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

Its time for our autumn programme. Here's what's on:

- **Fizz Friday, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>th</sup> October 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](#) (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 from 7pm onwards.
- **Oktoberfest Social Tournament, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 2-4.30pm.** There will be thrills and spills on a German theme so [register here](#). With sponsorship from the new town cinema we have cinema tickets as prizes!
- **Joe Revelle final day and drinks! Friday 22 October.** Initially at the club for juniors and parents at 5pm then 7-10pm at the chalet The Marlborough. Pop in for a drink (pizzas are about £10) and say goodbye to Joe and Becs.
- **Doubles and Singles Ladders kicking off.** Our ever popular [doubles](#) and [singles](#) ladders get going this month. This is one of the best ways to improve your competitive tennis. There are two doubles ladders so you can play in 'competitive' or 'social' (greater variety in this one). Have a look at each ladder and enter now!
- **Court closure dates.** We've committed to a court painting programme led by Gary Bond. The courts



need a special cleaning regime. This will be done by a specialist cleaning/court painting contractor from 18 October for a three day period. An update on access will be provided nearer the time. Court availability will be limited from 18-20 October

**New Social Programme.** As we move to autumn winter our revised programme will be as follows:

## 50:50 Draw kicks off this month

### New Weekly Social programme

- Monday** 19.00 - 20.30 pm **Rusty Rackets** and beginners social
- Tuesday** 07.30 - 9.30 am **Early Birds** (timing may change as weather chills!)
- Wednesday** 19.00 - 20.30 pm mid week **Club Social**
- Thursday** 10.00 - 12.00 morning **Social**
- Friday** 14.00 - 16.00 'Afternoon T' – social tennis
- Sunday** 10.00 - 12.00 **Club Social**

Still a few tickets to go but the first draw already has £135 going to the first winner! The lottery will help us raise funds for key projects that will benefit everyone. Sign up and help out. See the [website for details](#) or get in touch with [Peter May](#) Applications are also in the pavilion with the lottery box.

## Goodbye to Joe Revelle - Head Coach

Joe Revelle leaves us after working with the club for nearly three years since the new build. He's moved coaching into the mainstream of our activities. He's trained and coached 100's of people, delivered summer camps which have been attended by around 120 juniors each holiday. Members and non-members have honed their skills in cardio, doubles coaching, rusty rackets, beginners and one to ones. Joe has also become one of an elite group of around only 90 Level 5 coaches nationally. This is great kudos to his tennis ambition and perseverance. Joe starts at Andover on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we will see him off in style on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We'd like to give thanks to Joe for all his work, on and off court, his infectious humour and energy and enthusiasm for tennis which has improved the skills of so many people of all abilities and ages. Joe, we will miss you and all the best with your next career move.



## Welcome to a new team for coaching

With Joes departure we have secured a new team – helping us expand our offering and with three very well qualified coaches (four with Hilda Moore – our committee lead for coaching) A handover is ongoing and this expanded team gives us the opportunity to set up a newer, wider coaching programme. Here's what the change will mean for members and others doing coaching:

- You'll need to keep up your normal coaching via Joe and Elliott to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please use up your credits and book in on the coaching available this month. Joe will hand over his head coach responsibilities to Neil Watts
- A new coaching programme and the ability to book via ClubSpark will be in place at least a week prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> so everyone can continue getting first class coaching via Neil, Becky or Elliott.
- Look out for a new coaching programme next month. We'll keep most of the current programme the same and will gradually add new offerings to the timetable
- As Becky and Neil arrive into the club in the next few weeks, say hello and give them a Marlborough welcome.



**Hilda Moore – MT Coaching Officer – Committee**

Hilda is the coaching lead for the committee and responsible for the overall coaching programme, liaising with the LTA. Hilda is a Level 3 coach

Hilda was extensively involved in the build of the new site and has been both chair and a committee members for many years.

Please contact Hilda if you have ideas or suggestions for our coaching programme

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**Neil Watts – Head Coach, Level 4**

I have been playing tennis for over 35 years and have been coaching for over 20. I gained an ATP ranking in 1997 and was ranked as high as 13 in Great Britain. I am also currently the men's County captain. During my coaching career I've ran my own junior academy coaching players of County standard through to competing at an International level. Tennis has always been my life and I enjoy coaching all ages and abilities to help my players reach whatever goals they wish to achieve.

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**Becky Watts – Club coach, Level 4**

I've been playing tennis for over 20 years and coaching for 14. I've represented the county at every age group and played to a high national level. I'm currently the Wiltshire 10, 11 and 12u county captain and 'She Rallies' ambassador.

I love coaching and being involved in people's tennis journey. I get as much pleasure from helping someone play in their first match to watching them become national champion.

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**Elliott Kami – Club coach, Level 3**

I've played tennis since I was 6 and represented my county as a junior and competed at regional, national and at the University of Portsmouth.

I've been coaching for 8 years working with all ages & abilities. I aspire to widen my sporting knowledge across tennis.

I take pride in my job and love tennis and aim to help everyone achieve their goals on and off the court whilst enjoying themselves.

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