Venue : St Thomas More HS or Belfair's Academy : **T.B.A**

PLEASE NOTE: S&DJBA are waiting for stated schools above to advise them of their Coronavirus-19 epidemic guidelines & court hire costs / hour before any Tournaments ie: FRITH and CAROLYN BOYS can be organised.

Until above details are received, S&DJBA are NOT able to arrange any Annual Tournaments and set dates.

i.e. FRITH usually held late Nov.; ECBA's Futures maybe school's Feb half term and CAROLYN BOYS held late Mar
Please remember The CAROLYN BOYS Tournament is for GIRLS as well as BOYS .. with singles + level doubles events !

Prepared by.. Colin Porter Hon Treasurer

S&DJBA's purpose is to promote junior badminton within Southend, Rochford and Castle Point education areas

Junior badminton report by Colin Porter

For those unaware, the Junior Association was formed over 39 years ago by three key people: Alick Hartley (WHS for Girls teacher/coach), and Ken and Joyce Frith (Leighway Minette coaches) with the desire to create a Junior Association to promote badminton coaching for local juniors. Only a few junior clubs existed in our area at the time. Many local players had the same idea and the Junior Association's first General Committee was formed. You might recall the names of some of those players, e.g. Eileen Cattell, John Scott, Christine and Terry Tibble, Malcolm Liddell, Mike Worship and me. In the 39 years since, hundreds of local senior players, parents, and family members have assisted the Association in many ways such as serving on the General Committee, or calling score at our tournaments, especially for under twelves, for which the Association is truly grateful.

In the 1980s most schools were willing to promote sports outside school, which generated a lot of interest. In the Association's early years, our main tournament in September had very high entries for singles and level doubles for all age groups i.e. U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U18.

Junior Badminton Association (SEESJBA). In the late 1990s schools stopped the promotion of local sports and our Association became the Southend & District Junior B.A (S&DJBA). We are well established within the county of Essex.

The total number of tournament games was so great that the event had to be held at two schools - Eastwood (Boys) and Cecil Jones Comprehensive - for two consecutive days. Yes, four day's worth! As Tournament Secretary during this period, I remember it well. Fortunately we had over forty local senior club players to help us for two to three hours a day to score games for the younger beginners.

Can you remember games played before 2006 that used the old scoring system, where points up to 15 could only be scored when a player or their partner were serving? The current scoring system, introduced in 2006, took several months before players accepted it.

Over 38 years, like most sports, the Association has had its ups and downs, peaking with eight junior clubs in 1990-2000s e.g. *Belle-Vue, Chase, *Clements' Ferrers, *Fitzwimarc School, Fitzwimarc Academy, *Highlands Academy, *Minette, Orion, *Phoenix, Rayleigh Park, Runnymede, *Southend Manor Juniors, St. Bernards, W.H.S for Girls and *Westcliff.

During the last decade the number of local junior clubs has, sadly, declined. The five that remain are mentioned above. Over the same period S&DBA has suffered a similar loss of adult clubs, with some clubs deciding to merge.

On behalf of the Junior Association I would like to thank the S&DBA Committee for their support during this period in allowing our Junior reports to be included in this annual magazine.

Please see the S&D Junior Badminton Association's 2021-22 list of Committee members and local clubs in this magazine. We are currently looking for keen helpers from adult players and parents, so if you're keen to put something back into local badminton, please contact our Chairperson, Eric.

.....Colin Porter

The Association always does its best to run their annual tournaments, e.g. Frith – named in memory of Ken & Joyce Frith, and Carolyn Boys – named in memory of a young promising girl player named Carolyn Boys who sadly died of leukaemia in her early teens. However, with the decline of junior clubs over the last decade, tournament entries have also declined respectively, meaning sometimes it has not been cost effective to stage an event. Badminton has also had to contend with the many opportunities that youngsters have to access different sports during weekends, as well as video game consoles etc.

Like all sports, we have been badly affected by the Coronavirus pandemic since mid March 2020, with clubs not allowed to play due to the associated social restrictions and two metre distancing guidelines etc. However, with the Government's recent easing of the pandemic restrictions and guidelines in England, junior clubs are now able to hold club nights. Most junior and senior clubs hire out school sports halls and, therefore, are dependent on how the respective schools manage their sports hall hire. Most clubs have lost some members due to the pandemic and many parents continue to be cautious about allowing their children to socialize within these groups during the current climate. All five of our junior clubs are now holding club nights and are very cautious with players having to keep (bubble) distance and maintain sanitary precautions.

Our 38th AGM held via Zoom (26/07/21) concluded we are as yet unable to announce tournament dates. There being so many unknowns, especially with the availability of school's sports halls from September 2021 – and the currently undetermined 2021-22 court hall fees.

The association is waiting to hear from St Thomas More HS (Westcliff) sports hall to confirm availability and court hire fees for 2021-22 before we are able to organise our tournaments. We hope the Frith tournament can be held in late November 2021 and Carolyn Boys in late March 2022. Keep your fingers crossed!!

NOTE: Some Tournaments in other districts have been held for certain age groups, being held in bubbles on certain days, for example U12's 'Day 1 am', U14's 'Day 1 aft', U16's 'Day 2 am' etc. which have needed greater court time resulting in increased costs. If this proves to be true, then the Association will probably absorb the extra costs, to ensure our entry fees are competitive with other junior entry fees within the county.



Junior badminton hard hit by Covid - Eric O'Brien and John Scott report

Fitzwimarc School Junior Badminton Club Report 2021

After a very long year and three months the Junior Club finally re-opened for play at The Fitzwimarc School Sports Hall on Friday 18th June 2021.

Although there were still some restrictions in force due to the pandemic, the young players adapted very well and got on with their games with great enthusiasm, seemingly very pleased to get back on court and hit a few shuttles with their friends.

The parents had kept in contact throughout and I was pleased with their help and interest in ensuring the children were made aware of the need for caution so we could re-open safely for everyone's benefit.

After some discussions with the school and a few problems caused by their changes to times and dates, we opened as planned with a minimum of fuss. Using four courts with bubbles of four players per court mainly consisting of already established bubbles from school classes, plus some from the same families, seemed to fit in with the requirements from most groups.

During their enforced time away from badminton quite a few of the older players had moved on, some had entered employment, some had just grown away from the sport and taken up newer pastimes and others had moved away to other areas, but their places were very soon filled by younger siblings starting as beginners.

As of Monday 12th July 2021, our last evening before school closure for the summer break, we had an attendance of two girls and eleven boys whilst on Friday 9th July 2021 we had eight girls and eight boys and there are several more pupils showing interest in joining, so I believe we are going in the right direction.

Hopefully with some cooperation from the school I will be able to continue to book the hall to enable us to plan a way forward and secure the courts to allow the younger players to enjoy and develop their badminton and social skills.

.....**Eric O'Brien**, Fitzwimarc Junior Badminton Coaching Officer

Southend & District Badminton Academy Report, July 2021

The Junior Academy, unfortunately, has been completely decimated by the periods of lockdown, as well as some older players choosing not to return because of exams and the natural movement to senior clubs. There have also been fewer new and younger players and, as yet, we are unable to organise a trials day owing to the unavailability of school halls.

At the last count we have just five players who wish to return for the restart in September. Let us hope that some school halls will become available so that we can plan a restart. There has not, at the moment, been any change to the finances of the Academy, although we will need to refund those players who have requested it.

