

BRAMFORD TENNIS CLUB

SPRING/SUMMER EDITION



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Welcome to the latest Bramford Tennis Club Newsletter. We are excited to share all our latest achievements and updates with you.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 7th May at 7:45pm** in the Portacabin next to the Bramford Sports Pavilion, Acton Road, IP8 4HU. All members are welcome to join us.

We are always keen to welcome new committee members, and are particularly looking to fill the position of Treasurer. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or any other position on the committee please get in touch.

Also, if you have any issues you'd like to raise for the AGM, please send details in writing no later than 7 days prior to the AGM to bramfordtennisclub@yahoo.com.

TEAM NEWS

WINTER LEAGUE

All 3 ladies teams in Division 3, 4 and 5 finished mid table. Despite some challenging weather all matches were played and we achieved what was possibly our best results so far. Congratulations to all those who took part, a good season enjoyed by all. Roll on the summer league.



Ali and Jo last match of th season beating Stow 5 (one of the promoted teams)

SUMMER LEAGUE

Adult mens and ladies team have entered Ipswich and District Summer league and we are also pleased to report that a number of our junior teams will also feature in this year's LTA Youth Summer League Competition

Interested in playing for the club, drop a line to

bramfordtennisclub@yahoo.com

COACHES CORNER



IT'S BEEN NON STOP ACTION

PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON

On a rather wet Sunday in March we held our annual Play Your Way to Wimbledon (PYWTW) competition. Despite the weather, we had a great turnout and saw some excellent competitive matches being played. Winners and runner up details have been submitted to the LTA for the regional finals and a chance for teams to go all the way to Wimbledon!



LTA YOUTH MATCHPLAY

A group of players from our weekly LTA Youth junior squads took their tennis to the next level in early April by taking part in our Easter Matchplay event. For many this was their first time competing in a formal competition and the kids all did great with fantastic sportsmanship throughout and some great rallies. More matchplay events coming soon

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SOMETHING NEW: PICKLEBALL

Something new to try. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the world and is a bit of a cross between, squash, tennis, badminton and ping pong. It's played on a short court with a paddle and airflow ball and the action is fast and furious. If you are keen to give it a go why not sign up for our Pickleball INTRO course. Visit @CarlDouglasCoaching for details



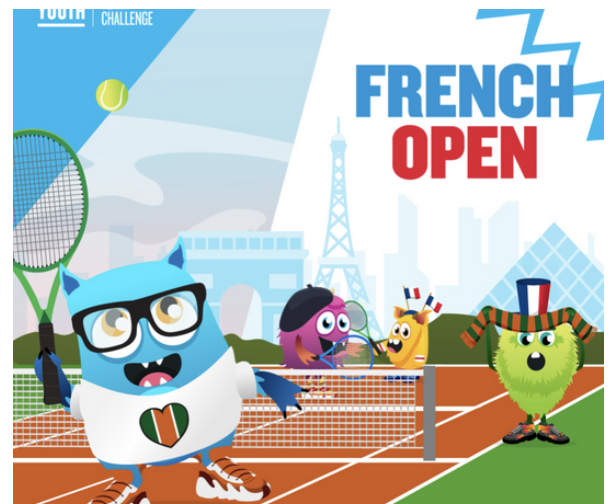
CLUB OPEN DAY

SUN 28 APRIL 12.30-2.30PM



FRENCH OPEN THEMED CHALLENGES

With the French Open not far away, we will have series of challenges set up around the courts for our junior players to complete with certificates for all and prizes for the highest scores. Spread the word to your friends and family so that they put the date and time in their diaries. Look forward to seeing lots of you there and hopefully new faces too



MEET THE COACH

Come along and have a chat with our award winning coach, Carl Douglas, who will be only too pleased to give you a run down on all the activities planned for adults and juniors for the coming season. We know that Cardio Tennis and Pickleball and there is a new Tennis for Free initiative on the new list of activities and for the younger audience we hope to have a new Tots Tennis group forming.



HAVE A GO AT SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Have a try at Mini Tennis with your kids, maybe pick up a Pickleball paddle for the first time and see if you can get the biggest rally in our Pickleball Hit-A-Thon. Also a chance to meet existing members, talk to team captains and much more. We look forward to seeing you on the day and please extend the invite to your friends and family.



PROJECT SMASH

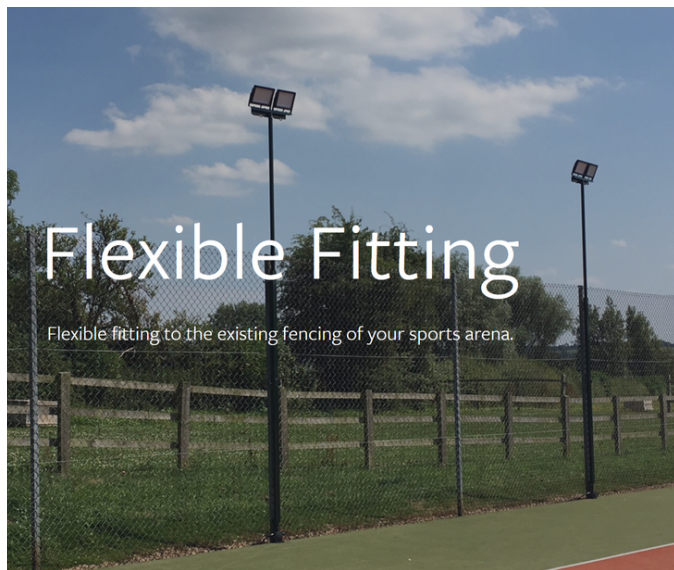
PHASE ONE - UPDATE AND SCHEDULE OF WORKS

After a lot of perseverance, innovation and determination, largely led by our Grants Officer (Alison Sparrow) and our Coach (Carl Douglas), we have been successful in raising sufficient funds to complete Phase one of our infrastructure improvement project known as Project Smash. Details of the forthcoming works are listed below

RETRACTABLE FLOODLIGHTS (COURT 1)

Thanks in the main to very generous grant funding from organisations including **Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council** and **Sport England** some brand new retractable LED floodlights will be installed on Court 1. Due to the nature of the work and from a health and safety standpoint, all three courts will be out of action for five days but the benefits to be gained of year round play across all three courts will far outweigh this small disruption.

Work commences on Mon 27th May for five days (all courts unavailable)



CLUBHUT/STORE

We hope to soon be saying good bye to our little tin shed and hello to a brand new and bigger container based clubhut/store. The new building will have a secure storage area at one end, with the rest of the space set aside as a flexible accommodation space that we can open up in support of social gatherings. The new building is anticipated to be delivered around the **end of June** and will need to be lifted into place by a large crane. Needless to say, all courts will be unavailable for the duration of the lift. More details to follow....

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Project Smash is a small sub committee, currently with just three members. There's lots of work still to be done as we move our attention towards fundraising for Phase Two which includes LED light upgrades for Courts 2 & 3, fence upgrades, court repaint and a rebound wall. If you have a background in fund raising and want to get involved get in touch bramfordtennisclub@yahoo.com


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A BIG “THANK YOU” TO OUR SPONSORS

Without the generosity of our sponsors, Project Smash would never have got off the ground. We would therefore like to take the opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to the following organisations for supporting us so far ...



-  **BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
-  **SPORT ENGLAND**
-  **BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL**
-  **BRAMFORD PLAYING FIELD MGMT COMMITTEE**
-  **BELSTEAD GANZONI CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT**

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