



We're back on court

Great to see everyone back out on court and we are working on a busy season so keep your eyes peeled for our regular calendar updates. On the relevant WhatsApp groups? We've got Fizz Friday, Social, Ladders that help organise tennis so just ask if you need some pointers. If you wish to get in touch with the committee please email admin@marlboroughtennis.co.uk

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It's been great to see so many back on court and playing tennis again! We've



already taken off with league matches, the singles and doubles ladder, a social tournament, maintenance day, coaching and 'Bring a Friend' night for prospective new members. A new [annual calendar of events](#) has been published which will be regularly updated as the COVID restrictions ease.

What's on in May

Here are the key activities on offer in May:

- **Bring a Friend Night, Friday 7th May, 6-7pm.** Our members are the best advocates for Marlborough Tennis and this is the second opportunity for you to bring a friend who you think might be interested in joining. Last time 7 members brought 7 friends and 2 adult offspring and we had four courts full of mix in play before breaking out the beers for a chance to chat after. This time we might even order in some sunshine! Organised by Jo Payne (07766 721799) and

Peter May (07508 818237) sign up via the website. Described by ClubSpark as an Open Day but really an Open Evening, click on Count Me In. Register [here](#) and let us know via What's App who you are bringing along.

- **Social Tennis, every Wednesday 6-8pm and every Sunday, 10-12 am.** Open to all members with rotational play in place. Each Sunday will follow a similar format and rusty racket players are most welcome. No need to book, just turn up.
- **Fizz Friday, Friday 14th and 28th May, 6-7pm.** Happy Hour from 7pm. Bring your own drink and a glass for open air socialising. This has been a popular slot this year and we have expanded the number of playing places to 20, with a five girls per court, for a four on, one off format. An invitation to play goes out on What's App on Sunday evening prior to the event. 44 girls have attended at least once since it started and we welcome new members each time. Please contact [Fiona Wycherley](#) (07747 103549) or [Jo Payne](#) (07766 721799) if you would like to be added to the ladies social WhatsApp list.
- **Social Tournament, Saturday 15th May 2-430pm.** Time to get into another popular social tournament run by our competitions team (Neil and Penny) so



please sign up [here](#). It's doubles format and there's a small charge for this to cover prizes and tennis balls.

- **Open Day, 22nd May, 10am-3pm.** We will be running an open day for prospective new members and will have a local PR campaign. We'll need a few volunteers to help on the day playing tennis, helping with parking, engaging visitors. If you can help, even for a short period let Hilda Moore know at info@marlboroughtennis.co.uk

Summer league news

We've had a good start to summer league. Thanks to Neil and Penny for organising our teams and with a bumper number of players taking part this year. The recent results include:

Mens A team	Won 8-0 vs PAKT but felt closer than the score suggests
Mens B team	Narrowly lost 5-3 vs Chiseldon
Ladies A team	Away versus Minety, drew 4-4 against a strong side
Ladies B team	Ongoing match, currently 5-0 up against Fairford before rain stopped play
Ladies C team	Won 6-2 vs David Lloyd 'C' team

An update on the next matches will follow in the next edition including the Mixed and Mens C who battle it out at the end of the month. When COVID spectator rules are loosened please feel free to come and 'cheer on' the Marlborough teams. Men's matches are on Mondays, Ladies' on Tuesdays and Mixed on Thursdays. It is never too late to get involved in this if you are interested. Please let Penny or Neil know on compete@marlboroughtennis.co.uk

Thanks to the work party team!

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the digging of beds, weeding, and maintenance of the site on the 24th April. The contributions of our volunteers are really massive, so a big thank you from the committee.



American Tournament 17th April

A spectacularly sunny day saw 24 eager players for the first friendly mixed tournament of the year. Old and young, existing and new members, battled it out over five rounds in a friendly yet competitive spirit. During the tournament, Marlborough Tennis paid their respects to Prince Philip at 3pm with a minute's silence.



Then the battles continued. It was neck and neck in a couple of the pools until the final round and, even then, there were ties. The final results were :

- **Ladies:** 1st Amabel Harvey-Evers 2nd Gill Horton
- **Mens:** 1st Charlie Fraser Joint 2nd Alan Francis/ Stuart Anderson and Theo Harvey-Evers (our youngest player)

Fast Facts

Ever wondered about membership numbers or need a few facts and figures about the club? We are a growing and thriving club with a 35% increase in membership since 2018. Here are a few figures, to whet your appetite:



Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership so promptly in April. It really helps our cash flow. New members always welcome – it's a great time to join.