

COACHING & JUNIOR REPORT 2023

The current coaching programme consists of the following groups/squads:

3 x Tots, 4 x Red, 3 x Orange/Green, 5 x Yellow, 2 x Adult & 1 x Cardio.

In addition, six camps were run across various school holidays.

Two open days were organised and led by coaches. The annual event in May was not well attended as it was scheduled for the weekend of the Coronation, a second open day was then held in July. Both days resulted in new junior and adult members.

The coaching team had one departure & one new addition in 2023. Helena sadly departed, Helena is an outstanding assistant coach and we were sad to see her leave us. The addition to the coaching is Hazel Cranston. Hazel is a level 3 coach and is exceptional with tots and mini tennis players.

On court The Junior Championship was held in the summer, junior teams have been competing in local leagues and last month Fiona's Cup took place.

Fiona's Cup was once again well attended and supported by the parents of Fiona, Steve & Claire. Fiona's Cup is a lovely way to remember a much-loved member and raise some money for the fight against Cystic Fibrosis.

Jon & Collen did a solid impression of Ant & Dec when giving out the trophies and hopefully they won't be poached by ITV!!

The coaching teams highlights of 23 include:

Ten Junior Members being invited to county fun days, talent ID sessions or county training.

More junior members participating in local and regional tournaments.

A high entry into the Club Mini Tennis Red Championships.

The return of Grade 5/6 tournaments to the club.

Five older juniors undertaking and passing their Level 1 Coaching Qualification.

Teams being successful in the Inter Club Championships

18 & under Boys winners of Division 2

14 & under Boys winners of Division 1

12 & under Boys winners of Division 1

14 & under Girls winners of Division 2

Consistently and continuing to engage older girls in lessons.

Finally, a big thank you to Chris and the whole committee for all the work they do on court maintenance, teams, social events, memberships, accounts, tournaments and safeguarding.

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