

North East Primary Schools Championships
Singles finalists with former player Jean Peters



Left to right: Stuart Holley, Jean Peters & Matthew Duguid

North East Schools Badminton was delighted to welcome prestigious guest Jean Peters to present the trophies at the Championships.

A former Head Mistress of Deevie Infant and Nursery School in Aberdeen until her retirement in 1984 Jean took a keen interest in the games. She commented on how impressed she was with the standard of competition and fair play.

Born in 1923 Jean will be 87 this year. She was brought up in Newmachar and moved to Aberdeen in 1940 where, while attending Central School in Aberdeen she started playing badminton as a hobby. In 1940 Jean joined the Hardgate Badminton Club where she played 3 times a week and from 3 - 7pm on Saturdays! She tells us she had a great social life during her badminton years.

She played doubles and mixed matches for the club travelling around various places even playing one time against Sweden in the Music Hall. She still remembers this well and was able to recount how the opposition won the match because they played "drop shots"! We were delighted that Jean was able to bring along some of her photos from her playing days to share with us.