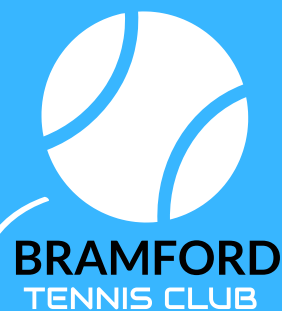


BRAMFORD TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER - FEB 2024



Welcome to the latest Bramford Tennis Club Newsletter and the first of 2024.. We are excited to share all our latest achievements and updates with you.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Bramford Tennis Club
(IP8 4HU)

£10/pp

BINGO

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

WED | 6 MARCH 2024
Doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm

Set your schedule and join us for our Bingo bonanza night at the sports pavillion. Prizes, raffle, bar and snacks so come along and have fun with your friends

contact: marshalljoanne33@gmail.com

Why not join us for our latest social event with a fun bingo night.
Contact Jo Marshall our social secretary for details
(marshalljoanne33@gmail.com)

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hi Members

Further to our recent news of securing Sport England funding toward Project Smash. I am pleased to announce that we have received an offer of additional funding from Mid Suffolk District Council. Although there are some conditions attached to the funding which requires navigation to maximise the funding, this should allow us to ensure we can install retractable floodlighting on court 1 and to site a new container style storage/clubhouse unit where our current small metal shed is. In addition to this, we aim to make one or two other smaller improvements. Collectively these are referred to as Phase 1 of Project Smash and we intend to press ahead with this phase in the coming weeks. Full details can be found at: [Project Smash](#)

I also need to place on record many thanks to Carl and Ali in particular for their countless hours spent on grant funding, planning permission etc- it really does take a huge effort nowadays to achieve significant grant funding! Inevitably, this will mean there will be some minor disruptions but will keep this to a minimum and communicate details of any work as best as possible.

A small amount of the grant funding is required to be used towards Sport development. This is because grant funding requires us as a club to be as inclusive as possible and we are offering these sessions under the umbrella of "opening tennis up". Therefore, we also aim to host a range of club funded coach-led sessions to encourage participation from the community and beyond to give tennis a go.. Please watch for Carl's coaching updates for further news on this front.

ON ANOTHER NOTE

I am pleased to confirm that I am now a signatory on the club bank account so have access to make payments and purchase items on behalf of the club. However, we are still looking for a Club Treasurer - if this is a position you are interested in (hopefully for the foreseeable future) please let me or any other committee member know

Happy Tennis
Regards
Graham Chappell
Chairman



SOCIAL EVENTS



WHO'S DOWN FOR BINGO SOCIAL? ...EYES DOWN

Come and join us on Wednesday March 6th at the PAVILION for a fun night and fundraiser for the club. Steve Aylott will be your caller and the bar will be open.

We are looking for donations please for the line prizes (wine) and anything suitable for the raffle. Please drop me a message /email if you can make it/donate a prize.

Jo Marshall (Social secretary)
marshalljoanne33@gmail.com



Social Calendar

- Bingo - Wednesday 6th March
- Monster Smash Party (following tournament) Saturday 26th October
Pavilion Booked from 3.30 - 7.30 pm
- Quiz Night - Friday 8th November - 7.00pm

**Jo would welcome any ideas for social event
Please email - marshalljoanne33@gmail.com**

COACHES CORNER

New year, new skill, new you!



Aspire to become the next Emma Raducanu or Andy Murray or just want to be able to play tennis with family and friends? Whatever your goals, tennis is a great sport for maintaining health, fitness, strength, and agility. Tennis has social and psychological benefits too and it's never too late to learn.

Carl Douglas Coaching has an exciting coaching programme for all ages and ability levels coming up in 2024. For juniors, we have our award-winning weekly LTA Youth squads, Prime Video GIRLS tennis squads, HotShots (11+) sessions and we are looking to introduce a new Tots Tennis session. For adults we have our Ladies Tennis Pair & Play sessions, Tennis Xpress sessions and we are also looking to introduce Walking Tennis where we will look into other forms of short tennis including Touch Tennis and Pickleball.

In addition to groups sessions, 1:1 coaching is offered (subject to availability) and a number of LTA sponsored tennis festivals and competitions will run during the year (see below)

A few key dates..

- Play Your Way to Wimbledon - Sun 17 Mar
- Easter Team Challenge - Sat 6 Apr
- Club Open Day - Sat 28 April
- French Open Team Challenge - Sat 25 May
- Summer Slam - Sat 13 Jul
- Monster Smash - Sat 26 Oct



Coaching programme brochure - coming soon

There's so much going on that a separate coaching programme brochure will be circulated shortly. For now, feel free to visit the [Carl Douglas Coaching website](https://www.carldouglas.coaching) or contact Carl directly on 07553 966380