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New events - families and juniors!

We are starting to develop a new and action packed [juniors programme](#) and with a new subcommittee of parents helping take it forward we plan to offer a lot more for our 100 juniors.



- **Juniors social tennis, Sunday 8 August, 4-5.30.** Doubles play and ball machine while you wait. Check out our new boom box, pizza post play and find out what's coming up for juniors. For the initial session please just [register here](#) so we have an idea on numbers.
- **Family tournament, Saturday 14th August, 2-4.30 pm.** A fun packed family tournament hosted by Heidi Marvin and Rosie Scott. Aimed at juniors aged 14+ who can show parents how it's really done! [Sign up](#) and enjoy.
- **Juniors social tennis/ladder, Sunday 22 August, 4-5.30.** Join in the fun and get ready for the doubles ladder and we will help everyone find a partner and get organised. Please [sign up here](#).
- **StepUP!** Free coaching programme aimed at helping teens get active. Please see the [summary](#) on the website for details here, conditions apply but have a chat!
- **Sports Forum day, 18 September.** Please help deliver [multi-sports day](#) event. We need volunteers to help host a tennis try out for interested 10-19 year olds in Marlborough. Please contact [Hilda Moore](#) if you can help.

New Juniors sub committee

This new subcommittee includes [Hilda Moore](#), Louisa Mangham and Lottie Ford, Marcus Gilliard, Oscar Atkinson, Darren Scragg, Jamie Greenwood, Emma Mitchener, Iryada Ashmore and Martin Hare as an initial team. Get in touch and share your views about events, activities and how you can help.

What's on in August - Dates for the Diary

Want to know what's on for the next few months? Check out the calendar [here](#) and for an adults weekly programme see this [mini summary](#). Here's what's on:

- **Rusty Rackets championships.** Starting in early September after the conclusion of the Club Championships, we will be running a Rusty Rackets tournament. The tournament will be open to anyone who DIDN'T play in the club championships or who didn't win a match. Match play is one of the best ways to improve your tennis, in this case by playing others of a similar standard. Subject to numbers categories are; Men's singles, Ladies' singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles. You can enter with a partner or without if you would like us to pair you up with someone. Entries are [now open](#) and will close on Thursday 2nd September and the draw will be published on Sunday 5th September.
- **Club Social Tennis, every Wednesday 6-8pm and every Sunday, 10-12am.** Open to all members with rotational play in place. All players are most welcome. No need to book, just turn up.
- **'Early bird Tennis', every Tuesday, 7.30-9.30am** Early morning exercise? This one is for you. [Peter May](#) hosts, and just get added to the WhatsApp group.

- **Thursday Social Tennis, 10-12am.** Our Thursday trial continues so just turn up and play. We have a growing social WhatsApp group to keep you informed as just ask Peter May/Jo Payne to be added to the group.
- **Friday afternoon 'T' 2-4pm.** A social tennis slot so just turn up and play. Hope to see you there.
- **Fizz Friday, Friday 13th and 27th August 6-7pm.** A 'Girls Night Out'. 20 playing places are available, with a five girls per court, for a four on, one off format. Please contact [Fiona Wycherley](mailto:Fiona.Wycherley@marlboroughtennis.co.uk) (07747 103549) or [Jo Payne](mailto:Jo.Payne@marlboroughtennis.co.uk) (07766 721799) if you would like to be added to the Ladies Social WhatsApp group. Tennis, music and drinks on the terrace.
- **Social tournament, Olympic dream, Saturday 21st August, 2-4.30 pm** An Olympic dream realised – sign up [here](#) for our mixed doubles Olympic themed tournament. Let's have some more 'tournament first timers' to cash in on the medals.
- **Club championships, 4 September.** We are seeing a ton of tennis and now need to get ready for a whopper finals day in September. We need 'BBQ kings', 'catering queens' and 'events enthusiasts' to help plan and deliver the biggest finals day yet. If you can get involved contact compete@marlboroughtennis.co.uk or events@marlboroughtennis.co.uk

National Tennis Centre Weekend - interested?

On 11-12 September there will be an opportunity to play where the pros train. The £249 package (prior to some negotiation!) will include; on site accommodation stay and parking, 4 hours coaching, match play each day and all catering including Saturday night dinner/drinks out in Wimbledon. There will be padel experience with the head coach and a Wimbledon Centre Court and museum visit. The NTC will offer a 'behind the scenes' NTC tour & performance insight, with a NTC goodie bag as a takeaway! At this stage we are just establishing interest so if this is for you, please contact [Andrew Payne](mailto:Andrew.Payne@marlboroughtennis.co.uk) (07843 363611) Collective transport might be an option.

Inaugural Marlborough-Ramsbury Cup - Volunteers wanted!

We are hitting the courts on Saturday 2 October, with a mix of social and competitive play for our inaugural Marlborough-Ramsbury Cup. This will be a mixed event across the club and if you can help please discuss with [Andrew Payne](mailto:Andrew.Payne@marlboroughtennis.co.uk).

Coaching update - adieu to Joe Revelle

Joe Revelle has received an opportunity to coach quite locally to his home and with much regret, we are sad to announce

that Joe will be leaving in mid-October. This will be a great opportunity to develop his career as well as helping Joe and Becca enjoy more family time. Joe has been with Marlborough for nearly three years and coached several hundred players and we will miss him. Meanwhile we are also delighted to welcome a new Level 3 Coach, Elliott Kami to the team in August as we continue to build our coaching capability. Recruitment for a head coach is underway as part of our coaching expansion plan. Please contact [Hilda Moore](mailto:Hilda.Moore@marlboroughtennis.co.uk) if you are interested in becoming a coach or an apprentice coach.



Summer league news

The [Summer league](#) will soon be coming to an end. Marlborough has made a really good showing this year and, with just a few matches to play, several teams may well be promoted. The mens' team seems to attract rain on a Monday night, so more matches to play!

We have been pleased to welcome several more newcomers to the teams recently, including Harry Jones from the junior section. Well done to the Ladies C team who have won the 4th Division by a country mile - the fluorescent team T-Shirts obviously did the job! Thanks to Fiona Wycherley for mostly captaining the team and supporting when she couldn't play. Top scorers are Claire Tarring and Carolyn Whitrow. Results for all the teams will be in the next newsletter.

