



### Dates for the diary. New Clubhouse update

#### May - Dates for the diary

Here's what's you can book onto this month, with a look ahead included:

- **Under 10's Introduction to Competition, Saturday 4 May.** A mini competition for juniors. Sign up on the coaching website or with Neil Watts.
- **Marlborough Sports and Activity Festival, 6 May.** [Hilda Moore](#) is leading our tennis activity. If anyone else can help get in touch! The event is a free sport and physical activity festival for young people aged 10-19yrs. Young people can be booked on by [clicking this link](#)
- **'Booze and Balls', Friday 10 May, 6-7pm.** Debora Confortini and Charlotte Roach are hosting a mixed fun social. BYO booze, we'll provide the balls!
- **Gardening morning, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10-12am.** We will need to just mow and strim the grassed area, so do pop by and help – even 30 minutes will make a difference. Some help taking down the windbreaks on Courts 3-4 will be needed.
- **'Bring a Friend' night Friday 17 May, 6-8pm.** An introduction for prospective [new joiners](#) and new members. Tennis 6-7pm then drinks on the new terrace. Contact Jo Payne or Peter May.
- **Social Tournament, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2-4.30pm** The format for this event is mixed doubles. Sign up individually, as rotating pairs will be assigned. We had 24 out last month and it was great to see Abi Beaumont as a first timer! [Sign up here.](#)



- **Racquet Try Out, Wednesday 22 May, 7-9pm.** Need a new racquet or a high quality used one? Come out to the try-out event and try multiple racquets during the social tennis slot. No need to book in its turn up and play.
- **Teen Social Tournament, Saturday 25 May,** Organised by Neil Watts, this [doubles session](#) will feature rotating pairs.
- **May Half term Camps, 29-31 May.** The [camps](#) will include lots of fun games, tennis skills and competition throughout the day.

#### New clubhouse - nearly there!

We are expecting the clubhouse to be completed by mid-May (except for the top floor)

A big thank you to Sarah Ensor for putting up the auction lot of tennis and lunch at Queens Club. We raised £500 thanks to a generous bid from James Sheppard. We now have just £900 to raise for the initial phase, with two auctions coming out. Thanks to everyone who has helped. [The final push is on, so...donate here!](#) Here's what's next for the new build:



- 🔧 Balcony work, cladding, lighting, and all electricals completed. Internal painting by volunteers - thanks all.
- 🔧 Pavement area rebuilt, and restoration of the grassed area.
- 🔧 Removal of the old pavilion when the new building is completed, expected by 17 May.
- 🔧 Kitchen grant bids are in with final funding decisions and installation from mid-June.

The building site remains out of bounds until it is complete. We do have some Trustees needing access to agree minor changes. The top floor represents a safety hazard as it currently has no strong safety barrier, so please keep off.

You might be curious ...what does the top floor look like? It's progressing. Here is a 'sneak a peek' at the ongoing build. The kitchen image here is a designers visualisation, *a single example only* of a mocked-up kitchen. We will be making best use of the open space to ensure it is multi-purpose.

New clubhouse – top floor funding currently limited to an empty shell

New top floor work in progress as of mid-April 2024



Example end state (quoted example)



## 50:50 Lottery Draw Winners

With all 100 lottery numbers sold, our prize pot at £500 could pay for your membership for the year! April winners were:

- 🎱 1st Prize, Lynn Scholfield number 19, winning £250.
- 🎱 2nd Prize, Lucy Spooner, number 20, £150.
- 🎱 3rd Prize, Darren Scragg, number 4, £100.

## League update

[Summer league](#) has kicked off, with three mens (Mondays) three ladies (Tuesdays), and two mixed teams (Thursdays) entered. If you are interested in

summer league please contact Penny or Neil on [compete@marlboroughtennis.co.uk](mailto:compete@marlboroughtennis.co.uk)

Match results so far include:

Division	Results
Mens A v Royal Wotton Bassett C, Div. 3	7-1
Mens B v Wanborough A, Div. 5	8-0
Mens C v Wanborough B, Div. 7	8-0
Ladies A vs Pewsey A, Div. 1	4-4
Ladies B vs Purton A, Div. 1	2-6
Ladies C vs Fairford, Div. 3	2-6

## Membership update

Welcome to new family Gareth, Max, Anabel, Millie Dexter. Louise Norton and Oliver Jarrett join in the adult section. David and Finn in the Youth category. The Edwards family will also soon be on court: Amelia, Sam Weller, Keith and Alexandra. Welcome to the club!

## Fine and Country Sponsorship

We are thrilled to be able to continue our support of local charity Love Marlborough Kids Meals with a £2000 grant from the Fine & Country Foundation Spring Programme. Did you know Fine and Country donates £100 for every completed sale & invite vendors to also donate. The Fine & Country Foundation raises funds for homeless charities across the UK and the next grant application will open on 1st October. If you would like to nominate a local charity, then do let Ed know. Meanwhile they have some lovely new instructions coming to the market, so if you are looking to make your move then do get in touch!

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## RBC Brewin Dolphin - New windbreaks

We have new windbreaks coming courtesy of RBC Brewin Dolphin this month! These will be installed on the golf course side of the courts.

