



HORSHAM ARUN BADMINTON CLUB

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Hello and welcome to a packed Easter edition of our newsletter. I hope you have all had a great start to 2026! In this edition, we have a big announcement over the club's birthday, some bonus Easter sessions, a change to the Keenager session times, a confirmed AGM date, and multiple charity updates. I hope you find it an interesting read, and as always, please get in touch if you have anything you would like to share.

EASTER SESSIONS

We have 2 special sessions open to all members over the Easter period. Make sure to come along and work off those chocolate eggs!

Friday 3rd April

10:00-12:00 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

Monday 6th April

9:30-11:30 – Courts 4, 5, & 6

KEENAGER CHANGES

From 1st April there will be a change to our Keenager sessions, with Wednesdays moving to a morning slot. The Friday session remains under review, with any changes to that session will be communicated at a later date.

Mondays 9:30-11:30 on courts 4, 5 & 6

Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 on courts 4 & 5

Fridays 12:00-13:30 on courts 1 & 6



HABC TURNS 70!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Horsham Arun turns 70 years old next season, and that calls for a party.

Join us, at our home at The Bridge, on **Sunday 6th September** for an afternoon of games, cake, and laughs as we celebrate all things Badminton and Horsham. There may even be some awards and prizes up for grabs.

Kids, friends and family welcome!

CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTION

As you will be aware, we ran a charity collection for St Catherine's Hospice over the festive period. I am delighted to say that during that period we raised a fantastic £169.

This was then, bizarrely, doubled with another £169 raised from our Daytime section's winter social event.



WELCOMES

We would like to give a very warm welcome to the members who have joined us since the start of the season!

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SUSSEX 3 SERIES TOURNAMENTS

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The final event of the season is **in Eastbourne on Sunday 19th April**. Entries close on **Friday 3rd**, so get entering!

2 MARATHONS?!

Helen James and **Tom Barker** are both competing in marathons in April.

Helen is taking on the London Marathon. You can follow her training on her Instagram at [@helenslm4ms](https://www.instagram.com/helenslm4ms) and if you would like to donate to her charity (MS Society) you can find her page at www.justgiving.com/page/helenslm26

Tom is taking on the Brighton Marathon. You can donate to his charity (Shooting Star Children's Hospice) at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/tom-barker-8>

LOCAL LEAGUES STAT ATTACK

As of 14th March, our stats are looking great!

Match win: 50.0%
Match draw: 17.9%
Match loss: 32.1%
Rubber win: 52.6%
Game win: 51.8%
Points win: 50.5%

That is an over 50% win rate with a total points played of 44,556!

Sadly our extra-time win rate (where games go beyond 20-20) has fallen from a season high of over 70% to a respectable 48.5%

Some very strong performances overall though, and a number of promotions and league titles are still to play for!

AGM & CLUB FEEDBACK

Due to holidays and work commitments, this year the club's AGM will be held at a later date of

Tuesday 9th June.

In planning any areas for discussion, the committee would appreciate any feedback you have, good or bad, on how the club is run, the sessions we have available for you, our coaching offerings, or any other topics you may wish to raise in advance of the AGM.

The below link is anonymous, so please don't hesitate to fill it in!

<https://forms.gle/p5o8NCCaJtX6VjTRA>

CANCELLED SESSIONS

Due to the hall being used for the counting of votes in the May elections, there will be no sessions on **Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May.**

OTHER NOTICES

This is just a quick reminder to please not use the fire doors to exit the hall. This has been mandated by The Bridge Management.

We would also like to thank members for their continued courteous use of shuttles. As a reminder, please only take a new shuttle when you feel it is necessary, and not at the start of every game.

Many Members will be aware that we have been trialling some hybrid shuttles across a number of our sessions. Until the local leagues allow us to use them for matches, there will not be a vote on whether the club adopts them as our club shuttle. We will however, be looking to trial other feather shuttles across May-August due to a further 32% increase in the cost of our current shuttles – on top of the 13% increase in August 2025.

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

Not too many tournaments have been played at the start of 2026, but there has been a big one in York this month!

York Masters Gold (13th – 15th March)

John Molyneux: Over 65 Open Doubles WINNER & Over 70 Mixed Doubles WINNER

Helen Milne: Over 50 Women's Doubles RUNNER UP & Over 50 Mixed Doubles RUNNER UP

Karen Thomas: Over 60 Women's Doubles RUNNER UP & Over 60 Mixed Doubles Quarter Finalist



VISITOR POLICY

Visitors are entitled to up to 3 visits at £10 per session before deciding to join.

If you wish to bring a visitor to one of our sessions, **please make sure you contact David Jolliffe to ensure there is capacity**, or ask them to contact the club via our website – Do not give out David's personal phone number!

Visiting friends and family are welcome over the Easter period provided they still meet our minimum standard and pay £10 per session!

MAY BANK HOLIDAY SESSIONS

As per our policy in recent times, the Keenager sessions on Monday mornings of both May Bank Holidays on **Monday 4th and Monday 25th May will be opened up to all members.**

The peg board will be in operation and we kindly ask that all members mix in together.

The Club Night on both of these days will be cancelled as the centre will be closing early.