

Welcome to the latest news and events for all our members

### **A THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

We are extremely grateful to all those organisations which very generously contributed funds during the past year, so that we could replace the fencing and lighting and install the new gate-entry system. Not only do the courts look fantastic but it is now so much more enjoyable to play during the dark winter nights under the new floodlights.

The new gate means that we can now make courts available to non-members on a Pay & Play basis, providing a valuable amenity to the local community. So, we want to extend a big thank you to the following:

The National Hockey Foundation  
The MK Community Foundation  
The Harry Middleton Gift Fund  
Bucks Tennis  
The LTA (Lawn Tennis Association)

### **JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT**

The very popular Junior Club Nights are set to return 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. Refreshments and drinks will be available and we can provide equipment too!

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Huge congratulations to our coach, Gavin Fowell, and his partner Tabitha, on the birth of their beautiful baby, Ferne Esmae. Mum and baby are doing well, Gavin is enjoying a short break to be with his family and Olive is loving being big sister.



### **GATE CODES**

Don't forget that to enter the courts you now need to use a code for the gate entry pad. The important ones to remember are:

- **Your own booking code.** This is unique to you and will be shown to you every time you make a booking. You will need to give it to others you will be playing with on that booking so that they can also enter the courts. If your booking is for a time when floodlights are needed, they will come on automatically for your booking.

- All social tennis sessions and friendly tournaments: **0384**
- All coaching sessions: **8173**



### ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

We have a busy schedule of events planned at the tennis courts this year, including several friendly tournaments. If you've never tried these, think about having a go as they are such a good way to enjoy some competition without the pressure of a match and to meet other club members.

We would love as many of you as possible to take part, so make a note in your dairies!

Friendly Tournament with Olney TC:	2 May
'French Open' Tournament:	22 May
Queen's Jubilee Event:	3 June
'Wimbledon' Tournament:	26 June
Women's Tournament:	24 July
'US Open' Tournament:	4 September

These tournaments are open to all adult and yellow ball junior members. We will also be holding some grade 5 open tournaments for junior players in the Spring and Summer. Dates will be advertised soon.

In April, there will be a couple of Open Days Sessions, so that non-members can come and try out the Club, see what we have to offer and try some tennis. If you know of anyone who might want to come, please let them know.

We will also be holding the Club Championships again, with finals day scheduled for 11 September. This is a knock-out tournament for all members, with lots of different categories, doubles and singles, for adults and juniors. Entries will be open at the beginning of May.

More details on all events will be advertised nearer the time, through the Newsletter. We will also put posters with details on the noticeboards at the Club. Keep up to date on what is happening by checking our Facebook page.

### ***DEFIBRILLATOR***

The Club now has a new defibrillator which will be installed very soon. It will be in an **unlocked** cabinet, so accessible very quickly if ever needed. We sincerely hope it never has to be used, but please take some time to be aware of where it located, and the information given.

### ***KEEPING IT CLEAN***

Please help to keep the courts and Clubhouse clean and free of rubbish. This will make it a pleasant environment to play in and will also help to keep problems at bay. Avoid leaving any food (including banana skins!) near the courts and especially the Clubhouse. We have managed to get rid of the mice in the Clubhouse and we don't want them back! There are refuse bins at the entrance to the park which can be used, or please take rubbish home to be recycled.



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