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LFE TENNIS NEWSLETTER

Goodbye Tom Lewis

After over a decade teaching at LFE Tennis Club, Tom Lewis has decided to step down from GSM and as Head Coach at LFE. From all of us at LFE Tennis Club, we wish you the best of luck Tom with your new ventures.

Court Bookings

Its great to see the courts in action again, both for social, team practice, matches and leagues. The dark nights are now with us, as well as the outdoor lights being available, the indoor bubble is also available for bookings.

Please speak to John Noon or Andy Edwards with regards to block bookings.

Tennis Ball Recycling

A massive thank you to everyone for recycling with LFE.

Dates for the Diary

*15th Dec, 2022: Annual General Meeting (AGM); to be held in the clubhouse from 7pm, we would encourage as many members as possible to attend, its an excellent opportunity to get together and discuss the club and plans for the coming year! Please note, that the bar will be open.

Membership

Emails will be sent shortly regarding membership renewals for 2023. Thank you for your continued support with the club; we've seen a fantastic year of tennis & brilliant seeing everyone on court; social play, leagues, club play etc. and the start of our social events has provided an added boost to getting us all together again. He's to more in 2023!

For any questions regarding membership please discuss with Andy Edwards via telephone (07833 465369) or email andrew.edwards@icloud.com

Clubhouse Notice Boards

Noticeboards in the clubhouse are a fantastic way to stay up to date with what's happening around the club; including tennis match dates. Please ensure that while you are in the clubhouse you have a look at the noticeboards.

The new social email is hereswode@gmail.com so please note that social events will be linked to this address.

Committee Update

The following roles available for club support:
Club Secretary, Membership Secretary, General Maintenance Manager & Bubble manager
please contact: jnoon@virginmedia.com or edwardos@mac.com



Club Sessions

Wednesday 7-9pm &
Saturday 2.30-4.30pm.

Please note that these sessions are via advance booking only. Contact John Noon for details (limited places).
Phone: 07704373757

Email: jnoon@virginmedia.com



GSM Coaching

For more information on GSM coaching (children and adults) please contact Matt Clarridge on 07506 019130



Our Tennis Club wants **you** to have the best experience on and off the court.

I am here to ensure **you** are happy and playing in a safe environment.

If **you** have any concerns or issues please contact me.

I will listen and want to help **you**.
Diane

Adult Tennis End of Year Results for 2022...

Leicestershire County Summer Leagues

Ladies Doubles:

1st team, division 2 - 10th place
2nd team, division 3B - team dropped
3rd team, division 5A - 4th place

Men's Doubles:

1st team, division 1 - 6th place
2nd team, division 2 - team dropped
3rd team, division 3B - 2nd place
4th team, division 3A - 10th place
5th team, division 5B - 5th place
6th team, division 6A - 7th place

Mixed Doubles:

1st team, division 2 - 5th place
2nd team, division 4B - 2nd place
3rd team, division 6B - 3rd place

Ladies Doubles VETS:

1st team, division 2 - 2nd place
2nd team, division 3 - 8th place

Men's Doubles VETS:

1st team, division 1 - **1st place** - Massive shout out to Andy Hutchinson, Steve Stroud, Dave O'Sullivan, Steve Sharp, Mark Denby, Mike King, Julian Howard, Amit Mistri & Julian Collier for the well deserved win!

Leicestershire Doubles Super VETS 060's

1st team, division 1 - 2nd place



Leicestershire County Winter Leagues

Ladies Doubles:

1st team, division 1A - 6th place
2nd team, division 2A - results pending (1st or 2nd place).
3rd team, division 3A - 8th place

Men's Doubles:

1st team, division 2B - final match to play - here's to a 1st place fight to the end! Go team!
2nd team, division 3B - 3rd place

Winter Indoor Doubles League

LFE A, division 3 - 1st place - excellent news! Big shout out to Amit Mistri & Sue Yates, Johnny Parker-Leehane & Hayley Mistri, Aaron Derbyshire-Gingell & Hannah Machin.

