



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Hello Members,

I hope this message finds you in the best of health and spirits. Over the past four decades our club has been a hub of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and unwavering dedication to the sport of tennis. To commemorate the **club's 40th year**, we have had fun celebrating this momentous year with our members.

September and October have been busy months with several events taking place including the

Summer Tournament finals day, the 40th Annual Dinner, and the Wooden Racquets tournament. It's been wonderful to see so many of our members participating and supporting the club. Read more about these events and view photos on the following pages.



The new ITC logo comes to life thanks to Maria Gostynska's clever idea to display the wooden racquets and photo captured by Louise Green

The committee also made the decision to develop a **new logo** for our tennis club in its 40th year which was driven by a few factors: 1) The committee's intention of the rebranding was that the new logo would capture the spirit of our tennis community, one that celebrates our shared passion for the sport, as well as demonstrate our commitment to the future of the club. 2) Jori Bennett (yours truly), volunteered to develop the new logo for the club at no charge.

On the following page is the new logo and examples of how the logo can be applied across a number of different applications. We hope you like our new look and please stay tuned for opportunities to purchase branded tennis gear in the very near future.

We hope to see many of you at the AGM tomorrow, Monday the 16th at 7:30 pm at The George & Dragon.

Yours truly, Jori Bennett (Secretary)

NEW ITC LOGO



COLOUR PALETTE

TENNIS GEAR EXAMPLES



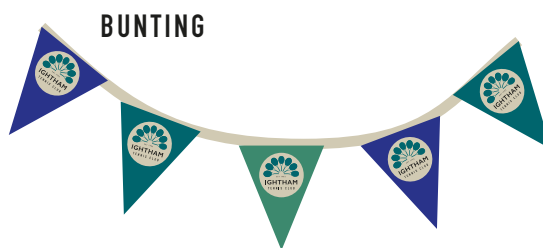
SIGN EXAMPLES



BANNER



PERMANENT SIGN



BUNTING



FLAG

40th Annual Dinner Celebration

Organised by Jenny Cooper



Our 40th Annual Dinner celebrations were held at The Moat in Wrotham on Saturday 30th September in one of their beautiful private rooms. The was a new venue for the annual dinner and afforded us a larger space to be able to display auction items and allow all of our members to be together in one space with plenty of room for mingling throughout the evening.



Attended by approximately 50 members (including several founding members), we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the founding of the club over drinks and a 3-course dinner. Our Chair,

Max Robinson thanked our founding members, the many volunteers, committee members past and present and everyone who makes up our tennis community.

Summer Tournament cups were presented to David Lampitt and Lee Bakewell who were the winners present on the night.

Due to the generosity of our members, we raised £2,000 for the club via a silent auction! The auction items included an interesting array of 18 different lots kindly donated by many generous members (see below).

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the club on the night. A special thank you to Gary Parker for donating the printed materials for the evening.

Silent auction donations made by:

Julian Drawbridge
Colin Mitchem
AJ Lampitt
Freddie Bennett Photography
Maryke du Toit Photography
Ana Cammarano
Max Robinson
Peter Cooper
Gary Parker
David Lampitt
Jem Jones
Fi Storey
Jori Bennett
The Moat



Photos by Jenny Cooper, Jori Bennett, and Jill Docherty.
View more photos on our [Facebook page](#).

Wooden racquets tournament a delightful success

Organised by Mike Lehan



Photo of Keith Todd, a founding ITC member

This Saturday found us continuing to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary with a wooden racquets tournament, held in memory of Keith Todd, a founding member, who sadly passed away last year.

We were delighted to have his best friend and one of our earliest members, Bob Lee-Amies, join us on court along with his son Mark, but many of our lovely newer members, who have breathed new life into the club, also played. 'Something old, something new' was the general theme of the day as we played with antique racquets, but in a modern tie-break tens format.



Photos of the Wooden racquets tournament. View more photos on our [Facebook page](#).

Somewhat appropriately, two of the more senior players on court made the final, with Max Robinson ending up victorious over Julian Drawbridge, to be presented with a wooden cup and a chocolate trophy. Many thanks to Mike Lehan for the idea and the organising, to all the spectators who braved the chilly weather (including more of the Lee-Amies family), to everyone who brought food to share, plus all the players who helped make it such a fun day.

Summer Tournament results

Organised David Lampitt and Dmitry Sambuk

After some very enjoyable (and some very close) matches through the group stages the line-up for the semis and finals was top notch!

The finals day was one of the hottest days of the summer and due to heat and injury, the Ladies Singles final and Men's Doubles final was postponed to the following week.