.....**John Scott**

Italian penalty miss, 1966

Prompted by England's predictable penalty fiasco against Italy at Wembley recently, I couldn't help casting my mind back to 1966. The month was August, and with a company take-over imminent, I had decided to resign from my office manager job and embark upon a long holiday. With my Triumph Spitfire loaded with camping paraphernalia on the boot rack, I set off for the continent. Several days later I arrived on the Adriatic coast of Italy. With vague notions of taking the ferry to Brindisi, I headed south towards Bari. I remember the piles of watermelons awaiting collection on the fields alongside the road and the almost complete absence of traffic. I drove towards a halt sign with a road leading diagonally off to the right and one to the left. There wasn't a vehicle in sight so, wishing to turn left, I thought nothing of driving over the lines in the middle of the road to resume my journey. Suddenly, I heard the throaty roar of an engine. "What the hell's that?" I thought. A Polizia motorcycle drew alongside and the rider gestured for me to pull in. I hadn't seen him as he had been parked under the trees just off the road. Stationary now, I feared the worst and wondered how many thousand lira this might cost me. The policeman parked his bike and wandered over to the passenger side of the car. He seemed somewhat surprised that there was no one in the seat. Anyway, as he stepped round to my side he produced a book and a pen. About to write, he paused and wandered round to the back of the car. He noted the GB sticker and asked, "You watch world cup final?" "Yes," I said. "Very good" he continued, "England 4 Germany 2, me very 'appy..... you go free". With that he held up the traffic with what looked like a lollypop on a stick and waved me on my way. "Wow!" I thought, as I proceeded past another pile of watermelons. "If I had been wearing an England football shirt, he probably would have invited me home to dinner."

Ironical footnote After some time in Italy and an extended visit to France, where I had to wait three weeks in Cannes for a spare part for the Spitfire, I ended up in Denmark from where, some two years later, I was forced to return to the UK after breaking my leg in a **football** match.

.....**Ed**

Caught short

Due to uncertainty over crowd numbers this year, Wimbledon ordered just 75 per cent of their normal retail stocks. One of the first things they ran out of were towels, with 20,000 sold in record time. The rainiest tournament in recent years also saw 7,000 umbrellas sold in the first nine days. On a happier note, the BBC has extended its broadcasting rights with the All England Club until 2027. The Beeb already has the longest partnership in sports broadcasting history with Wimbledon.

Bouncing back

The only surviving tennis ball maker in the UK is Price of Bath. The company has now created the world's first 100% recycled ball. Named the 'Phoenix', it is constructed from old tennis balls and is judged to be up to tournament standard.

LEST WE FORGET!

I write this tribute to the many who are no longer with us.

Of my 45 years in local badminton my first memories were being invited to join the Southend Committee. It was around the early 80s, when the leagues were enormous. There were six divisions of men's, four of ladies', and nine mixed. I was initially appointed Lower League Representative then, briefly, to Secretary and following the death of Reg Harris in 1998, I became Chairman of the Association. I remember the President, Bernard Chandler, explaining how he helped form the Association in 1953 with four clubs; Avenue, Park Road, St. George's and St. Mark's. Players wore plimsols and used wooden rackets in those days, and matches were staged in church and village halls, youth centres and sometimes schools halls. Of the rules they agreed at the outset, many continue in use today.

My first '**Lest we Forget**' memory must, therefore, be of **Bernard Chandler** who sadly died on 30th May 2012. By his own admission, as a founder, Bernard did not realise how the Association would continue to develop, reaching its peak in 1989/90. Among many of Bernard's legacies was his interest in Committee work and closest to his heart was always the Association's Rules and Regulations, which he drew up over many years. He showed tremendous loyalty and rarely missed an AGM or Presentation evening and often presented the trophies. Even to this day he is sadly missed.

Secondly, and another who also gave so much of his inexhaustible energy and attention to detail to the local scene was Reg Harris. Appointed Chairman in 1989, Reg was also our Tournament Secretary for over a decade. His untimely death in 1998 left difficult shoes to fill. Bernard Chandler, in his report after Reg died, remarked: "Reg was ever present, seated in his 'controllers chair' marshalling the order of play and occasionally administering a gentle reprimand to anyone who had the audacity to be late on court or not be properly dressed in white. All administered with patient understanding and a friendly smile." Our sympathies went out to his dear wife Donna (Yvonne) and son Trevor who continued with the Canvey Club until it closed. None of us will ever forget Donna, who until her recent death (19th January, 1921) had always paid such loving care to our shuttles.

