Badminton history

A game named **Battledore and Shuttlecock** was played in china, Japan, India and Greece. This is a game where you use the Battledore (a paddle) to hit the Shuttlecock back and forth. By the 16th century, it has become a popular game among children in England. I

. In the 1860s, a game named **Poona** was played in India. This game is much like the Battledore and Shuttlecock but with an added net. The British army learned this game in India and took the equipment back to England during the 1870s.  
  
In 1873, the **Duke of Beaufort** held a lawn party in his country place, Badminton. A game of Poona was played on that day and became popular among the British society's elite. The new party sport became known as **"the Badminton game"**. In 1877, the Bath Badminton Club was formed and developed the first official set of rules.