



Dates for the diary. New Clubhouse update and AGM

March - Dates for the diary

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

- **Annual General Meeting Thursday 7 March 7-8.30 pm** A short on-line AGM which will cover the financial year 2023. We are now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and the AGM will include an overview of our finances, club reports, headline plans over three years for the future and trustee elections. Agenda and details are in the 'members only' area of the website.
- **'Fizz' Friday, Friday 6-7pm Friday 8th March.** An hour of musical tennis. Sign-up will go out via the ladies WhatsApp group the Wednesday prior. Contact Jo on 07766 721799
- **Social Tournament, Saturday 16th March 2-4.30pm.** Hosted by Penny Smith the next [social tournament](#) celebrates continued support for tennis from Lexus with their new Sky partnership.
- **Easter Camps 3-10 April.** These fun camps run across a range of age groups including [4-7 year olds](#), [8-10 year olds](#), [11+](#). Plan ahead to get signed up as spaces generally go fast!
- **Coaching weekly programme.** Our coaching programme is open to members and non-members alike. The Monday skills clinic, doubles and Wednesday/Thursday 'Hit Fit' are proving to be popular sessions. Sign up details for coaching [are here](#). Feel free to bring a friend to introduce them to the club.
- **New clubhouse top floor survey results.** These are now posted in the Social WhatsApp group or via this [link](#) on the website.
- **RBC Brewin Dolphin Prize Draw closes 10 April.** A great prize draw, see page 2 for details

New Clubhouse - next steps

We are now seeing rapid progress on the clubhouse! Here is a taster of what you can expect next:

- 🔧 Electrical installation as a 'first fit' and then windows and doors complete by March 15th
- 🔧 During the week commencing Monday 4 March, interior plastering commences
- 🔧 Balcony work and then cladding in around the end of the month
- 🔧 After that we will be restoring the grassed area to start preparing for a great summer season.

The project is catching up after a weeks delay, which is strong progress given the weather conditions over December. Thanks to Gary Bond for his exceptional drive and energy on the project!

Fundraising for the new clubhouse

We are closing the gap quickly but still have more to do. Our current shortfall is just under £12k with a few fundraising activities to come. These include internal auctions and bids in for grants. The top floor is being treated as a separate project and for that three separate grant bids have been submitted. It will be all hands on deck later for painting when the top floor is completed. We will be seeking help with kitchen units, flooring, window blinds, crockery, table and chairs, large TV and Wi-Fi. This will all need to be as part of a cohesive style plan. Our diverse membership has a variety of skills. We'd love to hear from you, if [you](#) can help!

Wiltshire LTA Tennis Awards

LTA President Sandi Procter, presented the [Wiltshire LTA Awards](#) on Friday 26th February. Marlborough Tennis was included in two key awards:

- 👤 Wiltshire Team of the Year, Captained by our Head Coach, Neil Watts
- 👤 Volunteer of the Year, Andrew Payne, Chair



Many congratulations to both! Roger Henry received a lifetime achievement award as a stalwart at Ramsbury Tennis Club with well over forty years volunteering. Next year we will be entering for Club of the Year - fingers crossed!

League update

We have three teams in the Swindon and District [winter league](#). Last year saw all three teams going up a division and the competition was tougher! Our current standings are:

Team	Division	Current position
Marlborough A	1	7 TH
Marlborough B	2	5 th
Marlborough C	3	7 th

Thanks to everyone who played in winter league, its be hard work. Summer league entries are now submitted, with three ladies, three mens and two mixed teams entered. Email [compete](#) if you want to join summer league if you've not already done so as pre-season training starts soon.

50:50 Lottery Draw Winners

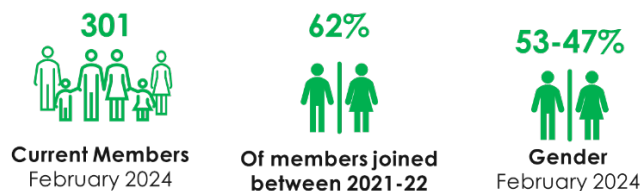
With all 100 lottery numbers sold, our prize pot for last months draw stood at £500. Hilda Moore made the draw at the February Trustees Meeting:

- 1st Number 12, Peter May, £250
- 2nd Number 70, Neil Emery, £150
- 3rd Number 53, Nick Blakey, £100

Congratulations to our winners! A big thank you to everyone who is supporting the lottery. Not only is there a healthy prize pot every month, but also £6,000 is going towards key club improvement projects every year which is fantastic. Thanks to everyone who in a one-day rapid session grabbed the last 10 numbers!

Membership update

January 1st is the start of membership renewals and we have updated our membership fees for 2024. Here are a few 'Fast Facts' on membership as of February 2024:



Win an overnight stay and two tickets to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024

The RBC-Brewin Dolphin team has a great offer for members! They are giving one lucky winner the chance to win a luxury overnight stay and two tickets to their exclusive evening drinks and canapé reception at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024 on Tuesday 21st May. To enter, please follow the link [RBC Brewin Dolphin](#) Entries close on 10th April.

Fine and Country Sponsorship

Thanks to our [Fine and Country](#) sponsorship all junior members are eligible to receive either a navy t-shirt or a hoody (aged 14+). Get in touch with [Andrew](#) to get kitted out. Thanks to Ed Taylor and his team, our juniors are now seen around the county in club shirts.



Lexus- Tennis sponsorship expansion

Lexus has struck a [new partnership with Sky Sports](#) as the "Presenting Partner" of its brand-new channel Sky Sports Tennis. This year-long partnership includes exclusive sponsorship of the ATP Tour, and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Tour throughout 2024. Lexus will reach and engage with millions of tennis fans every month across multiple platforms, with the aim of growing their association with the sport. We are at the forefront of grass roots sponsorship with the support of Lexus Swindon!