



September - Dates for the diary

Pop a few of these activities into your diary for September:

- **Team tidy morning Saturday 7th 10-12am.** Come and help with some gardening and tidy up at the club. Refreshments and croissants provided. Just 30 minutes of your time will really help.
- **'Last of the Summer Wine' Social, Friday 13th 6-8pm.** Come out for some social tennis 6-7pm then and BYOB some drinks for after tennis. There will be ladies and mens tennis on separate courts then drinks and some games! Invites via WhatsApp
- **RBC Brewin-Dolphin Club Championships Finals, Saturday 14th September 11-5pm.** This will be a consolidated finals day across all categories with tennis, refreshments and bar. Watch out for details about the day the week prior to the event. Last chance for [Juniors to sign up](#)
- **Racket Try out, Wednesday 18th September 7-9pm.** We will have another new and used racquet try out session following our popular event last year. Just turn up and try out a range of racquets at the Wednesday social.
- **New joiners' tennis night, Friday 20th September 6-7pm.** If you are a *recent* joiner at the club this is for you! Come out for some mixed in tennis and then we'll help you get into the autumn tennis programme. [Sign up details here.](#)
- **Social Tennis Tournament, Saturday 21st September 2-4.30pm.** Our [social tennis tournament](#) season returns post club championships. These events are relaxed, so new members very welcome.
- **Marlborough Business Network (MBN) Hosted Event, Thursday 26th September 5-7pm.** We will be

hosting the MBN for tennis and refreshments with some intercompany tennis. A local invite has gone out to MBN participating businesses.

- **Doubles, Singles Ladders.** We have mixed doubles boxes, mens doubles and a singles [ladder](#) starts in mid-September. We will also run a social ladder which is aimed at helping get new members into wider club play. We can help find a partner for anyone in doubles so just stand by to sign up! Contact Terry or Karen.

New Trustees Wanted!

Our constitution requires 1/3 of Trustees to retire annually (they may be re-elected for 2 further terms before they must take a break). This year at the February AGM, we will need to elect/re-elect volunteers (as a job share) for treasury, membership and coaching. Early planning and some new Trustees will help bring fresh ideas and build the clubs energy. Have a chat with any current trustee or [Andrew Payne](#) (Chair) if you can help.



Membership update

In August, we welcomed Fiona Slevin-Brown, Lee Matthews, Pete Sainsbury, Wendy Osmond, Bhavna and Richard Turnell. Welcome back to the Blackstock family (Alex, Ciara, Feargus and Lachlan) and Isabel (Izzy) Bauer! If you have a friend or acquaintance, you can bring in to the club, [get in touch.](#)

50:50 Lottery Draw Winners

The August draw winners were:

- 🏆 Jane Witcomb number 22. Jane wins £250
- 🏆 Fiona Redpath - number 56, Fiona wins £150
- 🏆 Will Scott - 25. Will wins £100.

All 100 numbers are taken! Funds raised go towards club improvements. Many thanks to everyone for your support!

Summer League update

[Summer league](#) is nearly complete with just one mens set to play. We have had great success in the mens where all three teams will be promoted. Well done to everyone who took part!

2,386

Games played
Summer league 2024

Our Summer league team positions (as of 27 July) are:

Division	Standing	Sets Won	Result
Mens A, Div. 3	1st	74%	Promoted
Mens B, Div. 5	1st	66%	Promoted
Mens C, Div.7	1st	89%	Promoted
Ladies A, Div. 1	5th	42%	Remain Div1
Ladies B, Div. 1	7th	12%	Move to Div 2
Ladies C, Div. 3	5th	45%	Remain Div 3
Mixed A, Div 2	3rd	64%	Remain Div 2
Mixed B, Div 3	3rd	56%	Remain Div 3

Winter League call for players

[Winter League](#) starts in October, with home matches on Thursdays 6.30-9pm. We have entered two mixed teams. The format is two mixed sets and two same gender sets. To join in contact [Penny or Neil](#) Getting to know the rules takes time, so here are a few examples:

Example rules
'Any player, having played three times for a higher team, shall be ineligible to play for a team of a lower standing' – <i>Team Captains have to manage this carefully!</i>
'All players participating in the league must be registered with LTA Advantage.' – <i>Here is the link for the LTA Advantage account</i>
'Out calls reversed. A player who calls a ball out shall reverse the call if the player becomes uncertain or realizes that the ball was good. The point goes to the opponent and is not replayed.'

New clubhouse update

We have a few extra items to add to the new clubhouse which include a TV and stand, blinds and security

cameras. The cycle rack will be re-installed and some downlighters provided for the lock boxes. These will be added in the next two months. Our builders also have a final snagging list. We will be able to mow the grassed area in September as this has been restored, just in time for club championships. Please also take your own drinks bottles and rubbish away when using the clubhouse.

Club Shop

Our [club shop](#) has some new items including a [ladies visor](#) (white or blue) and [unisex hoody](#). Get kitted out for the busy autumn season of tennis and help support your club!



Marlborough Tennis Club
Visor
£10.95

Fine and Country Sponsorship

We are delighted to announce [Fine and Country](#) as our main Juniors section sponsor! A full update will follow in early September, and we thank [Ed Taylor](#) and the team for the Fine and Country support.

Golf Club Card

Members can have a [complimentary golf club card](#) which gives you a 12% discount at the bar on drinks and food. Contact Peter May or Andrew Payne.

Guest Fees

We love guests as they often join, and it highlights the club. Please remember that [guests](#) are limited to four visits and are £10 per visit. This helps fund our regular renewal work. For example, we need to save £10.8k per annum for future court, lights and fencing replacement.

Massage offer

After a summer of tennis and more, you can improve mobility and reduce pain with a one-hour sports massage with Helen Tatham. Normally £45 /hour but for September £40 for all club members. Appointments available pm Mon - Friday. Last booking 6.30 pm.

Serving tip!

Click on the image to see the video.

