Norbury Park LTC

news

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Millennium Cup Winners 2024

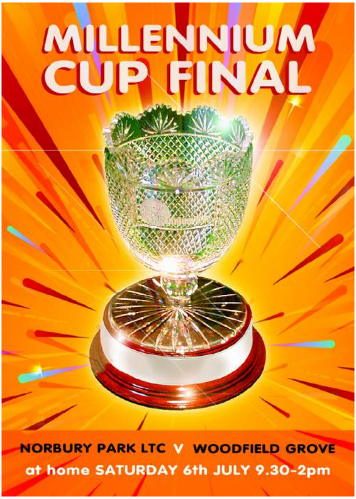
On Sunday 6 July, we hosted The Millennium Cup Final against Woodfield Grove and brought the crystal vase home!
An overcast and windy day kicked off with games in all 3 Ladies categories and a Mixed Doubles match.

In Ladies Vets category, Helen D dazzled WGTC captain in straight sets 6-2 6-0.

Natasha A had a rematch in **Ladies Singles category** however could not find the tennis that brought her victory last month and ended up losing 1-6 2-6.

In Mixed Doubles, Carole W and Henry P dropped the first set 4-6, equalised in the second 6-4 but had a very close loss on the championship tie break 8-10.

In Ladies Doubles, captains Gabi & Ellie dropped the opening set 5-7, quickly recovered in the second 6-1, but the fortune was on the opposition's side when the ball hit the net, landed short and decided the championship tie break 8-10.


MILLENNIUM CUP FINAL
NORBURY PARK LTC V WOODFIELD GROVE
at home SATURDAY 6th JULY 9.30-2pm

The opportunity for Norbury to equalise the scores was denied with an overall result 1:3 by lunchtime, so then it was down to Mens Singles, Vets and Juniors to rescue the day.

In Mens Vets, Vlad G continued his winning streak and trashed the opposition with 6-0 6-2.

In Juniors, Alex N's star continued to rise with 6-0 6-2 victory over the fellow youngster, and Antonia W-B played a rematch and demonstrated impressive resilience taking the opponent to a tie break in the first set, and then to the championship tie break but losing overall 6-7 6-3 3-10.

In Men's Singles, Kelvin G-D played a tough match against a very fast and energetic opponent sealing the victory on a championship tie break 6-3 2-6 10-7, and bringing the total score for the day to 4:4!

The squad put **Andy G & Paul W** under pressure to play a decider in **Mens Doubles**....they took the first set 6-3 but were falling behind in the second taking the cheering crowd to the edge of their seats... The match was paused due to rain, and Andy and Paul used this break to reset and regain focus and ultimately won the second set on a thrilling tie break, sealing an overall 5:4 victory for Norbury!

WE BROUGHT IT HOME!
Millennium Cup contest has been absolutely fantastic! We express our gratitude to everyone who supported, shared wisdom and experience, cooked food and documented the events!
A big thank you to our super strong squad listed below who made a total of 60 court appearances representing Norbury over the past three months!

Let's retain the Cup next year!

THE SQUAD

Alex Nikolov, Andy Grant, Antonia Woodhouse-Borg, Anu Sharma
Auel Kulmagambetova, Ayfer Hussain, Carole Watson, Eric Mensa
Ernest Sostak, Gabriella Di Salvo, Gemma Marnier, Giampaolo Gusinu,
Giulio Vuolo, Helen Danbury, Henry Phillips, Kelvin Gordon-Douglas
Lisa Patient, Maximillian Khan, Michal Lorek, Natasha Asibey
Paul Williams, Selma Zobu, Tom Brown, Volodymyr Gusak,
Wasif Bashir, Ziggy Szadujko

SEE MILLENNIUM PICTURES HERE

SALE OF THE CLUB

The Board has engaged with Croydon Council following their decision to dispose of the land. NPLTC originally owned the site but sold it to the Council a number of years ago through a “sale and lease-back” arrangement, at an agreed peppercorn rent. The monies raised from the sale were used to build the four hard courts.”

