




Tennis is one of the key sports to be opened as part of the governments COVID and LTA plan.

We will be able to offer tennis according to government guidance and everyone is asked to keep to the advice issued – so please play safe!

Want to help out? Email info@marlboroughtennis.co.uk

In this issue...LTA activities for getting back into tennis. Safe tennis playing guidance...a new coach coming soon!

STOP PRESS!

We're back! Following the government's announcement on Sunday 10 May, tennis will be partially open as part of the health and exercise strategy for COVID.

See the full guidance from the [government](#) and the [LTA](#).

"Sports courts can re-open, but you should only partake in such activities alone, with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while practising social distancing. You should take particular care if you need to use any indoor facilities next to these outdoor courts, such as toilets"

Source: [FAQs gov.uk](#)

You should not use these facilities and should stay at home if you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating. Marlborough Tennis guidance is published on our website, please familiarise yourself with this. **Please book a court!**

We open on Wednesday 13th May at 4 PM

Stay safe, Keep safe, Play safe

Membership offer - grab some cards!
 Help us become sustainable and save at the same time.
 Refer a friend and help us grow our friendly club.



Marlborough Tennis

Special membership offer

Refer a friend and save!

- £25 off a family membership
- £15 off an adult membership
- Help enrol a friend and we'll match the saving off your 2020 membership

The discount will be applied to your new membership once the new member has joined. Please email their name in advance to membership@marlboroughtennis.co.uk

Gift Aid donations? Please turn over

Keeping Marlborough Tennis going
 What we have been doing to keep Marlborough Tennis going during lockdown? Here is a small list for information

- **Monitoring of LTA guidance.** We have kept abreast of LTA guidance, taking part in the county wide Covid-19 Club Support Webinar and engaging with our local representative which has helped save us some money.

- **Review of international developments.** We reviewed international best practice and learning from Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands, and the USTA to help inform us of alternate ideas. This led to developing views and early draft guidance for getting back on court, but keep an eye out for updates
- **Secured an LTA loan deferral.** The LTA have confirmed the deferral of the loan repayment which was due in June. £5k is deferred with the remaining loan period extended by 6 months. The repayment due in December will be just £5k
- **Applied for a venue registration fee refund.** We have applied for a refund of £110 per court.
- **Planning for schools.** We have started a dialogue with the Head of St Johns Sports to develop a coaching programme when schools are reopened
- **AGM follow up – Wednesday is the new social night.** Members asked that we change the Tennis Social night from Monday to Wednesday – thanks for the feedback and *this change will be put in place but only when it's safe to do so*
- **New coach.** We have a new coach -Will Dunlop, who will join and support [Joe](#) and help us create a busy summer programme - welcome Will!



Stepping up a League

It's not official yet – but we are pleased that the B team has won the Swindon & District Winter League! Congratulations to everyone in the team. Should there be any summer league matches, Gareth and Penny will organise our teams.

Mixed Doubles - Winter Division 6 ★

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %
1 Marlborough B	23	14	75 - 37	75 - 37	67.0%
2 RW Bassett D	22	14	79 - 33	75 - 29	72.1%
3 Shrivenham	19	13	69 - 35	69 - 35	66.3%
4 Calne B	13	13	52 - 52	52 - 52	50.0%
5 CS & Nalgo	11	14	45 - 67	37 - 59	38.5%

Visitor policy - guests

As tennis reopens early compared to other sports, we'd expect much more interest with people wanting to try out tennis or playing as your guest. Our constitution encourages you to bring a friend, but to assess demand we are **limiting access to members only for the first two weeks**. If you can use the 'refer a friend' scheme, please encourage them to join, if not perhaps donate £5 per visit.

International High-Performance Centre day

Our first full indoor day in March was an enormous success. Thanks to Tom Ellis from Team Bath for his ideas, techniques, and tennis tips. We hope to run the next indoor day in January 2021.



Find out more

To keep up to date follow Marlborough Tennis on Facebook, Instagram or see the [website](#). We will keep monitoring guidance and will update everyone after the 1st June update by the government. We hope to see you playing or helping soon!