Summer Doubles - Top Players

Ladies Doubles:

1st team - Alice Edwards
3rd team - Marie Sinclair

Men's Doubles:

1st team - Steve Brett
3rd team - Dave O'Sullivan
4th team - Amit Mistri
5th team - Nikesh Patel & Rob Weston
6th team - Nigel Waters

Mixed Doubles:

1st team - Jakob Rana & Alice Edwards
2nd team - Johnny Parker-Leehane & Hayley Mistri
3rd team - Aaron Derbyshire-Gingell & Andrea Loomes

Ladies VETS:

1st team - Lynn Norwood & Tessa Wright
2nd team - Sue Yates & Helen Prior

Men's Doubles VETS:

1st team - Andy Hutchinson

Leicestershire Doubles Super VETS 060's

1st team - David Hutchinson

Winter Doubles - Top Players

Ladies Doubles:

1st team - Alice Edwards
2nd team - Hayley Mistri
3rd team - Marie Sinclair

Men's Doubles:

1st team - James Ford
2nd team - Paul Chamberlain & Mark Hobster

LFE Beginners Group - started in 2022 to encourage more adults to take up tennis! Well done all of you for picking up your racquets and joining us here at LFE!



2022 Season... LFE Men's Team... It's all about the team...

The 045's and 050's & 055's at LFE have had a fantastic 2022; as stated by Steve Sharp 'a bunch of middle aged men, still fighting hard to be the best tennis players they can be!' The team have been friends and team mates for over 30 years (40 for some) working together as a team and importantly creating lasting memories.

13th August - a massive win over a very strong Roehampton Tennis Club in the 050's, a tremendous effort from Steve Sharp & Gary Van der Byl, who stepped in for an injured Steve Stroud with Chris Harwood & Steve Brett ever reliable! With temperatures soaring outside in the mid 30's, the LFE team managed the win, supported and cheered on by the amazing LFE crowd who gathered to cheer them on! Thank you to each and everyone of you who came along.

14th August, the 055's team, Steve Brett, Dave O'Sullivan, Gary Van der Byl & Steve Stroud won a tough match at Winchester Tennis Club, paving the way to the semi-final vs Roehampton.

Roehampton managed to avenge LFE team however, beating the LFE 055's the following month.

1st October - Semi-Final win over Florence Tennis and Bowling Club (FTBC) in the 050's. The team had many battles with their nemesis and friends at FTBC with Andy Hibbell and team coming second on a number of occasions; including a National Club final in 2017. Gary Van der Byl this time stepping for Chris Harwood who was recovering from injury; Steve Sharp, Steve Brett, Steve Stroud and Gary fought for the win!

6th November - Semi-Final win over North Oxford Lawn Tennis Club in the 045's. Gordon Armstrong paired with Steve Sharp with Chris Harwood & Steve Brett making up a solid team! The team fought valiantly against a strong North Oxford team, who came armed with the team's friend from his time in Leicestershire, Allan Cooper (Lead Performance Coach - NOLTC), the match was hard fought; the win sweet and a super team effort!

No time for recovery as the team headed off to the National Finals the following weekend.

12th to 13th November - Tennis Centre, Roehampton.

12th November - Finals win over Westside Lawn Tennis Club, Wimbledon in the 045's. A bright and early start to the weekend, with a rematch of probably the closest of matches from the competition played in 2021. The team took on Nick Adams and his team from WLTC and as per their previous encounter, the match went down to the wire; with Gordon Armstrong, Steve Sharp, Steve Brett & Chris Harwood working as a formidable team to finish with the win!

13th November - Steve Stroud stepped up for the live streamed Finals win over South Northumberland Tennis Club in the 050's. With the team still feeling it from the day before and the hard courts taking its toll; the team set out to make it a memorable weekend. SNTC pushed the team to the line with multiple turns and twists but 2 match tie breaks later the team made it to another 4-0 win!