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part and made the competition so enjoyable – it's been great to see so many of our members supporting and on court. 2023 winners:

Ladies Singles:

Maria Gostynska won against Ana Cammarano

Men's Singles:

David Lampitt won against Darren Lock

Ladies Double:

Maria Gostynska/Sharka Daniels won against Ana Cammarano/Maryke du Toit

Men's Doubles:

Lee Bakewell/Darren Lock won against James Willis/Kevin Poland

Mixed Doubles:

Ana Cammarano/Darren Lock won against Jori Bennett/Lee Bakewell



Photos by the talented Louise Green. View more photos on our [Facebook page](#).

Kent Inter-club Winter League

By Maria Gostynska

The first match of the winter season was played by the mixed team on Saturday the 7th October on a gloriously sunny day that seemed warmer than several days we had played summer matches on! We were hosted by a lovely team at Herne Bay who took us to the wire in a very close match that resulted in a draw, with Ightham winning by just three games on countback.

This winter we have entered a men's doubles team, a mixed team and a new men's midweek over 60's team captained by Julian.



Photo by Maria Gostynska. View more photos on our [Facebook page](#).

Coaching program

Junior coaching sessions

Mondays: Years 1-2-3: 3:30-4:30 pm Years 7+: 5.30-6.30 pm	Thursdays: Years 2-3: 3:30-4:30 pm Years 4-5: 4:30-5:30 pm Year 6+: 5:30-6:30 pm	Fridays: Years 1-2: 3:30-4:30 pm Years 5-6: 4:30-5:30 pm
--	--	---

Adult coaching

Improver Coaching Group on Monday from 6.30-7.30pm. 10-week program; paid upfront.	Improver Group on Friday from 2.00-3.00pm. 10-week program; paid upfront.	Intermediate/Advanced Group on Monday from 7.30-8.30pm. 10-week program; paid upfront.
Cardio Tennis Sessions will take place on Thursdays from <u>2-3pm</u> on a pay per play basis.	Individual lessons with Jem are available on Tuesday morning and afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon.	

Contact: Please contact ITC Club Coach Jem Jones at jem.jones@ymail.com or mobile [07960 062385](tel:07960062385) if you are interested in the above sessions and coaching options and costs associated.

Facility updates

By Maria Gostynska

Facility updates

Our main focus in August was to make sure everything was looking good for the Sumer Tournament finals day. Our laurel hedges were given their annual trim and the patio and court perimeters were weeded and tidied up. The Parish Council very kindly strimmed the banks surrounding the courts, plus cut back brambles and other growth encroaching onto the top path to give extra room for spectators to sit there. They also cut back a tree that was brushing one of the floodlights. Finally, we gave the courts an extra sweep the day before and the stage was set!

Report facility issues

If you spot any problems on site (e.g. a water leak), please report right away to Maria marysiagostynska@gmail.com or Mike on m_lehan@hotmail.com or [07963 153630](tel:07963153630).

Want to play more tennis?

(New) Friendly Hits – want to find people to play with? Join our “Friendly Hits” WhatsApp group (email us at ighthamtennis@gmail.com with your mobile number to join) or add your details to the “Friendly Hits” sheet inside the Clubhouse.

Club sessions – regular weekly club sessions are open to all members year round. We are currently running sessions on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. [Click here](#) to find more information.

Lessons – Club Coach Jem Jones can be contacted directly for lessons for both adults and children. Full details can be found by [clicking here](#).

Kent Inter Club League – If you would like to represent your club and play for the teams please contact Lee Bakewell: [07902285861](tel:07902285861) (men's) or Julian Drawbridge: jdrawbridge@btinternet.com or [07711616718](tel:07711616718) (men's midweek over 60s) or Maria Gostynska: marysiagostynska@gmail.com (ladies and mixed).

Racquet restringing services

If you or your partner has a racquet that needs a fresh restringing, fine tuning, or a bit of TLC, please contact ITC Club Coach Jem Jones at jem.jones@ymail.com or mobile [07960 062385](tel:07960062385) and he will be able to help.

A reminder that ITC members get a **10% discount at the Racquet Academy** shop in Otford. Visit their website by [clicking here](#).

Recycle your old tennis balls for charity

There's a black bin on the exterior balcony section of the clubhouse where you can leave your used tennis balls. We send them to **Recycaball** <https://recycaball.com/> who recycle them for charity. It also makes a bit of money for the club.

Did you know you can support ITC when you shop?

We work hard to keep your membership costs low by doing as much as we can ourselves, but you can help us by [signing up to this scheme](#) which means money is donated to the club every time you shop.