The Council has been slow to engage with us as we were placed in a tranche of disposal assets that they knew would be more complex to sell as we are sitting tenants with a 17 year lease.

The Council have finally appointed an Agent to value the property and we are waiting for them to contact us prior to arranging a visit to the site.

We have taken a number of actions to address this issue:

- **Informed the council that we want to purchase the freehold.**
- **Registered the club as ‘Asset of Community Value’.**
- **Enlisted support from the LTA to both lobby the council and also support us with fundraising**
- **Taken steps to reduce our spending particularly on gas and electricity.**
- **Engaging an Agent to provide us with an independent valuation of the freehold.**

We are also working with our local councillors who will be making representations on our behalf in the Council.

At an extraordinary meeting with club members we generated a number of actions that we are following up on. The summary notes of the meeting have been sent to all club members.

We will continue to engage with the Council with a view to achieving the best possible outcome for our club.

CLUB FINALS DAY

A special thank you to David, our Head Coach, who once again organised and facilitated a truly memorable finals day which took place on Sunday 30 June 2024.

A special thanks to all our members who entered, whether you were knocked out in the first round, progressed to the 2nd round, quarter finals, semi-finals and finalists.

Thank you for your contribution to making Norbury Park LTC a special place to play tennis and socialise.

SEE FINALS DAY RESULTS HERE

SEE FINALS DAY PICTURES HERE

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135 YEARS TOURNAMENT

In celebration of Norbury Park LTC 135th Fun Tennis Anniversary Event, David, Head Coach, organised and facilitated what was a truly marvellous day of tennis.

Twenty-four members registered for the tournament which took place on Sunday 21 July 2024.
Before the start of the tournament members warmed up on the tennis courts from 09:00am. At 10:00am, David asked members to pop back into the clubhouse

NPLTC
135
years

to mark this special occasion.
Andy M, HR and Board Secretary, played the national anthem on his clarinet, whilst members joined in and sung their hearts out in good spirit - this was a fitting introduction to what was a special opening for the 135th Anniversary tennis tournament.

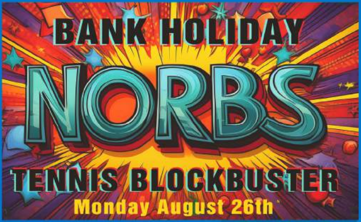
All members present enjoyed their matches, lunch was provided by Lana, and in the end the winners of the fun tennis anniversary event were: **Cecil,Terry, Gabi, Lisa, John and Khamsay.**

Thanks David for organising, Lana who provided lunch and our members for taking part in what was a truly special day in Norbury Park's calendar of events.

SEE 135 YEARS PICTURE HERE

TOURNAMENTS

Millennium Cup Date Grafton (Away)	07/04/2024	✓
Millennium Cup Date Wigmore (Home)	21/04/2024	✓
Spring Box league Completion date:	05/05/2024	✓
Millennium Cup Date Telford Park (Away)	02/06/2024	✓
Millennium Cup Date Woodfield Grove (Away)	09/06/2024	✓
Club Finals Day	30/06/2024	✓
Celebrating 135 years of NPLTC Tournament	21/07/2024	✓



Peter Bentley Mixed invitation	08/09/2024
Jean Eastick Memorial Tournament	27/10/2024
Entries open for Autumn Box league	01/08/2024
Entries open for Winter Box league	01/01/2025

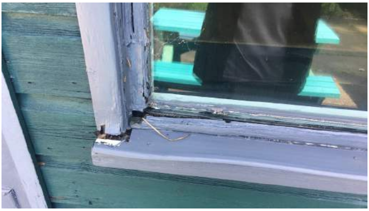
NEW SCORE CARDS

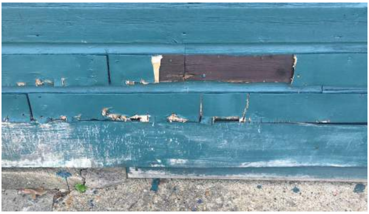
Thanks David for these fantastic score cards we don't know how we manages without them especially us older members.

