

NEWS

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

NEW LIGHTS! NEW FENCE!

The courts are now open again! Social and Vets Sessions are back on, coaching is resuming at Newport Pagnell and you can book courts.

The new fencing is such a great improvement; it looks better and straighter and is more robust. ***There is some snagging, especially to get rid of a few sharp edges here and there, which will be done on Saturday 4th December. Until then, please take care when playing. Avoid running into the fence!***

The lights are partially done. You will be amazed at how good the lighting is on Courts 2 and 3. Courts 1 and 4 require some additional light fittings but even so, the quality of the light on these two courts is a huge improvement. It means we now have 4 rather than 3 courts available in the evenings. The remaining fittings will arrive in January. They will be fitted as soon as possible and the old lighting columns will be taken down.

The gate-access system will be operational in the next few weeks. Until then court access is still with the old padlock and code. As a temporary measure, the floodlights operate with a simple on/off switch under the old controls. As soon as the new controls are in place, more information will be sent out to you all, so please watch out for the email.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

You are all invited to the courts on Sunday 12th December for a bit of Christmas cheer.



Social tennis will take place as usual from 10-12am so you may want to come along for a bit of exercise first. If not, come along anyway afterwards. From 12.15pm we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies, and hot chocolate and cookies for the children.

Gavin Fowell will be there, and has promised some games for the Juniors. If you want to wear your Christmas jumpers and Christmas hats, there will be prizes for the best. And we may even sing a few Christmas Carols.

If you are coming, it would help greatly with the planning if you could let us know by emailing info@newportpagnelltennis.net.

REPORT FROM AGM

The Club AGM was held on Thursday 25th November. All the papers, including the Reports from the Chair, the Treasurer and the Coach, along with the Club's Five-Year Plan, will be made available on the Club website under the News section. Please take a look, as there is some interesting and important information about how the Club has performed in the past year and our plans for the future.

A new committee was elected for 2021-22. All the previous members of the committee will continue to serve, and we are delighted to welcome three new members:

Jenny Spencer - Chair
Darry Lucas - Treasurer
Angela Bramham - Secretary
Trevor Hill - Match Secretary
Loren Nally - Welfare Officer
Janet Adams - Membership Secretary
Hywell Jones - Junior Rep
Nigel Willard - Coaching
Mike Spencer
Clare Hanson
Mayur Morjaria
Gill Lee

It wasn't all work - after the 'serious stuff' we had to use our brains to do Darryl's fiendish tennis quiz. It was a lot of fun and no surprise that the

tennis brains of Angela Bramham, Janet Adams and Gavin Fowell won the prizes.

RECYCLING TENNIS BALLS

We have been exploring ways to recycle old tennis balls. One of our members, Libby Culshaw, told us that life-expired tennis balls have a very useful role for boaters. With suitable holes cut in them, they can be slipped on to mooring pins, giving both a distinctive visual warning and protection to passers-by on towpaths from the rough hammered-over ends of the pins.



So, we will start collecting old tennis balls so that Libby can pass some on to the boating community. Others will go to the Hula Animal Rescue Charity and yet more to Portfields School. A big black bin, marked Used Tennis Balls, will appear near the Clubhouse soon. Please put any used balls in there (but nothing else!)

