

Welcome to the the latest news and events for all our members.

WE ARE GROWING

The Club is thriving; membership numbers have increased considerably in the last two years, from 126 in 2019 to 179 today. Of these, 105 are adults and 74 are juniors. We have many long-standing and loyal members and we are delighted to welcome so many new members. Please look out for our Members' Survey, to be circulated shortly, as we would love to know what you like about the Club and what can be improved.

NEW LIFE FOR OUR OLD FENCING

If you've been to the courts recently, you'll have noticed that there is no longer a wooden outer fence. This has had to be dismantled for the work to be done later in the year on replacing the wire fencing and the floodlights. The overall reaction seems to be that it's now good to be able to see the beautiful park and its trees. Especially pleasing is the fact that almost all the fencing has been recycled and re-purposed. The contractors who agreed to do the work advertised its condition and availability on social media, free to those who were able to collect. A wide variety of people needing it for good causes responded, including Rickley Lane School in Bletchley, Broughton Fields School and a charity wanting it to build rabbit hutches. Seems like a win-win situation as disposing of it through traditional means would have been very expensive. If you are looking for someone to do any maintenance jobs, contact Mark on 07714 790770.



NEWS FROM THE COACHING TEAM

Meet Will! William Terry will be joining the coaching team in September, working as an assistant coach to Gavin Fowell for some of the group sessions. Will has recently left Bedford College where he was studying Sports Science.

Will is no stranger to our club, playing as a junior some years ago. I couldn't resist diving into the club photo archives. Here's Will back in 2015 on the left, and on the right, all grown up and back at the club as a coach. Welcome back Will!



And more good news from the coaching team. Gavin Fowell has been appointed as the Bucks County Coach for the 9u Girls' Squad. Congratulations Gavin and well deserved!



WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT

Twelve members attended the delayed 'Wimbledon' Tournament on 25th July. It stayed dry despite the clouds and we were able to enjoy a great morning of friendly but competitive tennis. After several rounds, Trevor Hill and Debbie Pacey were declared the winners before we tucked into strawberries and cream and cold drinks. We want to hold more tournaments. They are such a good way to sharpen your match-play skills and to meet other Club members.



SOCIAL TENNIS

Another way to meet other Club members is to come to the Club Social Tennis sessions held every week. Everyone is welcome, as long as you can stand a bit of friendly banter! The sessions are organised so that everyone has a chance to play with and against a variety of others, which is a very good way to improve your tennis. Sixteen players can be easily accommodated but if there are more, we simply take turns to sit out for a few games – a rest can be welcome. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings 6-8pm and Sunday mornings 10-12am. Bring your own balls.

There are also sessions for Vet players (i.e. over 45 for men and over 40 for women) on Friday mornings, 10.30 – 12.30. This session costs £1 a time, but balls and tea and coffee are provided. There is a Social Tennis WhatsApp group for all these sessions. If you would like to join, please let Jenny Spencer know on 07875 945307.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The early rounds of the **Adult Club Championships** are underway, with entries in Mens' and Ladies' Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The Finals will be held on 19th September. The **Junior Club Championships** will be held over the weekend of 11th and 12th September (12-4pm) with the yellow ball finals taking place alongside the adult finals on 19th September.

Please come along to watch and support the players on any (or all!) of these dates – it will be a chance to see some good tennis. Refreshments will be available.



TEAM SUCCESS FOR NPTC

Our competitive team players have done the Club proud recently. With all games completed for the season, the Mixed A team finished second in Division 1 having won all their matches except for the final one against Wing (who finished top of the league). The Mixed B team recently beat both Prestwood and Stoke Poges on consecutive weekends.

The Juniors have had success too, winning the TMK orange ball festival and the 8u team finishing 3rd out of 14 teams. And two of our men are in the over 70s Bucks County squad. Many more juniors and adults have played in matches over the summer, too many to mention all of them! But whether you have won or lost, let's hope you enjoyed it!