Well done team LFE!



2022 Season... LFE Men's Team... It's all about the team... Continued...

19th to 26th November - the team travelled to Megasaray Tennis Academy, Antalya Turkey, for the European Seniors Club Finals. The team were drawn into a group with 2 other Turkish sides and Argayon from Belgium with the other group having teams from Turkey, France, Germany and Netherlands.

Day 1 brought a 4-1 loss to team LFE in what was a closely fought match against Argayon Tennis & Squash Club; however, the team rallied around and dug deep to win the remaining 2 matches in both singles and doubles. With tiredness and aches and pains from the previous weeks tennis, team LFE were certainly feeling the strain but continued to fight with pure grit and determination! 2-1 up after the singles in the second match with Chris Harwood tearing a muscle in his quadriceps and with Steve Sharp suffering with ongoing foot issues the team knew the week would be tough!

The win over Aydinlar Tennis Club meant LFE finished 2nd in their group and secured a place in the semi-finals. Due to injury for 3 out of the 5 players, LFE were unable to field a team for the match against a team from the Netherlands. It was decided LFE would share the Bronze medal with the French; due to them not being able to change their travel plans; a great shame as it would have been fantastic to have finished with another match against their friends from over the Channel.

A massive congratulations to the 050's team, Steve Stroud, Steve Sharp, Steve Brett, Chris Harwood, Gary Van der Byl & Tim Davies as well as the 045's team, Mark Denby, Gordon Armstrong, Danny Poultney & Andy Hutchinson.

The 055's team Gary Van der Byl, Tim Davies, Ian Thomas and Steve Stroud, fought hard in their final match versus Barcelona, after a gruesome fight, Barcelona edged the win, with team LFE awarded the Bronze at the European Championships. Following a successful 2022 season, LFE have qualified for Europe, 2023! Details will follow with these dates.

While many see tennis as an individual sport we can assure you, whether singles or doubles; tennis is definitely a team sport! Support from the team, from the side lines and even via live You Tube streaming! The LFE Men have backed each other up, their families sacrificing time and family gatherings to support training, travel, the ups and downs along the way too! This seasons fantastic result is as much theirs as it is the men's! Tennis teaches you discipline; how to win, how to lose, and how to go that extra mile when every part of your mind, body and soul ache! Well done Team LFE!



Spotlight on Jacob Edmondson

Summer 2022 achievements:

- * Chelmsford U14 Grade 3 Winner
- * Leamington U14 Grade 3 Winner
- * County Junior Championship U14 Grade 3 Winner & County Champion
- * County Junior Championship U14 Grade 3 Doubles Finalist
- * West Bridgeford U14 Grade 3 Doubles Finalist
- * Carisbrooke U16 Grade 4 Winner
- * Ashby U16 Doubles Finalist
- * Oadby U18 Grade 4 Winner
- * Billesley U18 Grade 4 Winner
- * Ashby Open Grade 5 Winner & Leicestershire U14 *'Play your way to Wimbledon'* Winner; this achievement gave Jacob the opportunity to play at the All England Tennis Club on the hallowed grass courts of SW19.



To top an excellent year of achievement over the Summer months, Jacob; on the 7th December will collect a Junior Achievement Award from the Parish Council (areas of Thurlaston, Desford, Narborough, Huncote, Croft and Enderby). We would like to offer Jacob our congratulations on his achievements over 2022 and look forward to supporting him over 2023! Well done Jacob from all of us at LFE Tennis Club.



Adult Weekly Coaching

There are currently 2 sessions per week run by Matt Clarridge for adults.

Monday evening at 7pm, sessions payable upon attendance.

Friday morning, Ladies only group, 10am to 11am, sessions payable upon attendance.

For more information regarding the adults groups please contact Matt for information regarding bookings and payments.

Mobile: 07506 019130

Sunday Morning Men's Tennis

Calling all Men...

