

Hello from the Chairman – Andy Bailey

Welcome to the first-ever Ashbourne Tennis Club newsletter!! We thought that a newsletter would be a useful way of letting everyone know what's been going on at the club and what our plans are for the next few months. We hope to produce one twice a year.

Well, I would like to start by saying that I think that the club continues to flourish and remains in very good health. We have a total of 242 members, which is great, and the club is in a sound financial position due to the efforts of our fantastic committee. We have seen loads of tennis played at the club over the summer, whether it be social tennis, club nights, coaching or competition tennis at senior and junior levels. Well done everyone for getting out there and playing lots of tennis!

My highlights from the league results must be the Men's second team, who won Division 4, and the Mixed first team who have also been promoted to Division 1. Congratulations to those teams in particular but thanks to all players, and team captains, who have represented the club throughout the year.

Congratulations also to all the winners and runners-up in the club competitions and a massive thank you to Frank Beer for organising the senior competitions and to Aidan Robson for organising the juniors.

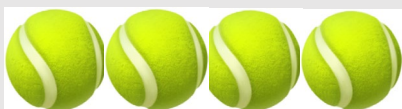
We have the Christmas Party coming up as a social event for the club, so please get the date in your diary. I look forward to a really good turn out this year.

As always, a big thank you to all club helpers and committee members for all their hard work and our club coach, Aidan who is doing such a great job.

Best Regards, Andy

Club News

- The timing and design of the proposed **new club house** are under review to make sure adequate funding is in place. Thank you so far to our clubhouse working committee Andy, Frank, Richard & Greg for all their hard work. Any fundraising efforts will be most welcome!
- **Tennis balls** can be brought from Joe Bibby (joe.ashbournetennis@gmail.com) for £5.50 per tube of 4 balls.



Events Calendar



- Our **Junior Monster Smash** event was held on Sun, 30th October, and lots of spooky fun was had by all! Well done to Arni, Eric & Inger for winning best costumes, to Abi for winning best pumpkin and to Oscar for winning the tennis competition. Thanks to all our event organisers, Greg, Jan & Sally.
- The **ATC Christmas Party** will be held again this year at Yeldersley Hall on Sat, 3rd December at 19:00. Tickets are £22.50 per person and includes your 3 course meal. The theme this year will be Lebanese food and costumes. Thanks again to Andy & Catherine Bailey for hosting this fun event!



Safeguarding Update - Jan Leslie / Club Welfare Officer

I attended the LTA Safeguarding Conference on Sat, 1st October 2022. We covered some really important areas, such as Training & Development in Safeguarding for all tennis clubs; Awareness & Engagement – raising awareness of safeguarding standards and the promotion of good practice; Safeguarding Standards – ensuring the LTA support and inspection process evolves through continuous and proactive improvement.

One of the guest speakers at the event was Michelle North, Head of the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU). One of the key take aways for me was Michelle's comment that a lot of safeguarding issues start outside of sport but are picked up in the various sporting arenas because that is where children want to be - so we all have a responsibility to keep our eyes and ears open whilst around children and vulnerable adults, and report any issues or concerns (please refer to our Safeguarding Policy on our club website).

The LTA has in fact been awarded the highest possible ranking for safeguarding by the CPSU because it has become part of the culture within all clubs. Earlier this year we completed our LTA Safeguarding Audit and were proud to be awarded Green status, meaning we achieved all the expected standards. We are continuing to improve at Ashbourne Tennis Club and you will soon see some new signage going up at the club with regards to photography and filming permissions. You will also receive an email asking your permission for the club to take and use photographs on our club e-mails, posters, website and social media. You only need to reply if a negative confirmation, otherwise we will assume you are happy for us to go ahead. This is so we can make sure our records are as up to date as possible. Thanks for your continued support!

Best Regards Jan

Team Captains Update

We would like to thank our adult team captains for their commitment during the summer 2022 leagues (below). We also like to highlight that we have a vacancy for a Ladies Seconds Team Captain. Thanks to Kate for all her hard work over the past few years, it has been much appreciated.

MENS:

1st - Aidan Robson , 2nd - Richard Tavernor, 3rd - Joe Bibby , 4th - Micky Hope-Smith.

LADIES:

1st - Catherine Bailey, 2nd - Kate Robertson.

MIXED:

1st – Ursula Kaul, 2nd - Michelle Doran, 3rd - Rob Kaul & Ros Hughes

Juniors Update

Congratulations to all our junior players who took part in the Summer Junior League fixtures this year. We didn't manage to play all our fixtures due to a mix of weather postponements and our opposing teams also cancelling. Even so, we still played a lot of junior tennis over the summer and had many great wins (especially the U18s over Duffield!) Well done to the following players for their enthusiasm and hard work, they all played so well:

Mini Oranges – Andrew, Dylan, Harrison, Verity & William

U14 Boys – Oliver & Tom

U18 Boys – Isaac, Matt, Noah & Tom

If your child is interested in playing in the Summer 2023 Junior League matches then please be sure to let our Head Coach, Aiden Robson know.

Club Championship Winners

ADULTS:

Ladies Singles - Jen King

Ladies Doubles - Michelle Doran/Jen King

Men's Singles - Isaac Harrington

Men's Doubles - Aiden Robson/Andy Bailey

JUNIORS:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Mini Reds	William H	Leo D
Mini Orange	Verity T	William R
Mini Greens	Charles R	Albert H
U12 Girls	Penny T	Alice I
U14 Boys	Thomas G	Oliver K
U16 Boys	Fergus W	Thomas G

Well done everyone, you are all tennis superstars!

Ashbourne Tennis Club Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Ashbourne Tennis Club AGM will be held at The Shoulder Of Mutton, Osmaston at 19:30 on Thurs, 17th November 2022. All club members are welcome to join this meeting. If you are interested in joining the Ashbourne Tennis Club Committee then please contact our club secretary Joe Bibby – joe.ashbournetennis@gmail.com. We are currently looking for the following volunteers:

- Junior Secretary
- Club members to help with event organising
- Club members to help with the upkeep of the site

We look forward to welcoming everyone on the 17th November!



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