LTA TENNIS
HOME AWAY
5 7
6 4
7 5

CLUBHOUSE PAINTING

Work will start on the Clubhouse repairs early this month, we will then decide if repainting is required.
To save costs we will probably repaint the Clubhouse the same colour but it would be nice to have a new brighter colour.





PAINTING OF THE COURTS

Given the current position of the sale of the Land, the board have

decided to continue with the painting of the courts project.
This should be compleated by the end of the summer.
They will be painted the same colour as before to save cost and to stop the old colour coming through.

THE CLUBHOUSE

The Perfect Venue for Your Function

Our Clubhouse makes a fantastic affordable venue for parties, meetings and celebrations.
Speak to Lana for more details about special member prices

We now have over 100 members

on our WhatsApp community

It’s become a real hub for member communications. As well as getting the club announcements, you can optionally join any or all of the following 3 groups within the community:

NPLTC Find a Game - A place for NPLTC members to find fellow members to play with - singles or doubles, matches or hitting, serious or social - put your shout out here!

NPLTC Competitive Tennis - A space for NPLTC members to discuss and update on our Teams, Tournaments, or Leagues.

NPLTC Social & General - A space for NPLTC members to chat about social activities or bring general questions and info.

If you haven’t joined already, please consider doing so. Contact Dan on 07951 580369.

GRASS COURTS

Glen has reinstated one of the old grass courts. Give it a try.

EVENING SOCIAL TENNIS

It has been brought to our attention that some members would like to play social tennis one evening a week.

We proposed to start after the summer holidays. Starts dates to follow..

INSECTS BITES

An important notice for our members to use repellant, cream and cover up during the summer!

As you are aware, due to the current season and the recent hot sunny weather you may have been affected by insects bites on the tennis courts especially in the early to late evenings. Unfortunately, a member has been affected by this as a result had to receive antibiotics through a drip due to the level and type of bite they had received.

If you are likely to play tennis during the early evening on any of the courts, before doing so, we ask our members (adults and children) to use repellant, cream, and cover up etc during the summer months so they are protected from any insect bites.

SPAIN
TENNIS IN THE SUN

Tennis and Activity Holidays on the **Costa del Sol, Estepora and Marbella.** Run by our many times NPLTC Competition Winner

Jane Eastick

info@jlholidaysspain.com

JLTennis & Activity Holidays Spain Ltd

You can now buy New Dunlop and Wilson tennis balls at the Clubhouse for £6 a can

TENNIS
COACH

COACHING

If you are interested in learning and developing new tennis skills Glen in partnership with David run coaching sessions for beginners on **Sunday and Monday** and intermediate tennis on **Wednesday evening.**

For individual coaching lessons with David or Glen please email: **headcoach@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk**

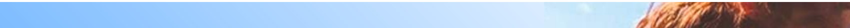
Summer camps for kids

Monday to Friday 10-1pm at £25, For more information go to our website or contact Head Coach David.

How often should you restring your racquet?

As a general rule you should re-string each year as often as you play per week. If you play twice per week, you should restring your racket twice per year. All strings gradually stretch and lose their resiliency or go dead, even if you play infrequently.

If you have any questions about rackets or restringing talk to Head Coach David.



Team Captains

Jack Pedlow
1st team men's captain

Asim Farooq
2nd team men's captain

Andrew King
3rd team men's captain

Andrew Grant
4th team men's captain

Andy Massiah
5th team men's and VETs captain

Toni Robson
1st team ladies captain

Helen Danbury
2nd team ladies captain

Anita Abell
3rd team ladies captain

David Lovejoy
1st team mixed captain

Charmaine Boyd
2nd team mixed captain

Lisa Patient
Mid Week Ladies

Gabriella Di Salvo
Auel Kulmagambetova
Millennium cup team captains

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CAPTAINS CORNER

On Sunday 2nd June 2024, Norbury Park LTC 5th team played their first matches of the summer season away at Riddlesdown LTC. The matches started at 12:30 and did not conclude until 15:45pm.
The 5th team achieved their first ever points in the Wilson's summer league with a 2-2 draw against a Riddlesdown LTC team with a lot of experience. However, our extensive experience pairing of **Mike (Woody) and Terry Bright** narrowly lost out on two tie breaks with two epic matches, whilst **Andy M & Anu** won both their respective matches.

