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***If the training is easy  
the match will be hard,  
but if the training is  
hard the match will be  
easy.***

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## The new season

This newsletter serves as a reminder that we return for the new season this coming Saturday. You should each have received a renewal invitation confirming the time of the session you have been assigned to.

Don't forget that the new session structure means your time is very likely to be different from last season.

We held trials for potential new members last Saturday, and as a consequence have a record number of enthusiastic new players.

We therefore welcome the following confirmed new members:

**Boys**

Arun Bagshaw  
Toby Bradbeer-Davis  
Eliot Duff  
Euan Farrow  
Alex Green  
Jason Hau  
Jonathan Hau  
Christopher Lai  
Callum Mitchell  
James Molloy  
Nicholas Pipe

**Girls**

Georgia Beech  
Alice Brown  
Katie Brown  
Samara Farrow  
Jessica Mallet  
Veronica Mervild  
Eleanor Smith  
Isabel Smith  
Holly Weston

Several more recruits may also be joining us.

As you are already aware, there are plenty of changes. Apart from the new session structure, we are, for the first time, including the cost of the six summer sessions in the general subscription which we believe will enable more of you to play in the off-season to keep your skills honed.

We have also implemented a rota of duty managers, who will look after all "front of house" matters during club sessions.

The eagle-eyed among you will also spot the new branding for the Premier Club and Clubmark logos on the left of this page. Swifts continues to be the only Premier Club in the area, and is the only junior-only Premier Club in Surrey—the others are all combined junior and adult clubs.

## Swifts clothing

Another important change is that Valerie Bradley has become our clothing coordinator. She will be able to take your orders for Swifts shirts (which are compulsory for those playing in matches), and the optional shorts, skorts and hoodies.

Valerie will be operating a system of second-hand clothes re-cycling as well. You may return your used Swifts clothing (in saleable condition, of course) and these will be taken into stock and sold at low prices to benefit Swifts funds and allow people to acquire clothing more cheaply. If you would like to re-cycle your old Swifts clothing in this way please talk to Valerie at the club session.

## Members with BE gradings

As usual, a significant number of Swifts members have been awarded grades by Badminton England. They are:

- Under 13**     Stirling Burrow (grade 2)  
                  William Manners (grade 2)  
                  Oliver Thompson (grade 1)
- Under 15**     Aaran Hodder (grade 2)  
                  Polly Thisdell (grade 2)
- Under 17**     Nick Halliwell (grade 2)  
                  Jack Kinmond (grade 1)  
                  Jessica Ledermann (grade 2)  
                  Gilly Thomas (grade 3)  
                  Sarinda Wijetunge (grade 3)

A grade 1 player can be reckoned to be in the top 30 or so of his/her age group in England, while grades 2 and 3 cover the top 60 and top 100 or so respectively.

## Trophy cabinet

With the proceeds of the Christine Meades memorial fund, we have purchased a trophy cabinet which will allow all the trophies that Swifts teams have won in the preceding season to be displayed proudly for all to see. The cabinet will be kept in the reception area at Lightwater Leisure Centre and will serve as a fitting memorial of Christine and all her work at Swifts.

## Local tournaments

Several Swifts members entered the Surrey U18 tournament held in July.

Jamie Ellis reached the final of the boys' doubles and the semi-final of the singles. He also reached the semi-final of the mixed event, playing with Kirsty walker.

## Forthcoming Surrey events

Accompanying this newsletter are details of the Surrey U13, U15 and U17 singles tournament to be held on 27 September and the U11 singles/doubles tournament as well as the U15 doubles mixed tournament (both scheduled for 18 October).

Both tournaments are graded events, so non-county players can enter the B grade and get some good games and chance of a title.