



# CLUB UPDATE MARCH 2021



**We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on court on the 29th March, when the coaching and social play will resume according to the LTA guidelines. But until then we wanted to give you an update on what has been going on at the Club while you have been away.**



## MEMBERSHIP INFO

Membership information for the year 2021/22 will be going out next few week, so please keep an eye on your inboxes for your renewal email. We have taken the decision to increase membership fees slightly, however we are confident that prices remain extremely competitive relative to other clubs locally. The new fees will be as follows:

**Adults - £55**  
**Families - £120**  
**Juniors - £25**  
**Minis -£15**

We anticipate that there will be a lot of demand on the courts as lockdown lifts and members are keen to get back to playing, and so we have decided not to open the membership up to new members until we have a better idea of how many current members wish to renew. If you do want to play through the next year, it would be much appreciated if you can renew your membership promptly so that we can open the waiting list as soon as possible. If you do not wish to re-join please let us know by emailing at [bethersdentennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:bethersdentennisclub@gmail.com)

## SURVEY RESULTS & LEAGUE INFO

With such a healthy membership it is important for us to establish what level of tennis members would like to play and to balance the competitive and social elements. This has become more important in recent times with restrictions on playing numbers and court availability. The committee is pleased so many members responded to the recent survey asking about competitive tennis.

It is clear from the responses that there is a limited appetite for league tennis, instead just over 70% of members would prefer to play intra club matches, and just over a quarter do not wish to play any matches at all and would prefer to play informal social tennis, simply booking courts when it suits. The results from this survey will enable us to put together a timetable of tennis to achieve a good balance this summer.



Jan



Carol



Ella and Evelyn

## BABY NEWS

Finally, huge congratulations to Jemma and Dodge on the arrival of their daughter Thea Olive who was born on 3rd January. We cannot wait to meet her in person!



## COMMITTEE

Two new members joined the committee last year. Jan Stewart is the new the Welfare Officer and Carol Crawley has taken on the Membership Secretary role. Both Carol and Jan have been working hard preparing for the new season.

Two new Junior Reps, Ella Parmee and Evelyn McCormick, have taken to their roles fantastically, organising successful Zoom quizzes for some of the juniors during lockdown. If any Juniors have good ideas or requests for social events, they can contact Ella and Evelyn via the club's gmail account. We look forward to seeing what they are planning for the next few months, especially once we can see people in real life again!

The Club is run entirely by voluntary members, and we are always on the look-out for more help. We particularly need someone or a couple of people to fill the role of Social Secretary to help organise the annual summer Members' Day which is scheduled for Saturday 24th July and the End of Season Presentation (TBA). Please do get in touch with Liz if you can help: [bethersdentennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:bethersdentennisclub@gmail.com)

## THE GEORGE

Many people will have been sad to see The George pub close its doors in 2020. It was a great place to meet with friends, have a chat, a meal or a drink, all in pleasant and nostalgic surroundings. We know several members of the Tennis Club were particularly fond of it...

Permanent closure would be a big loss to the village.

A group of locals have decided to find out if there would be any interest in purchasing the pub as a co-operative by finding local investors in the community and interested people to renovate and operate it as a community venture as well as a pub, as other similar communities have done.

A feasibility study is being carried out to ensure enough commitment exists in the community to make the project work.

You can find out more information and complete the questionnaire here: [www.thegeorgebethersden.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgebethersden.co.uk)



## SUMMER MEMBERS DAY -24TH JULY 2021 \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

The popular Summer Members Day is back this year (subject to the pesky Covid-19 regs). The weather is pre-ordered, the BBQ is booked, the strawberries are on order and the Pimm's will be chilling, so please put the date in your diary and look forward to getting together again.



**OUTDOOR SOCIAL PLAY**

- Permitted
- Singles & Doubles
- Rule of 6

**OUTDOOR 1:1 COACHING**

- Permitted
- Number of clients in a day not limited

**OUTDOOR ORGANISED GROUP ACTIVITY**

- Permitted (adults & children)
- Max group size for adults subject to safe capacity for venue/activity (recommended max 12 adults per court.)
- Max group size for children of 15
- No group socialising before/after

**OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS**

- Permitted (adults & children)
- Singles & Doubles
- Competition draw size subject to COVID-19 secure capacity of venue & risk assessment
- Avoid socialising before or after matches

**OUTDOOR SPECTATING & SUPERVISION**

- Spectating not allowed
- Parent/guardian supervision permitted (one per player) – no mixing with other households

**SOCIAL DISTANCING TO BE MAINTAINED BEFORE, DURING & AFTER ALL TENNIS ACTIVITY**