On Saturday 11 May 2024, Norbury Park LTC mixed vets team played North Dulwich away in what was a sunny afternoon. Norbury Park LTC vets mixed doubles thrashed North Dulwich mixed vets 6-2 overall in their matches - the team were **Michael & Maxine, Lisa & Andy M**, thank you for what was a great afternoon's vets tennis.

On Sunday 7 July 2024, Norbury Park LTC mixed vets team played at home to Edward Alleyn in what was a really good evening match. Despite the loss, Norbury Park LTC vets partnership of **Anita and Anthony Abell** played some great tennis, as did **Helen and Andy M,** but the Edward Alleyn opponents were too strong for us.

On Thursday 11 July 2024, Norbury Park LTC vets men's team played at home to our neighbours North Dulwich in what was an interesting afternoon's tennis in the sunshine.
Our very own Nigel, whom many will know, actually played for North Dulwich LTC vets. Whilst he has not played for ages, he did make some outstanding returns. However, Norbury Park LTC men's vets (with our special guest, Omar) were far too strong for North Dulwich. In the end Norbury Park LTC vets team won 7-1. Well done, Norbs!!

Well done to Norbury Park's men's 5th team who drew 2-2 away against an outstanding Downs LTC team. Whilst Norbs lost both opening sets they came back to draw in style. Many congratulations to **Anthony, Parth (who made his debut) Rick & Andy M** who did Norbury proud.

SEE MORE NORBS TEAMS HERE

OVER 70's
NORBS
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Edward Alleyn
Tennis Club
Time to be arranged unless we forget

SUPPORT

Chair, I am accountable for the leadership and delivery of our strategic objectives are implemented accordingly.
In addition, I chair the Board meetings, annual general meetings (AGMs) work in partnership with a range of internal and external stakeholders such as the local authority and lawn tennis association to ensure we follow our own policies and procedures on behalf of our members.
BlaiseWestmaas@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

Finance Director/Treasurer, I am responsible for creating and managing the club's budgets, forecasting, reconciliation, value for money for the procurement helping to improve financial performance.
I work with a small team of volunteers to ensure our finance systems and processes are fit for purpose including production of monthly outturns and annual budgets.
CaroleWatson@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

Operational Director, I am accountable for the smooth operations of the club, this includes working in partnership with a range of internal and external suppliers to ensure the operational aspects of our club are in line with expectations. For example, maintenance, health and safety, fence project to name but a few. In addition, one of my key roles is to ensure the look and feel of the club looks professional so **members feel proud to be part of Norbury Park LTC.**
TerryBright@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

Club secretary, I am the principal strategic administrator for the club. I carry out a range of duties/responsibilities such as putting in place governance, policies and procedures that are fit for purpose, ensure we have up-to-date policies and procedures published and generally the club constitution and communication.
Dan Lockeretz
clubsec@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

Safeguarding Lead Required

For safeguarding adults and child protection within the club.
This includes our coaches, officials, and volunteers.
If you are interested in this position please contact:
AndrewMassiah@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

for more information go to:
clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorburyParkLTC/Rules

Human resources and board secretary
Andy is the club's designated HR and board secretary he is responsible for arranging board meetings, AGMs minutes and, along with Frances, that our members are safe and protected from harm or abuse.
AndrewMassiah@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

Procurement specialist
Des is the club's designated procurement specialist responsible for supporting the board to provide best practice and value for money through the procurement of internal and external contractors working closely with the operational and finance directors.
DesmondClarke@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

David Lovejoy, Head Coach
headcoach@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

Glen Brown, Tennis Coach

Sue Lovejoy, Club Bookkeeper

Lana, Events and Bar Supervisor

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JOIN TODAY
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We welcome all new members to join Norbury Park LTC so if you know others who would like to join, please let us know or :
email enquiries@NorburyParkLTC.co.uk

Thank You