



Caversham Park Tennis Club

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Dear Member

I don't want to get too judgemental about November. I'll try to stay impartial, but let's face it: it doesn't have a lot going for it. It gets colder, birdsong disappears, the courts get covered in leaves and the clocks have gone back an hour so it gets dark by 5pm. And for some unfathomable reason we do odd things like celebrate gunpowder, treason and plot! Anyway, at least November only has 30 days... Then all the gloom evaporates in a whirl of festive lights, mince pies, Xmas trees... and the annual Turkey Tiebreak tournament! More details about this year's Xmas Jumper Special will be sent by email in the next few weeks, but it's likely to take place on Sunday December 15th (am).



Mike and Miriam



I just know, before this is over, I'm gonna need a whole lot of serious therapy.

"A big THANK YOU to all the parents and children (and, of course, Donkey) who supported the Minis tuck shop during the summer season. A total of £137 was raised and has been donated to Sport In Mind." Bianca

Dave Winship (Editor)



ALEXA, CHASE DOWN THAT LOB FOR ME!

The players congregate in the clubhouse after a club session and start talking about climate change and other issues in the news...

Miriam: You know what? I think we waste too much time worrying about the future. Maybe we should forget all the things that might go wrong tomorrow and just focus on today.

Mike: No, I don't think we should give up just like that. You should try to be positive like me. I'm still hoping yesterday will turn out better.



New members who joined during October:

Welcome!

Marie Baguena, Joe Elliott, Phillip Muya, Scott Rennie, Kate Salter, Hannah Wiles.



Shorts

- Berkshire Tennis is running a Red Ball Open Day for players born in 2018, 2019 & 2020 (born or resident in Berkshire) aspiring to join the 8U county training programme. It's a 90-minute session consisting of tennis fun, parent education and informal assessment. It will take place at Cox Green Leisure Centre on Sun 8th December (12.30 – 2pm). If you have any queries, please contact Nigel Mann (phone: 07974 094274 or email: Nigel.Mann@BerkshireTennis.org.uk). Here's the [booking link](#).
- We are delighted to announce the appointment of Annabel Payne as our new Club Secretary. We are still looking for a new Chairperson. Please contact us at cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk if you may be interested and would like to find out more.



This month's riddle

I am a protector and I sit on a bridge. Although one person can see right through me, others wonder what I hide. What am I? Send your solution to: cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk for a chance to win a tube of new tennis balls.

And now for the solution to last month's riddle. The question was: *Following a tip-off a murder investigation team burst into the clubhouse to arrest a suspected murderer. All they know is that his name is Bill. They find two electricians, an Amazon driver and a bank manager playing cards round a table, drinking coffee. They immediately arrest the bank manager. Why?.....* The electricians and the Amazon driver were all women.



This month's quiz



Which 1960s American TV series featured Bill Cosby as a spy who is also a tennis player?



How old was Boris Becker when he won his first Wimbledon title?



Which 1951 Alfred Hitchcock film is about a tennis player who is framed for the murder of his wife?

And here is the answer to last month's quiz question (What was the name of the technological system used to assist umpires in making line calls before Hawkeye was adopted?)... Cyclops.



Teams

Here are the results & fixtures for October/November:

Date	Team	Division	H/A	Opponents	Result
Sun Oct 6	Men's 1	1	Away	Windsor 1	Lost 1-3
	Men's 2	3	Away	Bracknell 2	Lost 1-3
	Men's 3	5 East	Home	Maidenhead 6	Lost 0-4
Sat Oct 12	Ladies 1	2	Away	Wargrave 1	Lost 0-4
	Ladies 2	7	Home	Bracknell 4	Postponed
Sun Oct 20	Mixed 1	2	Away	Caversham 2	Postponed
	Mixed 2	4	Home	Home Park 1	Postponed
	Mixed 3	5 West	Away	Twyford 1	Postponed
Sun Oct 27	Men's 1	1	Home	Maidenhead 1	Won 3-1
	Men's 2	3	Away	Maidenhead 4	Losing draw
	Men's 3	5 East	Away	Binfield 1	Lost 0-4
Sat Nov 2	Ladies 1	2	Home	DL Royal Berks 2	
	Ladies 2	7	Away	DL Royal Berks 4	
Sun Nov 10	Mixed 1	2	Home	Bracknell 2	
	Mixed 2	4	Away	DL Royal Berks 2	
	Mixed 3	5 West	Home	DL Newbury 1	
Sun Nov 17	Men's 1	1	Away	Maidenhead 2	
	Men's 2	3	Home	Wargrave 2	
	Men's 3	5 East	Home	Ascot 2	
Sat Nov 23	Ladies 1	2	Away	Bracknell 2	
	Ladies 2	7	Home	Sonning 1	

Full information relating to the various league competitions referred to here can be viewed by following the relevant links on the club website's ['PLAY'](#) page (scroll down to the 'Teams' section).



Young Person's Welfare Ambassador (YPWA)



Want to be part of making tennis safe and accessible for everyone? The LTA is launching a new initiative promoting safeguarding and welfare at tennis clubs around the country. Following a successful pilot last year, the Young Person's Welfare Ambassador (YPWA) programme is now being rolled out across all levels of the grassroots game.

YPWAs are young people aged 14-24 who will be actively involved in clubs, helping to raise awareness of safeguarding issues, gathering feedback from young people to enable them to have a greater say in safeguarding discussions and providing an important link between the club committee and young people. A suitable candidate must obviously be aged between 14-24 and must have consent from their parent/carer if aged 17 or under. If aged 16 or over, they will require a volunteer DBS check (obtainable through the LTA).

This is the first time in British sport a National Governing Body has actively involved young people in a programme of this nature. It represents an ideal opportunity for a young person to play an important role in promoting safeguarding at our club. Applications close on the 30th November.

If you would like more information about the YPWA role, please follow this link: www.lta.org.uk/ypwa.

Anyone interested in applying for this role at our club should email us at cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk.