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What's on in January - Dates for the Diary

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe Christmas. Here's what's on in January 2022:

- **Fizz (or 'less') Friday, Friday 14th and 28th January, 6-7pm.** A 'Girls Night Out.' We've had a terrific turnout this winter so far, long may this continue. Please contact [Fiona Wycherley](#) (07747 103549) or [Jo Payne](#) (07766 721799) if you would like to be added to the Ladies Social WhatsApp group.
- **'Tartan' Social Tournament, Saturday 22nd January 2-4.30pm.** As an alternative to 'Burns Night' don some tartan and join in this fun social tournament. Please register [here](#).
- **Member Survey 15-29 January.** Every year we run an anonymous members' survey to obtain feedback, and ideas. Your input will help set some club priorities as part of our business plan. Look out for the email in the next few weeks and please take part.
- **Juniors Internal Competitions.** The coaching team is organising competitive tennis for our juniors. Details will be published on the coaching website. Dates for January/February are:
 - Saturday 29th January, Under 16 Mixed 12-2pm
 - Saturday 5th February, Mini Red (Under 8) Mixed 12-2pm
- **Juniors tennis -team challenge events.** Marlborough has joined a small group of clubs that run fun tournaments and inter clubs matches between themselves. The other clubs involved are Wanborough, Chiseldon, Delta TC, Ashton Keynes and Ramsbury. Each club will take it in turns to host

various events to enhance our players weekly programmes with fun competitions against players of a similar level. A full calendar covering January-April will be published shortly. Here is a sneak peak at the events coming up soon:

- Saturday 22nd January Advanced Teenager Singles Tournament. Hosted by Wanborough 12:30-2:30pm.
- Saturday 12th February 12-16-year-old Singles Tournament. Hosted by Marlborough 12-2pm
- Saturday 12th February Mini Orange Team Competition, hosted by Delta indoors 2-4pm

Social Tennis slots in 2022

Building on the success of the daytime social tennis programme we've added these social slots if you'd like to join in:

Day	Time	Session
Monday	7-8.30pm	'Rusty Rackets'
Tuesday	12-2pm	'Lunchtime service'
Wednesday	7-8.30pm	Club Social tennis
Thursday	10-12am	Morning session
Friday	2-4pm	'Afternoon T'
Sunday	10-12am	Club Social Tennis

A New Year - a new benefit for our members

As part of developing more joint events between the Golf Club and Marlborough Tennis we are pleased to



announce a new golf club card for members which will afford the holder some discounts at the Golf Club. For those who opt to have the card, we will need your agreement to share some basic contact details for the registration. Initial details are on [the website](#). This will take a little time to roll out so we will use various club events to distribute the cards initially.

Swindon and District Winter League

We're still going strong in [the winter league](#) and our teams are now in either top or second position in each division we compete in. Well done everyone!

- **Marlborough 'A'**, Mixed Doubles – Division 2 – Group 1, second place 69% of sets won
- **Marlborough 'B'**, Mixed Doubles – Division 4 – Group 1, first place 73% of sets won
- **Marlborough 'C'**, Mixed Doubles – Division 5 – Group 1, second place with the most games in hand, 87% of sets won

December 50:50 Draw Winners

Congratulations to last months winners. The overall pot is getting bigger each month!

- 1st Prize £162.50 Roy Jones – number 24
- 2nd Prize £97.50 Henrietta Hirst – number 47
- 3rd Prize £65.00 John Reddington – number 30

The proceeds help raise funds for tennis equipment, and facility improvements that we can all benefit from.



See the [website for details](#) or get in touch with [Peter May](#) to see what numbers are still available.

Luxury Christmas hamper raffle result

Many congratulations to Roger Wheeler who won the Luxury Festive Hamper worth £200 and also to David Radford the 2nd prize of a boxed bottle of Moet and

Chandon Champagne. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

New Pavilion update

Marlborough Town Council have approved the initial planning application so we are now progressing to the next stage with Wiltshire Council. Many thanks to Gary Bond for all his hard work on progressing this exciting project.

You might have also spotted some new trellis which has been installed around courts 3-4. This is to reduce the risk of falling from height (for small children) and there is also a new fire extinguisher in the pavilion. This is as result of our annual site safety review (part of an annual LTA Registration process.) We also have a bid in for a defibrillator with the Town Council Funds with a decision expected in January. We may need a few first aiders to be trained up. If you are already qualified please let [Anne Carroll](#) know. The Golf Club always has qualified staff if needed who can help in the event of emergency.

World Tennis Number

The LTA have partnered with the ITF to launch the World Tennis Number (along with other global tennis federations). The ITF World Tennis Number will replace the current LTA Ratings system, creating a global player standard to enable more appropriate matches between players of similar levels from recreational to professional tennis. Within Wiltshire this number *will become a requirement for league players later this year.*



A basic [video](#) and further [summary materials](#) are on the website and more detail will follow in due course. If you have not already done so please sign up to [LTA Advantage](#).

