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Withnell Fold Sports & Social Club

Newsletter

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An idyllic summer's evening



WE may not have enjoyed the best of weather this summer but we've still had the odd beautiful evening up at our lovely club.

One recent Wednesday was just perfect – with beginners' tennis lessons on the courts, croquet players on the bowling green and cricketers in the nets.

The perfect place to enjoy the long shadows of August.



Many hands make light work...can you lend us yours?

AS in all amateur clubs the vast majority of what goes on is organised and driven by volunteers.

We are very fortunate to have a bunch of people who are willing to give their time and energy to the club – but there is always room for extra help and the more who are involved, the less the load on each individual.

We have three main teams for bar work, cleaning and grounds maintenance.

Bar involves serving at the bar, usually in one-hour slots on Saturday afternoons and occasional events/monthly quiz. The rota is organised via a WhatsApp group.

Cleaning is usually done in pairs at a time that is mutually convenient and

involves cleaning and tidying the kitchen, loos and main room.

Grounds maintenance includes everything from sweeping leaves and weeding to helping to prepare the wicket.

The vegetation constantly grows so there is always another job to be done and any help makes quite an impact.

We also undertake more basic maintenance tasks such as weatherproofing the benches.

If you are able to get involved, please contact a committee member or email us.

There is a lot of expertise and guidance available, so please do feel that any efforts will be well supported.

Youngsters cracking cricket



OUR Withnell Fold All Stars (five to eight-year-olds) enjoyed their final coaching of the summer last month, with the session culminating in medals all round. Meanwhile, the older Fold Flyers are on a summer break from training after honing their batting, balling and fielding skills with a few matches during the season.



Pianist stuns at music recital

AROUND 40 people enjoyed a fabulous piano recital earlier this month in the WFSSC clubhouse. Concert pianist Andrew Wilde played a wide selection of music, all in aid of the North West Music Trust.

The sounds of Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin, adagio, sonatas, waltzes and light-hearted scherzo filled the room on a hot sunny summer day.

And the music was followed by cream scones, beer and a G&T!

It's not our usual type of event but it was a great success.

If anyone has any ideas for other musical afternoons, please get in touch. Folk, rock, pop, classical...all would be most welcome. And if anyone could help organise it, even better!

QUIZ NIGHT

ENTRIES for our special 120-year anniversary quiz on October 18 will be open soon.

There will be hot pot or cheese pie & peas plus cake – definitely cake – all for just £6 a person. Teams of up to six welcome.

Bar opens at 7pm, food served at 7.30pm, followed by the quiz at 8.15pm.

Beginners off to a smashing start



THANKS to funding from the LTA via East Lancs Tennis League we are running a six-session adult beginners' group, which got off to a flying start on Wednesday August 14.

Sadly there are no places left on the course but, as it has proved so popular, we are hoping there may be a similar initiative next year.

Regular junior and adult coaching, run by Cartmell Coaching, starts up again on Monday September 2, with a couple of "free" sessions remaining at 5.45pm, so if you want to give it a go, contact coach Michael through <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CartmellTennisCoaching>.

Teams have been entered for Ribble Autumn Ladies and Men's leagues (home matches on Tuesday evenings) and the East Lancs Winter League, which is played indoors at Blackburn on Sunday afternoons. Any members who would like to get involved, drop us a line at tennis@wfssc.org.uk.

Social sessions on Thursdays 10-12, Sundays 11am-1pm and "novices" Saturdays 2-4pm, will carry on through autumn and winter, weather permitting. It's free for playing members but if you want to give it a go as a guest, message tennis@wfssc.org.uk for details.



We are delighted to host local artists Kerris Casey-st.pierre & Leonie Stephenson for our FIRST Full Day Willow Weaving course on:

~ Sunday September 15th ~

10am-5pm

Willow Foraging Basket course

Learn to use premium native willow to weave a traditional, highly practical but also incredibly decorative forage basket.

All materials required, hot drinks and nibbles will be provided along with the expert tuition needed to create your own premium craft to take home.



Only £75 per course!

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Please get in touch ASAP to book - tickets are limited and we expect them to get snapped up very quickly! Either message Charlie or WFSSC.

Raise cash for WFSSC

YOU can help Withnell Fold Sports & Social Club to raise funds **simply by shopping online.**

More than 3,600 big-name retailers take part in the easyfundraising scheme, including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Expedia, eBay, Boden, M&S, travelodge, Secret Escapes and Groupon.

Every time you shop online or book a holiday via the easyfundraising app we receive a small donation – and it's completely free for you to use.

We want to raise as much

money as possible so please sign up and help us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/withnellfoldssc/>
Thank you!

★ WE will be holding another relaxing and sociable art day on Sunday September 29, from 11am to 3.30pm, with lunch included. All art materials will be provided and the bar will be open. The cost is £45 per person. Email contact@wfssc.org.uk.