There is a men's drop in tennis session running every Sunday morning 10-12 noon on courts 1, 2 & 3.

There is no need to pre-book for this session; please turn up for 9:45am for a 10am start.



Tennis Team Practice

If you are interested in playing for the LFE tennis teams, ladies, mens, mixed teams please contact:

Julian Collier (Men's Teams)
Email: juliancollier@msn.com
Mobile: 07888722758

OR

Lynn Norwood (Ladies Teams)
Email: lynn.norwood@gmx.com

We'd love to have you join us for the upcoming 2023 leagues.

Tennis teams practice will be announced on the clubhouse notice board, look out for details.

Halloween Tennis Tournament

A massive thank you to all of you who participated in the Halloween Tournament; it was a great social event and lots of fun to be had all around.

Singles Main Draw

Winner: Johnny Parker-Leehane

Runner up: Max Manning

Singles Plate Draw

Winner: Lewis Cain

Runner up: Sue Yates

Doubles Main Draw:

Winners: Alice Edwards & Sanjay Pabari

Runners up: Jann Dickinson & Johnny Parker-Leehane

Doubles Plate Draw

Winners: Anya Tu & Seb Tu

Runners up: Aaron Derbyshire-Gingell & Tommy Steinacher



Best Costume: Aaron Derbyshire-Gingell

Best Pumpkin: Hayley Mistri



Shout Out!



Most Consistent Players:

Tracy Hackett & Nigel Waters

No matter who the opponent, Tracy & Nigel will just rally! If you want the point you need to work 'very hard' ... Well done both, we prefer to be on your team, not against you!

Most Commitment:

Alice Edwards

Alice has been a member of the club since being a junior; and is a massive part of LFE Tennis, playing in teams and joining with social events too! What many may not know is that Alice is now away at university but still travels home to support us with team matches and events! Thank you Alice for your commitment to the club and teams; you are very much appreciated!

Improved Beginner Player:

Lee Cooper

Lee joined LFE in 2022, in the beginners group & now plays in the club play & social events too; he is also been an avid supporter of matches over the Summer and Winter Leagues! The club has loved seeing your tennis improve over the year, and your support of the teams has been so much appreciated. We look forward to seeing your progress over 2023. Well done Lee!

LFE Captains:

Julian Collier & Lynn Norwood

For your organisation and support of the teams over this year; your efforts are very much appreciated by all of us at LFE. Thank you!

Grounds Person (courts):

Martin Hopkins

Many thanks for caring and keeping the courts looking so tidy over 2022, we greatly appreciate your early mornings and work maintaining them, from everyone at LFE, thank you!

Treasurer:

Andy Edwards

For being treasurer/membership lead and everything else! It's a hard job and not one that comes with lots of thanks; so thank you for your ongoing support & many hours of work over 2022!

Social Events:

Sue Yates & Aaron Derbyshire-Gingell

With COVID stopping everything social, it's been fantastic to see these events creeping back in again over 2022 (with more planned in 2023)! So a massive thank you to Sue and Aaron for your time and efforts into re-introducing social activities at the club; your time is very much appreciated (as are the new scoreboards and seating)! Thank you!

Tuesday Tennis Gang:

A huge thank you to everyone who supports the 'Mixed Doubles Practice' on Tuesday evenings; rain or shine they can be found playing tennis! We've seen some fantastic match play this season with Indoor Mixed matches coming up, starting Jan 2023; LFE have a title to defend after the fantastic win this year! Let's aim for more mixed doubles in 2023 involving even more members! If you'd be interested in playing mixed please get in touch with the captains.

Members:

Shout outs would never be complete if we didn't thank every single one of you for your ongoing contribution to LFE Tennis Club; not just for 2022 but over the years too! Your contribution to the club itself, tennis socials, turn up and play, league matches, practices and social events to raise money for the club... are all so much appreciated. So to each and everyone of our members - thank you!

