



THE HISTORY OF

BADMINTON

The Badminton Association of England moves to Milton Keynes



Courts at National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes

The Badminton Association founded in 1893 acted as the Governing body of the sport throughout the world until 1934 when the International Badminton Federation was set up in London. At this time the Badminton Association became the Badminton Association of England responsible for badminton in England with offices in Bromley. Badminton was making great strides throughout the country and the decision was made to move to a more suitable situation, Milton Keynes being chosen. In 1980 a farmhouse in Loughton with suitable land for

development was acquired and the Association started by making the farmhouse into an office block for approximately 12 staff. After 25 years the farmhouse has been extended with staff now numbering over 60 while a very fine National Badminton Centre has been set up with eight first class courts, accommodation, training facilities and a Conference Centre.