
Newsletter 2023

With Anita standing down it falls to me, the new Chairman to write a few words.

My name is Ian Drainer, you may have seen me on the courts sometimes playing and sometimes brushing or blowing the courts in my role as courts officer. I moved to Shipton in late 2011 and one of the first things I did was to join the tennis club. I couldn't believe we had such a great facility in the village alongside the very active village hall. I joined the coaching programme and found this and the members very friendly and inviting. I soon had a regular weekly doubles game and lots of invites to help look after the courts.

In turn I ended up on the committee.

I hope to do as good a job as Anita and all the other Chairs who have stepped up to take on the reins.

After 4 years of battling to try and improve the facilities with floodlights I have to say that I will not be looking at applying again or for any clubhouse whilst Chair.

I would however still like to make the club the envy of other local clubs and hope that you will support me and the committee in those endeavours.

I want other people who move into the village or see our courts to think as I did that it is a great facility and want to be a part of it.

Can I remind you that there is access to the hall changing room, toilet and new tap 24hrs a day. If the hall is closed, then access is via a fob. Please contact Lee at the hall and make use of it. Email: [Lee Wyatt-Buchan](mailto:Lee.Wyatt-Buchan)

The Wimbledon Ballot has been taken out of the Club's hands but if you Opted In on the LTA website before February you may be lucky enough to be allocated two tickets.

All the club information is on our [website](#) or get in touch with me by email at wtcchair123@gmail.com

ENTRY TO THE COURTS: The code will be changed on Saturday 1 April at 9am. You will be informed of the new code by Friday 31 March by email if you have paid your subscription. Otherwise, it will be on receipt of your subscription fees.

Here's to an enjoyable year of tennis in 2023.

Ian

Adult Member News

1. Social events

We are planning to hold a full programme of social events this year so keep an eye out for information.

Our first event is the first Tuesday Club evening of the year on **Tuesday 4th April** starting at 6pm until dusk.

Do come along to play a bit of social tennis and join Ian in the Wychwood Inn for a free pint or a glass of wine.

2. Tournaments and Club Sessions

- **Mens And Ladies League Teams**

This year there will again be three Men's, two Ladies' 2-pair teams and two Mixed team competing in the Oxfordshire Dunlop/Babolat Summer League with three Mens and two Ladies teams in the Winter League. If you are interested in playing in any of these teams please contact the match secretary [Rob Whitehouse](#).

The club policy for choosing teams can be found [on the website](#).

- **2023 Club Championship**

The 2023 Club Championship, open to all adults and student members aged 17 or over on 1 April 2023 will be run this year by Paul Miller. The final is always provides some exciting tennis and a tasty BBQ. Please watch your e-mails for joining instructions and format.

- **Mixed Singles Box ladder**

The Mixed Singles ladder is played throughout the year: This is a great way to play further competitive tennis and to get to know other members. [More information here](#).

- **Mixed Doubles Box Ladder**

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- **Adult Club Sessions - just turn up and play**

Club mornings	Wednesday 10am – noon all year
	Sundays 10am – noon all year

Club nights	Tuesdays from 6.00pm till dark starting on Tuesday 4 April (summer only)
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3. Adult Coaching

Faith offers group coaching for all standards although there may be a waiting list for some! Individual or small private group lessons are also available.

Cardio Tennis - this takes place on Wednesday at 2pm. This is a pay and play group so no advance booking is required.

For more information re coaching please email Faith (faith.heron.tennis@gmail.com)

Junior Member News

1. Tournaments

This year we will be organising the following events

- **Junior Club Tournament**

- Under 17 Boys and Under 17 Girls singles tournament. If you are interested in taking part please email [Anita Hollingdale](#) by Monday 19 April

- Under 12 Boys and Girls singles Tournament. If you are interested, please contact [Anita Hollingdale](#) by Monday 19 April

- **Family Tennis Tournament**

The first of these tournaments will be held on Sunday 2 April contact **Faith**.

- **Road to Wimbledon 2023**

Organised by **Faith**

- **AEGON Team Tennis**

Organised by **Faith**

- **Junior Box League for 10 – 16 year olds**

Contact [Anita Hollingdale](#)

Plus termly competitions for U8, U9 and U10 players

2. Junior Coaching

Junior coaching is run on the courts between 3.30 and 6.00pm most weekdays and Saturday mornings. Contact faith.heron.tennis@gmail.com for details or visit the [webpage](#). Juniors do not have to join the club to take part in the coaching programme but to represent the club or play in the club competitions they must become a member.

Mini tennis for children aged 4-8 years is also organised by Faith in the New Beaconsfield Hall.

Holiday Camps: There are half term holiday camps as well as Easter, Summer and Christmas camps.

CHILD PROTECTION / WELFARE

Our child protection/welfare officer is Lara Peniket who can be contacted on **07969 746102**.

Please contact her if you have any concerns. The Safeguarding Policy link can be found on the website under Member's Information.

Highlights from the AGM 2023

- **Paul Miller** received the Archie Clark Trophy for long service on the Committee as development officer.
- **The Junior Award** went to **Matias Sabou**

The winner of this award is chosen by Faith Heron our club coach and I quote "This young man, who's 10 yrs old, was a year ago, playing in a red group. He was playing with some success from the service line but then --- Fast forward a year and he's playing a very good baseline game. He turns up to sessions early with a big smile on his face, has infectious enthusiasm, chases every ball and strives to improve. He's the first to answer any tennis questions asked and talks in sessions about his tennis coaching findings on YouTube!" Long may his enthusiasm for tennis continue and hopefully it will bring him much enjoyment.

Apart from this certificate he gets £50 to spend on tennis related equipment.

General information

Useful links

[Wychwoods Tennis Club Website](#)

[Membership inclusions and court booking](#)

[Club constitution, rules and policies](#)

[Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Club kit](#)

Choose omni soled or Clay Court tennis shoes for synthetic grass for safety.

Useful contacts

[Committee](#)

[Team Captains](#)

[Contact Chairperson](#) Ian Drainer

[Contact Secretary](#) Deborah Osborne

[Contact Membership Secretary](#) Charlotte Redman

Racket restringing: Julian Ash, ZX Racquet Lab
07798 844074 | info@zxstringing.com | <https://www.zxracquetlab.com>

Coaching Programme: Faith Heron
faith.heron.tennis@gmail.com

Privacy

Contact details for consenting adult members will be circulated to members at regular intervals or on request.
Please update your preferences and details on CLUBSPARK.
