



Dates for the diary. New Clubhouse update

April - Dates for the diary

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

- **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!
- **Club gardening/maintenance morning Saturday 6 April, 10-12am.** We need to restore the site to get ready for the completion of the new clubhouse. Bring mowers, strimmers, and ladders to take down the windbreaks. Refreshments provided for the help!
- **RBC Brewin Dolphin Prize Draw closes 10 April.** A great [prize draw](#). One lucky winner gets the chance to win a luxury overnight stay and two tickets to an exclusive evening of drinks and canapé reception at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024 on Tuesday 21st May.
- **Walking Tennis free sessions 11, 20, 23rd April.** The coaching team is running these free taster sessions as a pilot. If you can encourage people to try it out steer them towards the [sessions here](#).
- **Social Tournament, Saturday 20th April 2-4.30pm.** The next [social tournament](#) will feature a 'wildcard'. Its mixed doubles with rotational play. Entries close on Friday at 9pm to allow for planning with some post tournament fun organised.
- **Padel Taster event Saturday 27 April 1130-1pm.** We have two padel tasters (first one sold out in record time) and the 27th April event has only four spaces remaining. This is at Padel4All at Basset Down. [Entry details are here](#).
- **'Fizz' Friday update.** Due to the build and weather, we will defer 'Fizz Friday' this month as we work to restore the clubhouse area. Hopefully 10 May will kick off a new season.
- **Marlborough Sports and Activity Festival, 6 May.** Last year this event engaged over 300 kids in our community. [Hilda Moore](#) is organising our fun tennis activity and would appreciate a few helpers so get in touch! Please share this event with friends beyond the club. Participants can book on by [clicking this link](#)
- **Bring a Friend night Friday 17 May, 6-8pm.** An introduction for prospective new joiners with tennis then drinks on the terrace -fingers crossed!
- **Save the date! New clubhouse opening, Saturday 13 July.** It's a little way off but put the date in your diary for the official opening. This will be part of a 'Big Tennis Week', with tournaments, refreshments, and fun to celebrate!

County Level tennis success

Oliver Flynn was selected for the Under 18 County Cup Side. They competed at the start of March coming second out of four in their group. Olly won 2 out of the 3 matches he played. Toby Stather and Jonah Ashbee have both been selected for the County Training squads. Toby is now in the 9 and Under squad and Jonah is now in the 8 and Under squad.

New Clubhouse build - almost there!

We are expecting the clubhouse to be completed in early May (except for the top floor) Here is what's next:

- 🔧 Balcony work, cladding, lighting completed and electricals
- 🔧 Pavement area rebuilt, and restoration of the grassed area
- 🔧 Dates set for a 'painting party' on the first floor, we will need many hands to pitch in
- 🔧 Removal of the old pavilion when the new one is completed

Fundraising for the new clubhouse

A generous donation has massively helped to close the gap, we now have just £1500 to raise for the initial phase! Thanks to everyone who has helped, [the final push is now on](#). We have major grant bids submitted and are awaiting results for the top floor, for interior fit out, which remains as a separate project. We will need to raise about £25k in total. A quick and easy way to help is to introduce a [prospective new member](#) to the club, or use [EasyFundRaising](#) which raises money when you shop online at your favourite brands.



Only £1500 short of our goal

League update

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 shortly. League will be Monday nights (ladies) Tuesday (mens) and Thursdays (mixed).

Membership update

We have now started membership renewals with updated 2024 membership fees. Welcome new members James Smith and Milo Brooks to the club!

Fine and Country Sponsorship

Congratulations to Marlborough Fine and Country who came away from the recent Fine & Country International



Conference with the Marketing & Exposure award, on top of Fine & Country being the Most Recommended agent, according to a YouGov poll. The market is certainly hotting up as hopefully the weather does! If you are looking for advice on the local property market, then do get in touch on 01672 511211 / or [Edward Taylor](#).

RBC Brewin Dolphin - Five Tax Changes to know

The new tax year on 6 April 2024 brings with it several significant changes that could have an impact on your finances. Here's a [summary document](#) of the main tax changes you need to know about.

We also have new windbreaks coming from RBC-BD which everyone can look forward to when the new clubhouse is complete. These will be installed on the side of the courts to enable a panoramic view from the first floor of the new clubhouse.

50:50 Lottery Draw Winners

With all 100 lottery numbers sold, our prize pot at £500 is one to win! March winners were:

- 🎯 1st Prize Jane Witcomb 22, £250
- 🎯 2nd Prize Eddie Charlton 83, £150
- 🎯 3rd Prize Tim Russell 46, £100

AGM Fast Facts

Our AGM took place on 7 March. This was our first as we transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The full minutes and presentation are under the 'members only' area of the website and you will need to be logged in to ClubSpark. This includes a forward-looking action plan to 2027 at high level.