Another person I must mention, as he was so important to literally staging our local badminton, was Ken Frith (1921 to 1988). Ken was a lovely man who, along with his wife Joyce, coached many youngsters at Chalkwell. He was, along with Alick Hartley, one of the founding members of our Southend Junior Association and even today has a junior tournament named after him. While a vital cog in the wheel of junior badminton, Ken was also Secretary and a Trustee and largely responsible for restoring the Chalkwell Badminton Centre to our sport in 1969 after it had served as a warehouse during the war years.

Whilst I have mentioned Bernard, Reg and Donna Harris and Ken, there are, sadly, many other members of our Association who are no longer with us who we all remember with great fondness: Derek Matthews, David Tanner, John Apperly, Malcolm Green and Jack Pearson, to name but a few.

.....**Mike Worship**



Bernard Chandler



Jack and Brenda Pearson



Reg Harris, 1925-1998



Donna Harris



Local badminton lost a true gentleman recently. Ron Hawkes, known to many in the Southend area sadly passed away at the beginning of July. Ron started playing badminton a little later in life than most of us but enjoyed it so much that he gave up his job selling Rolls Royce cars to the rich and famous to become a full time badminton coach. Ron coached in East London, Brentwood leisure Centre and Clements Hall Leisure Centre. I had the privilege

to coach with Ron at Clements Hall for more than 30 years. In that time thousands of young and old players learned to enjoy the sport from him. A few have gone on to represent the country at national level. Most of the clubs in Southend have members taught by Ron. He will be sadly missed.

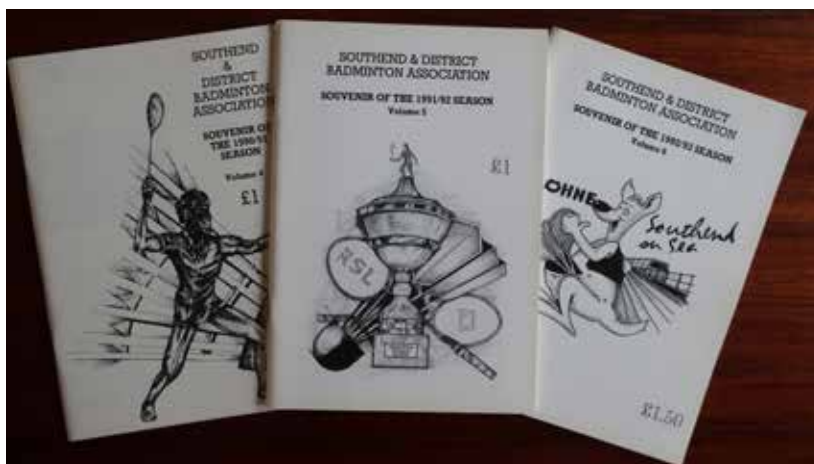
.....Kevin Coleman

Long serving officer rewarded

Birgit Bryant has been elected Vice President of the Southend & District Badminton Association and she replaces the late Donna Harris. Birgit recently stepped down as the Association's Registration Secretary, a post she held for 25 years (1994-2019). She was also a long-time host at her house to the Associations monthly Committee meetings. Together with Annette Baker, Kevin Coleman and Reg Kightly she was also a Southend pioneer of the Magnum tournament in Belgium. Mustn't forget too - she also assembled our trophies every year ready for the presentation dance (which often called for a fair amount of polishing!). **Here she is collecting a trophy from Roy Lord on behalf of Leighway (who unfortunately couldn't come).**



In the early 1990's our front covers were brilliantly drawn for us by Russell Lewis





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