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### What's on in September - Dates for the Diary

We are hotting up for the club championships and getting ready to move to our autumn programme. Here's what's on:

- **Club championships 'Finals' day, Saturday 4th September 11am-6pm.** It might have felt like the 'year of the bye' but we are finally there. Matches have been won and lost and 'the plate' has provided a second chance. Come out and see some great tennis and enjoy the beer and Pimms, refreshments and have a 'sneak peek' view on the draft pavilion plans. Please bring your own picnic and a chair. Play is from 11am-6pm and look out for the detailed email this week.
- **Rusty Rackets Championships, draw 5<sup>th</sup> September.** Starting in early September after the conclusion of the Club Championships, we will be starting a Rusty Rackets tournament along similar lines. The draw will be published on Sunday 5th September. Contact [Penny](#) to be included.
- **Bring a Friend night, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 6-7.30.** Have a friend who might be interested in tennis? Have a friend who might be interested in tennis? Contact [Jo Payne](#) or [Peter May](#) to book a place - these special Fridays are arranged for you to bring your friend, play in with others and socialise on the terrace after 7pm. A great way for friends to see what Marlborough Tennis has to offer.
- **Fizz Friday, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 6-7pm.** A 'Girls Night Out'. 20 playing places are available, with a five girls per court, for a four on, one off format.

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Please contact [Fiona Wycherley](#) (07747 103549) or [Jo Payne](#) (07766 721799) if you would like to be added to the Ladies Social WhatsApp group. Tennis, music, and drinks on the terrace.



- **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** This event is growing in popularity with at least three courts most weeks. [Peter May](#) hosts. Get yourself added to the WhatsApp group if you are interested. Sunrise still early until mid-October!
- **Thursday Social Tennis, 10-12am.** Our Thursday morning social continues. We have a growing social WhatsApp group to keep you informed so just ask Peter May/Jo Payne to be added to the group.
- **Friday afternoon 'T' 2-4pm.** A social tennis slot to just turn up and play. Runs all month.
- **Inaugural Marlborough vs Ramsbury Cup Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** We will be looking for players from across the club to join in an inclusive event. Details will follow in mid-September.

## What's on in September for 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.

- **Sports Forum Day, 18 September.** Please help deliver [multi-sports day](#) event at the recreation area. We need volunteers to help host a tennis try out for interested 10–19-year-olds in Marlborough. Contact [Hilda Moore](#) if you can help.
- **Juniors social tennis/ladder, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 4-5.30.** Parents and juniors welcome to join in so please [sign up here](#).
- **StepUP!** A free coaching programme aimed at helping teens get active. Please see the [summary](#) on the website for details.
- **Juniors' Championships Day, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm.** A single one-day club champs for juniors on a knockout format. Look out for the detailed email to sign up. Events will be according to numbers that enrol in each event.

## 50:50 Launch coming soon

We are an expanding club and we've recently prioritised a range of improvements for the club based your feedback. These have included a number of items already completed such as car parking lights, windbreaks, and tournament equipment. We have an agreement with the Town Council to help with expanded car parking, and their financial support for a shelter which will be built next to the Pavilion. New, bigger plans include lights for Courts 1-2, a new pavilion in the longer term to help improve an already fabulous club. So, we need to find ways of raising money to help with these and other improvement projects that we want to undertake for the benefit of all members. Watch out for news this week of the new 50:50 Lottery Club which will be launched on Finals Day. Why 50:50? Because 50% of the money we raise from the monthly draws will go towards financing the improvement projects and 50% will be for prize money. We have a long list of projects that the lottery funds will finance and we want you to give us your ideas. You will have a chance to sign up for the lottery on Finals day – tickets are just £10 a month.



## Summer league roundup

The Summer League will soon be coming to an end, we have done incredibly well. Results are to be confirmed but huge congratulations to everyone who has taken part. With 4,308 games won alone, that's a lot of tennis!



### Team Results:

- Ladies A (Div1) 5<sup>th</sup> place. Team grew into season and more to come in 2022
- Ladies B (Div3) 1<sup>st</sup> place winning a stunning 75 sets won – promotion
- Ladies C (Div4) Winners (by 5 points and promotion)
- Mens A (Div4) Winners with 78% of all sets won - a well-deserved promotion
- Mens B (Div6) 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 1 point in it! Promotion
- Mens C (Div7) 5<sup>th</sup> position
- Mixed A (Div2) 2<sup>nd</sup> place secured
- Mixed B (Div3) 4<sup>th</sup> place
- Mixed C (Div4) 2<sup>nd</sup> of 6 – should be promoted

As the summer closes, we have entered three teams into the mixed Winter League. It's a different format to the summer with



two sets of ladies and mens then two sets of mixed. Entrants will be sought this month. If you've joined recently and want to know more just contact [compete@marlboroughtennis.co.uk](mailto:compete@marlboroughtennis.co.uk)