

Welcome to the latest news and events for all our members

### **CHECK OUT THE DEFIBRILLATOR**

The defibrillator is installed and active. Of course, we all hope that it will never have to be used but it is good to be prepared. Please take a few moments to ensure that you know where the defibrillator is and what you should do in an emergency.

The defibrillator is in an **unlocked** cabinet, attached to the Clubhouse external wall. If it is dark, you will see it lit up. It is fully charged and ready for use.



In the case of an emergency, it is important to remember to do the following:

- Call the emergency services immediately on 999.
- Keep calm and follow the instructions you are given.
- Tell the call operator you are at the Tennis Club at Willen Road Sports Ground.
- Stay on the line for further guidance.

- Do not use the defibrillator unless instructed to do so.
- If you need to use the defibrillator, first lift the switch cover at the top left-hand corner and set the adult/child selection switch to match the casualty.
- Press the green on/off button.
- Follow the voice prompts.

### **The voice prompts will tell you what to do throughout.**

However, it would be helpful to read the Quick Reference Guide on how to use the defibrillator. This is posted in the outside display unit to the left of the Clubhouse door. You do not have to remember all the details but reading them may help you become familiar with what would be required if there were an incident in the future.

### ***JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT RETURNS!***

Don't forget - the very popular Junior Club Nights will start again from Friday 4 March:

5.30 – 6.15pm for Foundation to Yr2  
6.15 – 7.00pm for Years 3-6

Sessions are free to Junior members, £2 for non-members. All are welcome, so let your friends know if they have children who would like some sociable exercise and fun.

Refreshments and drinks are available, and we can provide equipment too!

### **DO THESE BE LONG TO YOU?**

There are several jackets that have been left at the Club in recent months. Do you recognise any of these?

- Dark blue Karrimor zipped fleece, UK size 10.
- Mid-blue Fusion zipped and hooded jacket, size M.
- Dark blue Berghaus zipped fleece jacket, size L

Please let me know if any are yours (see email at the end of this Newsletter). If they are unclaimed by the end of March, they will go to a charity shop. There are also several water bottles that have been in the Clubhouse for several weeks. These will be disposed of if not taken away soon!

### **NON-MEMBER COURT BOOKINGS**

The tennis courts can now be booked by non-members on a Pay & Play basis. The terms of our lease with Newport Pagnell Town Council stipulates that we should offer court space to the wider community but for some years this has been difficult to operate.

Since the fitting of the 'Smart Gate' this is easy for members of the public on our website. They can see when a court is available and book and pay online.

There is plenty of court space at many times of the week. Members still have an advantage as they can book up to 14 days in advance, while non-members can only book 7 days in advance.

This will provide some valuable additional income for the Club. If you know anyone who would like to book a court on an occasional basis, please let them know.

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

The new membership year starts on 1 April 2022 and will run until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Invitations to renew membership which will be sent out in March.



At the AGM last November, it was agreed that membership fees would be increased slightly for 2022/23. But they will still represent great value. For example, an adult membership will be £120. That's just £10 a month, and there are many advantages to being a member, including:

- 14-day advance booking of courts
- Free floodlights
- Internal Club competitions (see January's Newsletter for all the events coming up this spring/summer!)
- Social tennis sessions
- Free LTA membership
- Wimbledon ballot entry
- Free junior club nights
- Priority booking for coaching
- Reduced coaching fees
- Regular news updates
- Team playing opportunities
- Non-tennis social events



Do you have any news to share with other members? If so, please email Jenny Spencer at [jenny@theoldredhouse.net](mailto:jenny@theoldredhouse.net)

