



# NEWS

*March 2024*

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

## NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR

The new membership year will begin on 1 April and will run until 31 March 2025. All current members will soon receive a membership renewal email. This will include a link which will take you straight through to where you can pay. We hope that you will all want to renew your membership and continue to play tennis at the Club! Please make sure you renew by 14<sup>th</sup> April or you may find that you are unable to book courts!

The subscription rates will be unchanged again for all categories for the third year running as we want to continue to make tennis an affordable sport for as many as possible. Some of the benefits of membership are:

- **FREE** access to all of the courts, 365 days of the year (or 366 this year!)
- **FREE** use of the floodlights
- **USE** of the Clubhouse
- **DISCOUNTS** on coaching fees
- **TAKE PART** in Club Tournaments and Events
- **PLAY** in competitive matches against other clubs
- **ENJOY** the many social tennis sessions held each week
- **FREE** weekly Junior Club Nights for Juniors
- **RECEIVE** regular emails and Newsletter to keep you informed of news and events

## JUNIOR BOX LEAGUE AND OTHER JUNIOR EVENTS



Well done to Alfie Wisson who won the Newport Pagnell Tennis Club **Box League**. Alfie played Jude Jellis in an extremely close and exciting final, with both boys having match point in the match tie break. Alfie eventually took it 11-9!

Well played to everyone who entered and good luck to all who have entered the Spring Term box league. Who will be our next Champion?

The first weekend of March was very busy at the Club for at the Juniors. First up, on Saturday afternoon, was a **yellow ball doubles tournament**

won by Daisy Brookman and Georgia Mundy, with runners-up Theodore Swaby and Nathaniel Chu. Then on the Sunday there was a **singles tournament for U8 & U9**: Winners Benjamin Bullard (U8) and Ethan Smith (U9) and runners-up Zach Loustaris (U8) and Edward Fitzgerald (U9). Congratulations to the winners and well done to all who took part!

Also for the Juniors, after a winter break, the **Junior Club Nights** have restarted, so we hope to see lots of you down at the Club on a Friday evening for some fun.

- **Foundation – Year 2 from 5.30 to 6.15**
- **Years 3, 4 & 5 from 6.15-7.00**

And **Player of the Month** for February is Oscar Saville. Oscar is very polite, always listens and gives his best at every session. So the award is very well deserved. Keep up the good work Oscar!



## TOILET NEWS!

Access to toilet facilities has long been an issue for our Club and was discussed at some length at last November's AGM! The toilet that we use at present, in the Football Club changing rooms, is inconveniently far from our courts and is not very clean. So, we have decided to hire a portable loo, which will be situated within our grounds, close to the Clubhouse. This toilet will be serviced every two weeks, but it will be up to all members to keep it clean and pleasant in between! If all goes well, we will keep the portable loo as long as we have to, until another suitable alternative is in place.

## SAFEGUARDING ALL AT THE CLUB

**LTA TENNIS**  
FOR MEMBERS

**NPTC**  
NEWPORT  
PARADEL  
TENNIS  
CLUB

### Safeguarding

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

We expect all our visitors to adhere to our code of conduct and help us create a safe and inclusive club, both on and off the court.

**Club Welfare Officer**  
Loren Nally  
07899 905660  
loren.nally@tiscali.co.uk

If you are worried about anyone, adult or child, or have a concern you want to raise, please do so by reaching out to our club Welfare Officer on the left or by using the various methods below.

**LTA Safeguarding Team**  
Email: [safeguarding@lta.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lta.org.uk)

**Childline**  
Telephone: 0800 1111

**Police**  
Telephone: 101 or 999 If it is an emergency

If it is an emergency or someone is at immediate risk of harm, please call the police without delay on 999.

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REPORT A CONCERN TO THE LTA**

**IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN, REPORT IT.**

The coaches and Committee at the Club take the welfare all members very seriously. The posters here have been put up in the noticeboard on the front of the Clubhouse. We would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to look at them.

### JUNIORS

**How to stay safe and how to behave**

All our young members and young visitors agree to...

- Have fun and always be friendly to others
- Play fairly, honestly and by the rules
- Respect club volunteers and your coach
- Take care of your equipment and club property
- Respect each other, regardless of age, gender, ability, culture, etc.
- Do not use bad or inappropriate language
- No bullying on or off the courts (including social media)
- No smoking, drinking alcohol or drugs of any kind
- No rough or dangerous play
- No throwing balls inside the clubhouse
- Dispose of rubbish properly (take leftover food home with you)
- Stay on club premises at all times. If you need the loo, ask an adult

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE (OR YOURSELF)**

- Talk to the club welfare officer.
- Talk to any member of the committee.
- Talk to your teacher.
- Talk to a grown up you trust.

**CHILDLINE TELEPHONE: 0800 1111**